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**From Crawford to Syracuse:
Bring the Troops Home Now!**



When the Crawford Bus tour came to Syracuse on September 13 I wasn't sure what to expect. The bus brought five people, each with an important story to tell in opposition to the war in Iraq. A woman whose husband was about to be deployed spoke of her fear; an Iraq Veteran Against the War braved heckling as he described his experiences; a Veteran for Peace graphically described his experiences in the Viet Nam war; and a Gold Star father shared his anguish about the senselessness of the war.

Cindy Sheehan had originally planned to be on the Syracuse bus, but flew to New Orleans to help with relief work instead. Despite the media reports, this tour wasn't about her. It was about people who have lost loved ones in this war, people whose loved ones are being deployed and people who have experienced this and other wars as soldiers. They are speaking out against the Iraq war and demanding that the troops be brought home now.

Having never been to a rally before, this first experience was emotional. I felt

proud to be an American, surrounded by other people who cared enough to speak out. It was somewhere between singing "God Bless America" and seeing the empty boots with the tags of the fallen soldiers' names that I realized how important this is. For the soldiers that are my friends and are fighting this war, and for all the families left here praying for their loved ones to come home, it's important to speak out – because all any of us want is to bring them home now.

– Elisha Peck

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Syracuse Peace Council Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

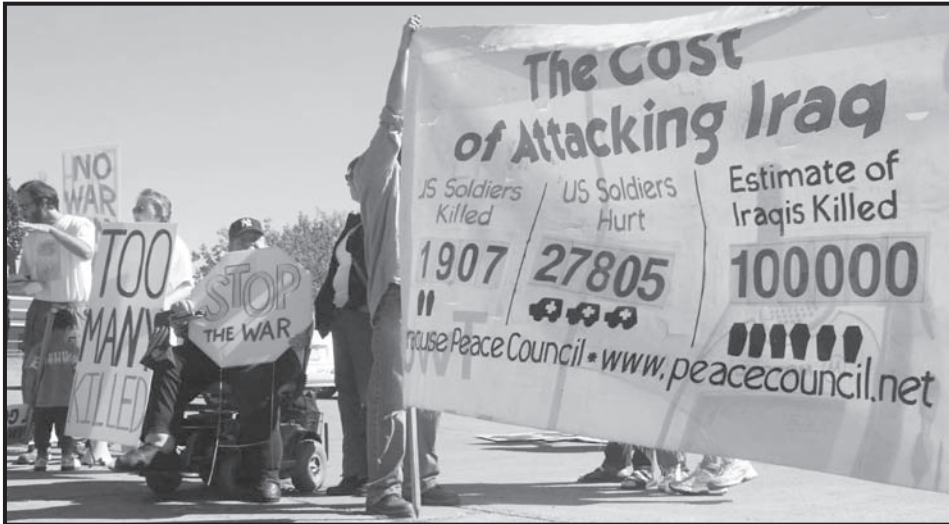
Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other, nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC seeks to make these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both, we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of us all.

Educate, Agitate, Organize

SPC IN ACTION

compiled by Jessica Maxwell



SPC's graphic banner about the human costs of the Iraq war was updated for the September 24 protest in Syracuse. Banner: Rose Viviano. Photo: Tammy Crandall

Massive Anti-War Actions on September 24

Over 100 people (in two busses and many carpools) represented the Peace Council in Washington, DC on September 24 for a massive anti-war demonstration sponsored by United for Peace and Justice and International ANSWER. Syracuse-area peace activists joined hundreds of thousands of people from around the country to tell the President, lawmakers, citizens and the world that the war in Iraq must end. Saturday's protest was buoyed by local demonstrations around the country, becoming the largest day of anti-war protests since the war began.

Here in Syracuse, over 60 folks stood in solidarity with those in Washington and sought to "bring the war home." We gathered in front of the County Republican Party office demanding that local Republicans end the unity for war in their party.

—Aimee Jurista and Andy Mager

UfPJ's Leslie Cagan to Speak in Syracuse

Leslie Cagan, National Coordinator for United for Peace and Justice (of which SPC is a member group) will speak in Syracuse on **Monday, October 10, 4-6 pm** in SU's Maxwell Auditorium. Leslie's

talk, "Stopping the Gulf Wars: Challenges for Organizers," is part of the Fall Speaker Series of Syracuse University's Women's Studies Program. SPC is a co-sponsor. Leslie is a widely published writer on feminist, anti-war and gay rights activism; her organizing skills have helped put hundreds of thousands of people in the streets.

There will be an opportunity for local activists to meet with Leslie. If you are interested, contact Carol.

Poets for Peace

Poets are invited to gather in protest of the war on Iraq on **Friday, Oct. 14, noon to 1:30 pm** in Hanover Square (S. Warren and E. Water St.). Voices will be raised in poetry to continue to bring this travesty to the conscience of the CNY community. Local poet Georgia Popoff will help to coordinate the event and serve as MC. Contact Georgia at angel_light@earthlink.net to be a reader (please put "Poets Against the War" in the subject line).

This reading will follow the appearance of Sam Hamill, founder of Poets Against the War and nationally known peace activist, at the Bevard Room of the Civic Center in an event sponsored by the Downtown Writers Center of the Syracuse YMCA on Thursday, October 13.

—Georgia Popoff

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Talk to Us

Do you want to help shape SPC's program priorities? On **Wednesday, October 5, 7-9 pm**, SPC will hold a forum at the Westcott Community Center asking supporters to help clarify the focus of SPC's program work. The format will allow for short presentations of proposals submitted by community members, an opportunity to submit your own proposal, large group discussion and individual feedback on each proposal. Please come and share your thoughts with us!

Study Group Reading *Globalize Liberation*

The Syracuse Peace Council's study group has begun another season of lively, critical dialogue on the US global agenda. In the past two years, a variety of books, articles, and documentaries have informed the group on the state of US global interests. This fall we'll read *Globalize Liberation: How*

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MONTHLY PROGRAM

Muslim Solidarity

Breaking the Ramadan Fast

Thurs., October 20, 6:15 pm

Islamic Society of CNY

925 Comstock Ave., Syracuse

Our Muslim sisters and brothers have invited us once again to join them in a breaking of the fast during Ramadan. Other groups have also been invited, so space is limited. Please contact Carol to make a reservation.

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to *Uproot the System and Build a Better World*, by activist David Solnit.

Members want to understand the complex issues driving the state of the world not only for themselves, but also so that they can express themselves more clearly to others.

The group meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 7-8:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House (821 Euclid Ave., Syracuse). Anyone is welcome to join at any time – we just ask that you have a basic agreement with SPC's statement of purpose (see page 2) and a willingness to discuss ideas respectfully. To learn more, contact Carol.

– Christina Essig



Matt Reitman (right) helps young people learn to fix their bikes at a Bikes 4 Peace clinic on July 20 in Lexington Park. Eight free clinics were held this summer, working with over 120 youth! We wrapped up with a table at the Westcott Street Cultural Fair. We answered questions about the program, fixed a few minor bike problems for fair-goers and raffled off three refurbished bikes. We hope to expand the program next year. Photo: Kimberley McCoy

35th Plowshares Craftsfair December 3-4

We're gearing up for the 35th annual Plowshares Craftsfair on December 3rd and 4th! The Craftsfair and Winter Peace Festival will be held at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. We expect almost 100

crafters to participate, selling handmade gifts and goodies. Expect two days of entertainment and tasty food to warm the spirit! Plowshares is a great place to catch up with friends—we hope you'll join us.

An Odd Cash Crunch

August and September are often tough months for SPC—we rarely have significant fundraisers during the summer, so our income is down, but the fixed expenses (staff salaries, utilities, etc.) remain. Between the fall fund appeal, Plowshares Craftsfair and contributions, we usually remedy the summer doldrums by the end of the year.

The problem: this August and September were worse than usual.

So, we are in a cash crunch. We had to borrow money to pay for the buses for the September 24 anti-war demonstration in DC.

But it is an odd kind of cash crunch. We just received the money from Norma Bentley's life insurance policy, which is about \$83,000. However, from the first moment we learned of it, we've wanted it to go towards long-term investments (like a new building, reserves or endowment) rather than day-to-day operating expenses. We want to use it to move forward, not just to keep up.

So, help keep us moving forward. Please send what you can.

Note: Contributions of \$50 or more are tax deductible if written to A. J. Muste Memorial Institute. Please put SPC in memo line.

Steering Committee Additions

SPC is delighted to welcome Alanna Gothard, Thor Ritz and Candace Saunders onto our Steering Committee. The three young activists joined the committee in September.

Alanna, a newcomer to Syracuse, works at the Fair Housing Council. She was the NYPIRG staffperson in Cortland before heading north. Thor is an SU senior who is active with SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) and is working with the Geography Department to map public spaces in Syracuse. Candace, another SEAC activist and a sparkplug on local white privilege work, is searching for a new VISTA position in the aftermath of ENIP's demise.

We will miss the contributions and energy of recently departed Steering Committee members Tina Musa, Emily Moeller,

Weekly Peace Outreach

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

- **October 4:** James St. and Thompson Rd. (Northside)
- **October 11:** Rt. 11 in front of Northern Lights Shopping Center (Mattydale)
- **October 18:** E. Genesee St. and Erie Blvd. (Dewitt)
- **October 25:** S. Salina St and E. Colvin St. (Southside)

Please note, due to the shorter days and daylight savings time, we'll move to the morning starting November 1.

Nick Poulos and Carole Resnick.

We'll be adding additional Steering Committee members in the late fall. Contact Andy.

Welcome to Elisha

We're happy to welcome Elisha Peck to SPC activism as a 10-hour-a-week intern this semester. She is a spirited LeMoyne College senior majoring in Communications who will focus on the *Peace Newsletter*. Already Elisha has made her mark, helping with the Crawford bus tour event and writing her first PNL articles (see cover and page 10).

If you would like to intern at SPC, either for credit or not, contact the office or see <http://peacecouncil.net/intern.htm>.

A Brush With Our Time

A magical evening of poetry, music, and calligraphy came together September 19 for a wonderful fund-raising event for the Syracuse Peace Council, Peace Action of Central New York, and the Zen Center of Syracuse. Premiering that evening were Marcia Rutledge, Diego Davidenko and Josh Coles' musical renditions of visiting artist Kazuaki Tanahashi's "Peace Poems." The audience of 80 people then participated in a silent auction of several pieces of calligraphy that Tanahashi painted to the music.

Performers included Amanda Carnie, John Oberbrunner, Bruce Keplinger, Gina Gilbert, Laura Enslin, Alice Lee, Jacob Reeder and Wanjiru Mata.

– Roger Cunningham

Onondaga Nation's Land Rights Action

Corporate Defendants: A simple matter of justice

One of the goals of the Onondagas' Land Rights Action (LRA) filed earlier this year is environmental protection and recovery. The LRA states why: "[t]he Nation and its people have a unique spiritual, cultural, and historic relationship with the land, which is embodied in Gayanashagowa, the Great Law of Peace.... The people are one with the land, and consider themselves stewards of it. It is the duty of the Nation's leaders to work for a healing of this land, to protect it, and to pass it on to future generations."

It is for these reasons that the Nation named as defendants corporations that have had major negative environmental impacts in Central New York, and have seriously disrupted the Onondaga people's relationship with the land and waters. The Nation is seeking to join with its neighbors to hold these polluters accountable in spite of the frustratingly slow environmental regulatory activities of state and federal governments. "Through the LRA, the Nation wishes to increase public awareness of corporate pollution and environmental degradation, and provide assistance to all Central New York residents with their environmental concerns," said Joe Heath, attorney for the Onondaga Nation. The following are brief sketches of the corporations.

Honeywell International, Inc. is a multi-national, multi-billion dollar corporation with principal responsibility for the industrial contamination of Onondaga Lake. Honeywell's corporate lineage includes Solvay Process Company and Allied Chemical. For over 100 years, Honeywell's predecessors filled in extensive Onondaga lakeshore wetlands, covered wide expanses of lake bottom, and constructed huge artificial hills along the lake and tributaries with industrial wastes from soda ash production. One estimate puts the quantity of soda ash waste at up to 6 million pounds generated daily – from 1884 through 1986. At that rate, tens of billions of tons of waste would have been generated over the lifetime of soda ash



Onondaga Chief Bradley Powless overlooking Solvay. "The women of our community have decided that it is time to act. It is time to clean-up our mother." Photo: Li-Hua Lan

production in Syracuse. For much of that time the waste was discharged directly into the lake.

The Solvay-Allied-Honeywell environmental legacy also includes contamination of the waters and sediments of the lake and tributaries, and the surrounding lands, with tens of tons of highly toxic and persistent chemicals including mercury, PCBs, chlorobenzenes, dioxins, and others. The corporation enjoyed untold cost savings through its free industrial discharges to Central New York lands and waters for nearly a century. Honeywell is the principal responsible party for contamination in the Onondaga Lake bottom Superfund site, and is party to other Superfund sites surrounding the lake.

This is particularly tragic in that the lake and the lands surrounding it have been a sacred place for the Onondagas, and all of the Haudenosaunee people, since many centuries prior to colonization by Europeans. It was on the shores of Onondaga Lake that the Peacemaker brought five regional warring nations together into a union based on principles of peace, forming the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. Tadadaho Sid Hill, spiritual leader of the Haudenosaunee, referred to Onondaga Lake, one of the most polluted water bodies on the continent, as "our cathedral."

Clark Concrete Company, Inc. (and its affiliate Valley Realty Development Company, Inc.) is a principal supplier of concrete in Syracuse and Onondaga County.

It operates the Tully gravel mine on the north face of the Tully Valley moraine, at the headwaters of Onondaga Creek. The creek is allegedly impacted by discharges from gravel wash ponds and dredging activities in sediment settling ponds. The physical integrity of the moraine is of great concern to the Onondaga Nation and the Town of Tully, who have consistently opposed the gravel mining operation. "The area is of extreme archeological and cultural sensitivity for the Onondaga Nation, yet the Nation was not consulted in the development of the mine," said Heath, "It was in the Tully Lakes area that the Peacemaker originated the Haudenosaunee system of condolence and the use of wampum for ceremony and to record history. Ancestral burial grounds are located in the vicinity of the Clark gravel mine operations near the headwaters of Onondaga Creek."

Hanson Aggregates North America is the third largest aggregate producer in the world, owns the Jamesville mine, which straddles the DeWitt-Manlius town line in an area that historically included plunge basin lakes, gorges, and unique geological features called "ice caves" that retained glacial snow during the summer. The geology of this area was once akin to that of Clark Reservation and Green Lakes State Parks, but has been all but obliterated by the mining activities of one of the largest open pit mines in New York State.

This article was compiled with information from Attorney Joe Heath's office and www.scorecard.org.

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Reflections on Katrina

Did the American Empire that is fighting to bring democracy to other nations by force defend the right to life of these Americans? The sorry truth is that they are Americans in name only, fit to pay taxes, fit to send children to die in unholy holocaust for corporations and fit to vote for the next charlatan. When they are in need of the services of government, they don't exist. Like the pestilential empire of Rome, citizenship has become something greatly degraded, for it is little more than a resource to be exploited. If your taxes pay for the privilege of being ignored, why pay them?

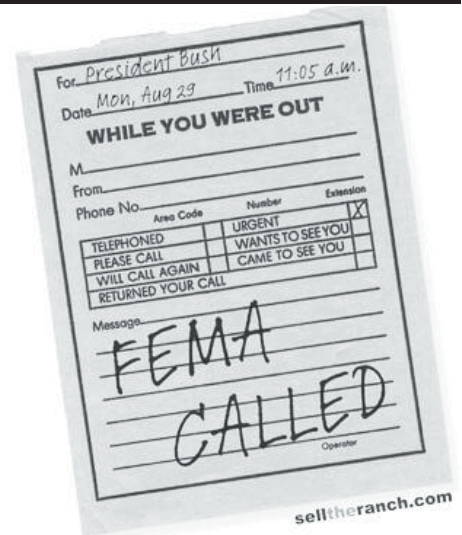
The next time you hear the promise of a state or federal politician, the next time you hear the words, "Serve your country," think on these things. There is a third world inside America. It can be seen in the streets of our cities, among the homeless. It is in the pre-prison centers we laughingly call schools. It is in these prisons by the millions where the face of state hatred is rarely shielded. It's in the cynical lives of

politicians, in laws like "No Child Left Behind," where we know generations are left behind. It is unseen but numbering in the millions.

— Mumia Abu-Jamal
excerpted from "Live From Death Row,"
www.prisonradio.org

When catastrophe came, government institutions failed. The finger points legitimately at the Federal administration. In a broad, multi-state emergency, they're the ones with troops, trucks, and trained personnel. The Bush administration has tried to spread the blame for the failure of government to respond, claiming they couldn't move until requested to do so by the Louisiana governor. This is simply not true. Never mind *Posse Comitatus*. In the wake of 911, the Patriot Act specifically authorizes the Federal authorities to act. The fact that they took nearly a week to do so speaks much more loudly than their late words of concern.

The lessons are multiply clear. Never



mind the Republican agenda about shrinking the size of government. In a disaster situation, New Orleans' experience makes clear that if you're poor, non-white and need government help, you're on your own. Let us hope that millions of Americans saw that the emperor had no clothes. We have been forewarned. No disaster happens without a warning. This was a warning for the rest of us.

— Arthur Paris
Syracuse University Sociology Professor

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"Reclamation efforts have been negligible at the site, in spite of anticipated continuation of mining into the foreseeable future, which deeply concerns the Onondaga Nation," said Heath.

Trigen Syracuse Energy Corporation

is an energy cogeneration plant, producing steam and electricity from coal-burning boilers for consumption principally by other local companies. The Trigen Syracuse plant generates its energy at the cost of heavy, and increasing, pollution emissions. Based on US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data, Environmental Defense's Scorecard website has ranked the total Onondaga County emissions (from all sources) the fourth heaviest among 56 New York counties, in terms of total environmental releases of chemicals that are listed on the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). Within Onondaga County, Trigen Syracuse ranks second in total tonnage of TRI chemicals currently released, and first in Onondaga County in releases to the air (more than 3 times greater than the next closest air polluter, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Co.). Its total TRI air emissions increased 46% between 1998 and 2002.

Central New Yorkers have a responsibility to join with the Onondaga Nation to compel public institutions and elected officials to hold accountable those responsible for this environmental contamination. To help, contact Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation at noon@peacecouncil.net or 472-5478.

Syracuse Community Choir: 1985-2005 20 Years of Singing For Peace and Justice

In 1985, a group of activists organized a peace festival in Thorden Park and Karen Mihalyi started a peace and justice choir. Her dream was to create an arts organization that would not only include anyone who wanted to sing, but would also build community and provide inspiration for changing the world. Twenty years later, the choir has an impressive list of extraordinary songs, countless events it has organized and supported, hundreds of people who have sung, and thousands of people who have attended events.

Join us for the fall season and help us celebrate this incredible legacy and feat!

We are looking for singers to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary concert scheduled for Saturday December 17 at the Eastwood Palace. A special invitation goes out to anyone who has ever sung (new members are always welcome, of course). First rehearsal is Wednesday October 19, 7:30 pm at the Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave., Syracuse. Childcare and transportation are provided. The season promises to be filled with beloved songs, remembrances, community and inspiration.

If you want to sing, but are unable to come every week (or live out of town), we've planned a special rehearsal so that you could still sing at the concert. For information, contact Karen Mihalyi at 315-428-8151 (kmihalyi@a-znet.com) or Mardea Warner at 315-479-5757.

Replacing Destruction with Hope: A CNY Alternative to Plan Colombia

Dana Brown

Colombia is in the midst of an ongoing “civil” war that has had catastrophic effects on its civilian population. Paramilitary and guerrilla forces are infamous for their human rights abuses inflicted on the poor, including assassinations, forced displacement, persecution, and arrest. In addition, the inequitable distribution of Colombia’s resources has led to the accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few and great poverty for the vast majority of Colombian families.

The war in Colombia is a long and complicated story, and atrocities have been committed by all sides. The root causes of the war lie in economic and political injustices that have existed for over a century. The persistence of the Colombian war is owed, in great part, to the continued international (mostly US) intervention in the conflict and exercise of political and economic pressure on the country. Many see the Colombian conflict as the embodiment of the “War on Drugs,” but the war started long before the production of coca became prevalent in Colombia. The war continues, but not because of a conflict involving drugs – although economic dependence on cocaine is certainly an obstacle in the struggle to achieve a lasting peace.

Under the guise of the “War on Drugs,” the US has provided over \$4 billion of “assistance” to Colombia over the past five years under Plan Colombia, an “aid” package aimed at eradicating coca crops and preventing the flow of illegal drugs into the US. Unfortunately, Plan Colombia has proven to achieve little more than lining the pockets of US corporations; spraying killer chemicals onto people, their homes and subsistence crops; and creating dependency on foreign aid. Approximately two-thirds of the “aid” money from Plan Colombia has returned directly to the US due to a stipulation that the money must

be spent to buy helicopters and weapons from US corporations. This aid has only fueled the fire in Colombia by focusing on clearing land for oil exploration and keeping Colombia safe for corporations, without regard for its people.

Despite the rather grim picture I have painted, one of the most inspiring things in the world to me is the work of brave, creative, and determined Colombians who have decided to promote alternatives. Some communities in Colombia are facing the challenges of their country head-on by proposing innovative alternatives to the violence and destruction of the war. One such community is Cajibío, located in southwestern Colombian state of Cauca. The Movimiento Campesino de Cajibío (MCC – the Small Farmers’ Movement of Cajibío) has successfully organized thousands of residents to come together and create a Plan for Life (a blueprint for local sustainable development and political education) that does not rely on funds from the Colombian government. Not accepting government aid frees the community from the obligation to practice destructive agriculture techniques – like monoculture – and allows them to create sustainable practices which would not be threatened by the fluctuating government support.

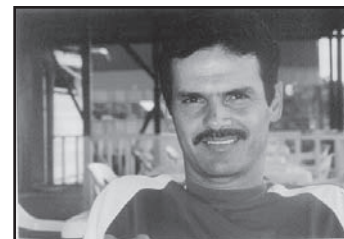
Following a legacy of solidarity and sanctuary, the Central New York community has come together once again to open its arms to a community in need. People from the Syracuse, Ithaca and Cortland areas have chosen to partner with Cajibío to provide an alternative to the exploitation that has dominated US/Colombian relations for so long. Through our Sister Community partnership, we support Cajibío’s efforts to develop organic agriculture projects, nutrition and preventative health care programs, a youth-led alternative school initiative, and social and political education projects.

This October we will be blessed with a visit from John Henry Gonzalez Duque, a religious and community leader from Cajibío. John Henry has extensive experience working with cooperatives, land defense organizations, families, housing activists, youth groups, farmers and human rights defenders in Cajibío. He is the person who

GET INVOLVED

John Henry will speak on Monday, October 10 at 7 pm at the Westcott Community Center (826 Euclid Ave., Syracuse) and on October 12 at noon in Syracuse University’s Maxwell School. Contact Ann at 478-4571 for specific location. Free.

To get involved with the Sister Community Project, please contact Ann Tiffany: anntiffany@a-znet.com or Dana Brown: cuslar@cornell.edu, 607-255-7293.



John Henry Gonzalez Duque

initiated a coalition of these groups, giving birth to the MCC. He has held many local leadership positions and served as a national representative of campesino organizations in signing peace accords with the government in 1999.

In addition to giving several public lectures, John Henry will meet with local farmers, credit unions, renewable energy businesses, schools, church groups, the Ithaca Ecovillage and more. He will also accompany a group of us to Chicago, Illinois for the first ever “Partnering for Peace” conference, where members of US and Colombian communities involved in Sister City projects or other partnerships will share experiences and discuss how to deepen our relationship of collaboration, education, and aid.

John Henry’s visit is not only an important way to continue to educate the Central New York community about the plight of the Colombian people and the hope and inspiration of the Small Farmers’ Movement of Cajibío, it is an opportunity for us to share our resources with Cajibío as well.

Join me in embracing John Henry and the entire Cajibío community! ♻️

Dana is the Coordinator of the Committee on US/Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) in Ithaca, NY. She’s thrilled to be working on such an inspiring project and is looking forward to visiting Cajibío this winter with other CNYers.

“Now is the Time for All Good Voters...”

Lenore Rapalski

The Problem – Part I: New York State must replace its lever voting machines because they don't meet accessibility requirements for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Voting machines must offer the voter the “second chance” to confirm his/her choice with a paper ballot which can, if necessary, be counted. New York State received a waiver until January 2006 to select new voting machines. No decision means the loss of federal funds.

The Problem – Part II: The New York State Assembly and Senate introduced legislation in the 2004 session setting new voting machine standards in the NYS Election Law, but did not agree on what those standards should be. A HAVA conference committee met in Spring 2005 and eventually agreed on requirements and standards in June. Governor Pataki signed the legislation into law on July 12. The law permits local county boards of election to choose voting machines which are either PBOS (Paper Ballot/Optical Scanning) or DREs (Direct Recording Electronic Systems).

The Solution – Part I: The US League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, interpreted the “Citizen's Right to Vote” to be predicated on voting machines that are *secure, accurate, recountable* and *accessible*. This means that the League doesn't support or oppose any particular type of technology *per se*. However, State Leagues may advocate for a particular voting system based on the four criteria.

The Solution – Part II: Another citizen's group, New Yorkers for Verified Voting (organized by Bo Lipari), established a website to disseminate information about voting machines, evaluating them using the League's criteria. I urge you to make a daily trip to www.nyvv.org to stay current.

The Criteria and the Equipment: Our county election commissioners, Ed Szczesniak (D) and Helen Kiggins (R) say there won't be machines to look at until December. However, we need to evaluate



the research for PBOS and DREs before we see the machines.

Recountability is a key issue. There are two types of DREs. One is paperless and stores ballots only in computer memory and media, which is not good if a recount is necessary. The other is the Voter Verifiable Paper Ballot (VVPB), which stores and treats ballots like traditional ballots, but its ATM-style printing makes ballots difficult to read, verify and recount. There would be no hanging chads, but it still would be frustrating.

DREs have demonstrated failures and problems in real elections. These problems are dealt with by the technicians who work for the equipment manufacturers. Do we want private corporations to run our elections? As voters, we not only want, but need *accuracy*. Otherwise, why vote?

There is only one type of PBOS. Voters mark a paper ballot with a pen. Voters with disabilities use a Ballot Marking Device (*accessibility*). Voters then insert the completed ballots into the optical scanner for validation. Optical Scanners keep votes *secure* within the voting precinct.

The voting machine corporations manufacture both DREs and PBOS machines, but the bottom line is profit. The PBOS machines are cheaper, meet all four criteria and if every NYS county used them, NYS taxpayers would ultimately save \$116 million. And let us not forget that when the machine breaks, local tax-payers pay because there are no federal monies available to repair equipment. Optical scanners have a track record of low repair and years

of use. Miami/Dade County in Florida is deciding to replace their DREs with Optical Scanners for \$24.5 million.

The Best Solution: You! Get involved in the process.

- Write or phone members of the six-person committee evaluating voting machines. The committee consists of three legislators: Robert Warner (R), William Meyer (R), and Lovie Winslow (D) – who can be reached at 407 Court House, Syracuse 13202, and three county employees: Joe Mareane (chief fiscal officer), Fran Simmonds (information technology director) and James Albanese (administrator for physical facilities) – all at the Onondaga County Civic Center, 421 Montgomery St., Syracuse, 13202.
- Write County elections commissioners Helen Kiggins (R) and Edward Szczesniak (D), who County Executive Nick Pirro says will make the final choice. Pirro also said, “It's important for the county's elected officials to weigh in as taxpayers will be responsible for picking up the cost of ongoing operations and maintenance.”
- Contact information is available through the League's publication, *Who's Who: A Guide to Your Elected Officials*. Call the League office at 422-9707 and request a copy.
- The best sources of information on which to base your correspondence are www.nyvv.org (New Yorkers for Verified Voting), www.lwvny.org (League of Women Voters New York State) and www.lwv.org (League of Women Voters US).

Lenore is the Optical Scan Liaison for the Syracuse League of Women Voters.

St. Pat's Four Acquitted on Heaviest Charge

compiled by Andy Mager from
www.stpatricksfour.org

On Monday, October 26, following seven hours of deliberation, the jury in the Saint Patrick's Four trial found the defendants not guilty of the most serious charge of conspiracy and guilty of two lesser misdemeanor counts. The four Ithaca activists faced up to six years in prison for entering a military recruiting center in Lansing, NY and pouring their own blood in the center's vestibule on March 17, 2003, immediately before the US invasion of Iraq.

"The decision to acquit on the conspiracy charge, a felony, is a huge victory, given the narrow parameters within which the four could present their defense and given the restrictions on deliberations. This is a major setback in the government's efforts to criminalize dissent," said Bill Quigley, public interest lawyer and Loyola University School of Law professor, who acted as legal advisor to the defendants.

The four were convicted of damage to property and trespassing, which carry possible sentences of one year and six months respectively.

The decision did not surprise the defendants, given that US District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy forbade them to present to the jury the legal context, particularly international treaties and the US Constitution, which would have made possible and reasonable an acquittal on all charges.

In a previous trial in Tompkins County Court in April 2004, the defendants were able to fully explain their action in this broader legal context and nine of twelve jurors voted to acquit.

"The real crime, as we've always stated, is that our government conspired against the American people and lied us into an illegal and immoral war," said defendant Peter DeMott. "The task is now upon us all to better understand the criminality of our government's aggression and to act accordingly to ensure our government adheres to international law and enters and strengthens the international community."

Sentencing has been scheduled for

Andy is a Peace Council staffperson who wishes his job afforded time to attend "extracurricular activities" such as the St. Patrick's Four Trial.

late January 2006. And though three of the four defendants were held in contempt for raising "prohibited issues," Judge McAvoy said that he will make a decision on the penalties in due course.

The following are excerpts from trial testimony of the four defendants.

Claire Grady (opening statement)

We are here today, the four of us parents, facing very serious charges. In a case that I believe is about love, truth, and the power of peaceful non-violent symbolic action. We are moved out of love – the love God shows us, the love we share as family and community, the love we grow into, that reaches out to all people, especially those most in need. Especially those who suffer at the work of our hands and policies. We seek the truth! The WHOLE truth. The truth about our part in the bigger picture. We are open to dispelling the lies that lead to bloodshed and the killing of the innocent.

We are not able to turn a blind eye to our part, not able to remain silent, not able to stand idly by. We put our lives on the line. Peacefully, prayerfully, we undertook this non-violent symbolic action to show the awful truth about war. To show our non-cooperation with it, and to sound the alarm, to warn others, especially our beloved youth who are also victims of war, who have been lied to, and whose honorable intentions and bravery have been exploited.

Peter DeMott (closing statement)

The United States went to war influenced by the lies, forgeries and deceptions put forth by the Bush Administration to justify the war. You, the jury, are now being asked by the prosecutor to render a verdict in this case based on half truths and falsehoods...

Our intent in protesting was to warn young recruits, the recruiters themselves and the broader community that the war about to ensue would claim the lives of tens of thousands. We knew that the war could not be waged without a wholesale waste of blood, of human life, of valuable resources. We knew that the war would contaminate the environment with fallout from depleted uranium munitions and



Ongoing vigils took place outside the Federal courthouse in Binghamton throughout the weeklong trial. Photo: www.stpatricksfour.org

would poison our own troops even as it annihilated the Iraqis. We knew that the war on Iraq, just like all modern wars, would murder mothers and their children, the elderly and other noncombatants in the greatest numbers.

Sadly... the warning we, and millions of others around the world tried to give did not prevent the war. But the predictions that frightened us, that were described by all codefendants, have come to pass.

Danny Burns (closing statement)

We admit that the four of us met together and planned to go the recruiting center and pour our own blood. We don't deny that there was a mess, that some posters had to be replaced. We don't deny that Sgt. Montgomery was inconvenienced.

We submit that causing a mess and inconvenience to try to prevent a war that is wrong and has taken the lives of, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five US service people and one hundred thousand Iraqi people, is justified.

We live in a great nation. There are many people in our history we can be very proud of: like local juries who refused to convict people for aiding escaping slaves, like Susan B. Anthony who was arrested in Rochester for voting when women were not allowed to vote, working people who risked their lives so that we could have weekends and a 40 hour work week.

Ours is a country with a government "for the people, of the people, by the

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PEACES

Compiled by Elisha Peck

Army Reported Wrong Cause of Death to Military Family

The Army failed to report the correct cause of death to friends and family of 1st Lt. Kenneth Ballard.

For over a year, the Army was aware that he had been killed by accidental fire instead of being killed in action, as initially was reported after his platoon returned from a mission in Najaf, Iraq. His mother, Karen Meredith of Mountain View, California, received a letter of apology from Army Secretary Francis Harvey about not being informed of the actual cause of her son's death. Meredith publicly opposes the war and has attended anti-war rallies in Crawford, Texas with Cindy Sheehan.

This is clearly negligence on the part of the Army to update public records and inform the families. This is not the first such case that has been reported – Pat Tillman's family was left waiting for correct information on their son's death last spring.

It is unclear at this time why the Army has not been more careful in reporting these deaths to the families.

US Leader in Weapons Sales to Developing Nations

According to the Congressional Research Service (CRS) report in 2004, the US contributed 42% of the weapons deliveries to developing nations, with more than \$9.6 billion in arms sales. Worldwide deliveries have increased from \$20.8 billion in 2003 to \$22.5 billion in 2004. Contracts to sell arms rose from \$15.1 billion to \$21.8 billion. Missiles, ammunition, combat aircraft and submarines were sold to nations such as China, Egypt and India.

The CRS reported that of the \$37 billion of worldwide arms sales, 59% were to developing nations. One result of the first Gulf War is that the US has been a top seller in arms for eight years. Russia

is second in arms sales and sells mainly to China and India.

Library Sues Over Patriot Act Clause

The controversial Patriot Act is being challenged in federal court for the first time by a library, with help from the American Civil Liberties Union, over a clause that allows the US government to retrieve typically confidential information about a patron's library use.

The Patriot Act, which was enacted in October 2001, allows government authorities such as the FBI to investigate any "terror suspects" records at libraries, hospitals, businesses, and bookstores.

Crucial details about this case are not available to the public because of a gag order that doesn't allow the ACLU's web site to display information. The library is more than likely located in Connecticut, as the ACLU branch filing the lawsuit is located there. See the ACLU's website at www.aclu.org.

Bush-Cheney Companies Profit from Hurricane Katrina

Joe Allbaugh, a former campaign manager for George W. Bush and also a former head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has two major corporate clients signed on for recovery work on the aftermath of hurricane Katrina.

Shaw Group, Inc. and Halliburton's auxiliary company, Kellogg, Brown and Root have each received million dollar contracts to start recovery work. Halliburton is well connected, as Dick Cheney is a former CEO. Cheney continues to receive deferred payments from Halliburton and his tax filings report that he received \$194,852 last year.

Both of Allbaugh's major clients are no strangers to receiving large amounts of money from the government. Kellogg, Brown and Root received \$29.8 million from the Pentagon to rebuild Navy bases, while Shaw has received \$100 million for housing management and construction, and another \$100 million from the US



Army Corps of Engineers. Each of these companies has also received billion dollar no-bid contracts for work in Iraq.

Shaw Group spokesman, Chris Sammons, would not comment on Allbaugh's involvement in any of the contracts.

Eyes Wide Open in Ithaca – October 6-9

Eyes Wide Open, the American Friends Service Committee's widely acclaimed exhibition on the human cost of the Iraq war, commemorates all the lives lost.

The exhibit includes a pair of boots honoring each US military casualty, while a field of shoes and a wall of remembrance memorializes the Iraqis killed.

The exhibit opens on **October 6**, and can be viewed from 10 am-6 pm at the Cornell University Arts Quad. Then, it is open continuously at DeWitt Park from 10 am Friday, October 7 through 4 pm Sunday, October 9.

On **Saturday, October 8**, Kathy Kelly from Voices in the Wilderness will speak at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Ithaca from 7:30 – 9 pm.

For the full schedule of events, see www.afsc.org/eyes/details/ithaca/default.htm

Elisha is a LeMoyne College Communications major who is interning at SPC this semester.

“It Can Be Done”

An Interview With an Israeli Peace Activist

elana levy

Dr. Galia Golan has been a leader of Peace Now (an Israeli peace group), a founding member of Bat Shalom (daughter of peace) and the Israel Women's Network. She has written extensively on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Israel-Palestinian dialogue, and gender and militarization. The following are excerpts of an interview with elana levy, which will be broadcast on Women's Voices Radio, Thursday, October 13, 8-9 pm, FM88.

when the government makes a decision, the Knesset [Israeli parliament] approves it, the population is for it, the settlers can't stop it. One thing which is clear, if Israel continues settlement building and targeted assassinations, if there's no progress towards further withdrawals, if there's no return to negotiations, all will collapse. Hamas will regain strength and begin their terrorism again. You can count on the Israeli government to bring in the air force again. This is the history of occupation. Occupation is

going to breed resistance, resistance is going to breed oppression, and the whole thing spirals. This has been going on for years. The people know that. The army knows that, the government knows it, the Palestinians also know it. But there are many Palestinians who say it was violence that got Israel out of Lebanon, and it was violence that got them out of Gaza. And then say, let's continue. It could happen that way.

el: Where do the Israeli people situate themselves in this whole struggle?

GG: The tragedy of it is, both peoples, the Israelis and the Palestinians, have had enough. You have majority support in Israel and Palestine for a two state solution. And a sense, certainly on the Israeli side, of a willingness to take down most of the settlements. It doesn't mean these things would happen easily. The publics on both sides are ready. But there was also serious damage done by the failures of the past. The failure of Oslo talks, the failure of the Camp David talks, the al Aqsa intifada, and the tremendous amount of violence and killings on both sides was traumatic for both societies and will be hard to overcome. But the truth is you have a Palestinian leadership that opposed the intifada, that said this is not the way to get back to negotiations. In Israel you still have a strong tendency that says there is no partner on the other side. The only hope is to get back to negotiations. There is a partner on the

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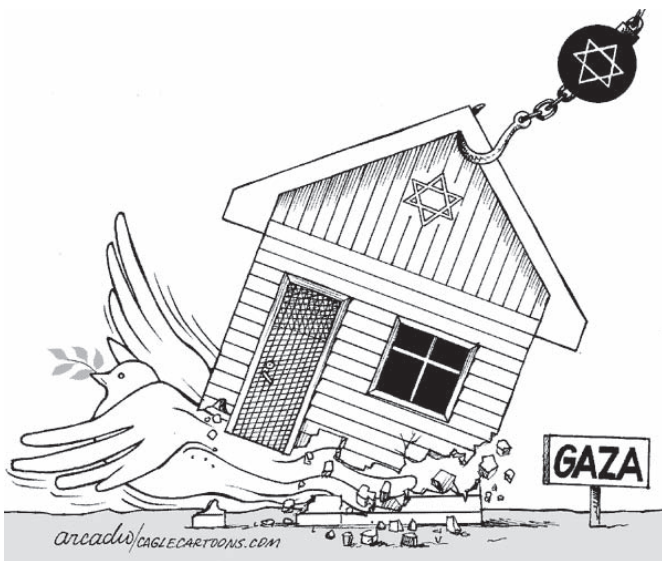
The US corporation which supplies bulldozers to the Israeli military

Saturday, October 29

Place and time to be announced

This is one of a coordinated set of protests in the Northeast to hold Caterpillar Corporation accountable for the use of its bulldozers by the Israeli army.

Local contact: elana levy, 472-5711



el: How would you characterize the present situation in Israel-Palestine?

GG: We're almost in a holding position right now. Everybody is holding their breath to see what's going to happen. It could be a period of tremendous positive potential, if this were a first step. This was a tremendous achievement to finally withdraw: to take out the military, take down 25 settlements and basically defeat the settler movement, or at least strike a serious blow. We proved that we can take down settlements, which is absolutely required to have a peace agreement. The settlers pulled out all the stops to prevent disengagement. In the end it went very quickly, very smoothly. It was proof,

elana levy (rachimin@hotmail.com) has actively worked for Israeli-Palestinian peace since 1982 in Syracuse. She is a member of Syracuse Jewish Peace.

Palestinian side, and we have to prove there is an Israeli partner. There is this sense that now the Palestinians have to prove that they can rule themselves. In my opinion, Abu Mazzin can't do that without some further gesture from Israel. The withdrawal from Gaza was not a victory for Abu Mazzin, it was unilateral, had nothing to do with his leadership. The peace movement in Israel is pressing to take down outposts, to freeze settlements, release of prisoners, that will strengthen Abu Mazzin's position that negotiations are the way to go

el: As peace activists in the US, how can we effectively support the peace forces in Israel?

GG: I believe that in the US, the most effective thing is pressing the government to take an active role, much the way the Clinton administration did, in getting negotiations going again. Bringing pressure on both sides to negotiate, and negotiate till agreement.

Everybody knows what an agreement will look like. You've got to get these guys into a room. There will be militants on both sides who won't like it, but it can be done. The tragedy is that we go on killing each other until we get there. In the past it's only been American pressure and domestic pressure that's made any difference in Israel. I want to see a return to negotiations. I want to see strong positions on both sides that violence isn't going to do it, razing the villages isn't going to do it, settlement expansion isn't going to do it, and neither is suicide bombings.

It can be done. There are solutions. ☸

Statement on Dr. Dhafir's Case

CNY Chapter of the NY Civil Liberties Union

On October 18, Dr. Rafil Dhafir is scheduled to be sentenced for his conviction in February, 2005 on 59 of 60 federal charges. These charges include violating federal regulations related to economic sanctions imposed against Iraq, money laundering, mail and wire fraud, tax evasion, visa fraud, and Medicare fraud. All but the last were related to his operation of a charity called Help the Needy.

The NYCLU has already expressed concerns about what appeared to be a selective prosecution of Dr. Dhafir because he is a Muslim of Arab descent. Pursuing criminal charges related to violations of sanctions against Iraq raises serious questions about religious and ethnic discrimination. For instance, it is our understanding that the Justice Department has addressed comparable violations of this law mainly through civil fines and without criminal

prosecutions.

The NYCLU was also concerned about impediments imposed on his legal defense by his imprisonment from the time of his arrest through the end of the trial. Reasonable bail with detailed monitoring arrangements should have been made available, especially for someone charged with a first time and non-violent white collar crime. In many ways, Dr. Dhafir was presumed guilty long before the trial began, and of more than indicated by the charges filed against him.

The federal government has repeatedly tried to pitch this as a case with national security implications, but they never actually proved a link to terrorism. Instead, this turned out to be a fairly run of the mill case of white collar crime. The government should not have engaged in inflammatory publicity before the trial, nor introduced

Support Dr. Dhafir

Attend his sentencing

Tuesday, October 18, 3 pm

the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse

For info on last minute changes, see www.dhafirtrial.net or contact Barrie Gewanter at 471-2821.

highly prejudicial evidence of terrorist links through the back door of sentencing.

Every person charged with a crime in the US deserves and is entitled to fair and equal treatment under the law. For the NYCLU, this case raises serious questions as to whether Muslims accused or charged with crimes in the US can truly receive a fair trial. ♻

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people." That is a great gift to us, but it is also a great responsibility that you and I and all citizens have.

For our troops who have been killed in Iraq, For our country's future, For our young children who we hope and pray will never be called to fight in an illegal, unjust and unnecessary war such as this one, I ask you to use your conscience, your heart, and the law to return a verdict of not guilty on all four counts.

Teresa Grady (closing statement)

What kind of a government are we living under?

Our government spends \$200 billion on a war based on lies while claiming the lives of the innocent.

You tell me -- what recourse do we have to stop it, to stop this perversity before another life is claimed or another penny spent!

We know the economic cost of war while our cities, towns, and nations crumble. People are over-worked in order to pay their taxes: the war tax. Our children and their children are bound to pay back the debt of this war.

New Orleans is our taste of what it must be like in Baghdad.

We are hopeful because in spite of this great evil that seems to cover or shadow us, I believe in the spirit of goodness in

all human beings.

When truth is spoken, goodness resonates in the human heart.

We have not been allowed to speak the truth, the whole truth, but our spirits are buoyed in that this censorship is an example of the fear our government has to hide the truth desperately clinging to keep a footing. But the fact that they are censoring the truth of the face of the victims of war, (including our beautiful young service people), that they are censoring international law, suggests to me that they too believe in goodness resonating in the in the human heart.

For updates and great background information, see: www.stpatricksfour.org ♻

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Impact of “Depleted” Uranium on Iraqi Civilians

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A humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions is unfolding in Iraq. The firing of “depleted” uranium (DU) weapons releases airborne particles that are easily inhaled.

DU, a toxic heavy metal, moves gradually into bones, organs and cells. DU in the body emits radioactive particles and rays, attacking ovaries, sperm, lungs, lymph nodes, kidneys, breasts, blood, bones, brain, stomach and fetuses.

During Gulf War I, the US military used 300 tons of DU weapons in southern Iraq. During the three weeks of the April 2003 invasion of Iraq, the US military used an estimated 1000 to 3000 tons of DU, mainly against heavily populated cities.

With a half-life of 4.5 billion years, DU inhalation – especially in windy, arid Iraq – is likely to continue a very long time.

Two to four years after Gulf War I, Iraqi birth defects, cancers and leukemia began rising at alarming rates. Now reports and research are coming out on the accelerating rate of cancers and birth defects since the invasion (Gulf War II).

Despite threats, the Iraqi medical community refuses to be silent.

- Dr. Jawad AlAli, cancer specialist says: “Children in particular are susceptible to DU poisoning. They have a much higher absorption rate as their blood is being used to build and nourish their bones and they have a lot of soft tissues. Bone cancer and leukemia used to be diseases affecting them the most; however, cancer of the lymphoma – which can develop anywhere on the body, and has rarely be seen before the age of 12 – is now also common...”

- In January 2002, Dr. Alim Abdul-Hamid pointed to a strong causal link between DU exposure and cancers in Iraq: “Leukemia is known to be related to radiation. We don’t have evidence that leukemia is related to chemicals... With radiation the strength of association increases as time passes. The fact that cancer rates are still increasing

at an exponential rate in Iraq strongly implies a radioactive source.”

- According to the Uranium Medical Research Centre (UMRC, Sept./Oct. 2003), the purity and quantity of the DU found in the battlefield soil samples were some of the highest levels observed since independent investigations began after 1991. The amounts of uranium in water samples were extremely high as well. UMRC’s biological samples showed that some civilians were still excreting DU in urine five months after the end of major hostilities. SMRC’s field team became contaminated by DU inhalation during their field survey activities.

- In November 2004, Dr. Janan Hassan of the Basra Maternity and Children’s Hospital reported that, “...as many as 56% of all cancer patients in Iraq are now children under five, compared with just 13% 15 years earlier.”

The following are from April 2005:

- Doctors in Baghdad have reported newborn babies characterized by multiple fingers, unusually large heads, unilateral lips or no arms or legs.

- The Iraqi Red Crescent Society hospital registers at least four cases of deformities every week. Most of the deformed babies don’t survive for more than a week.

- Dr. Nawar Ali, a medical researcher into birth deformities at Baghdad University: “There have been 650 cases [of birth deformities] in total since August 2003 reported in government hospitals. That is a 20% increase from the previous regime. The number of children under 15 falling ill with cancer in Iraq has now reached 22.4 per 100,000.”

- Dr. Mahmud al-‘Amiri, Director of Oncology in al-Yarmuk Hospital in Baghdad: “Since the start of the US occupation and until today, there have been 140,000 cases of cancer of the skin, a large percentage of



A US soldier stands guard near a burning Bradley Vehicle in Iraq, 2004. Depleted uranium is used to armor these vehicles, making them very dangerous when they burn. Photo: AP

those in children between the ages of nine months and ten years.”

Are Iraqi civilians protected from contamination sites, as required by US military regulations? According to Geert VanMoorter MD of Medical Aid for the Third World, “[In 2003 and in March 2004] we could personally see that there were no fences nor warning signs around or near the destroyed Iraqi tanks and APCs [armored personnel carriers]. Children were playing nearby. Most of this Iraqi army material has been destroyed by ammunition with DU. The areas where these tanks and other materials were hit have not been decontaminated since. The earth around has not been removed.

In the area of the Baghdad Gate, we saw people cultivating vegetables, unaware of the danger, on fields where in April 2003 many destroyed Iraqi tanks stood. There were no protective measures to be seen. Along the road between Baghdad and Basra still a lot of destroyed tanks can be found.”

DU weapons are banned and illegal under international law, even though the US has not signed and ratified a treaty banning them. The UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights reiterated that DU weaponry is “incompatible” with existing humanitarian and human rights law (Sub-Commission resolution 1997/36).

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The 1949 Geneva Conventions, Article 146, state that all signatory states may bring violators to their own tribunals, regardless of nationality. Article 148 prohibits any State from absolving itself or any other State from liability for serious violations.

As the occupying country, the US is legally responsible for the health care needs of the Iraqis. International law requires the US to compensate victims of illegal weaponry, disclose all facts about the weapons, their development and deployment, and to clean up the contamination. When effective cleanup is impossible, the state causing the damage must pay for the loss of contaminated lands and waters. ♻️

Some NGOs working with Iraqis now to help meet medical needs:

- Japan-Iraq Medical Network: www.jim-net; MakiSato@ngo-jvc.net.
- Iraq Hope Network: Iraq_Hope_Net@yahoo.co.jp.
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<p>2</p> <p>Walking Tour of Grindstone Organic Farm, hosted by the Iroquois group of Sierra Club. 11 am-1 pm. Bring bag lunch and food to share. Directions: 428-1905</p> <p>"Armory Square: Lessons Learned," Robert Doucette and George Curry. 5 pm, \$10, Westcott Community Center, 478-8634.</p> <p>Peace Pagoda 20th Anniversary Celebration. Leverett, MA, 413-367-2202.</p> <p>Syracuse Gay/Lesbian Catholics & Friends Mass. St. Andrew's Church, 124 Alden St. 5 pm. 636-7726.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>← Saturday, October 1</p> <p>Charlie King/Karen Brandow Benefit Concert for El Salvador and Colombia Sister Communities. 7pm. St. Andrew's Ch., 124 Alden St. \$10-25 advance; \$12-25 door. 478-4571.</p> <p>Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation Events. Walking Tour. 10 am. 210 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville. \$5. Tea with Mary Daly. 3-7 pm. \$50, reservations. Mimi Kennedy & John Fricke. 8-10 pm, The Redhouse, 201 S. West St. \$25 advance, \$35 door. 637-9511.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30 pm. James St. and Thompson Rd. (Northside) 472-5478.</p> <p>SPC Volunteer Orientation. 7pm. SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Partnership for Onondaga Creek Meeting. 6 pm. For place call Aggie 478-4571.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>EVERY WED: Military & Draft Counseling. 1-3pm. SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY WED: Open Figure Drawing Inc. 7-10 pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. Fee. 478-8634.</p> <p>SPC Open Program Meeting to consider program proposals, 7-9 pm, Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 472-5478.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Deadline for Plowshares Craftsair Crafters and Community Groups Applications. 472-5478 or www.peacecouncil.net/plowshares</p> <p>Thais Mazur, author of "Warrior Mothers," book signing. 12-2 pm. Syracuse Cultural Workers, 400 Lodi St.</p> <p>"Victims, Agents or Other? Women and Political Conflict in South Asia" with Urvasshi Butalia. 12:30-2:30 pm. 341 Eggers Hall, SU. 443-3707.</p> <p>Follow-up to Joanna Macy's visit. 7 pm, Women's Info Center, 601 Allen St., Cindy 422-9633.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>OCTOBER 6-9: Eyes Wide Open, the acclaimed exhibition on the human cost of the Iraq war. Carpooling to Ithaca: Carol, 472-5478. schedule: www.afsc.org/eyes/details/ithaca/default.htm</p> <p>Joe Davoli & Harvey Nubaum CD-Release concert (Celtic/American), 8 pm, \$10, May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, 3800 East Genesee St, 457-2290.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Joe Crookston (music to the lyrics a la Pablo Neruda), 8 pm, \$10, Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave, http://joecrookston.com/, 457-2290.</p> <p>OCTOBER 6-9: Eyes Wide Open, the acclaimed exhibition on the human cost of the Iraq war. Carpooling to Ithaca: Carol, 472-5478. schedule: www.afsc.org/eyes/details/ithaca/default.htm</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>CNY SOA Abolitionists and Caribbean Latin America Coalition Joint Monthly Potluck Meeting. 4-7 pm. Brady Faith Center, 404 South Ave. 478-4571.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>"Stopping the Gulf Wars: Challenges for Organizers" with Leslie Cagan (National Coordinator for United for Peace and Justice), 4-6 pm, Maxwell Auditorium, SU, 443-3707. Co-sponsored by SPC.</p> <p>SPC Study Group on the US Global Agenda. 7-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Carol 472-5478.</p> <p>John Henry from Cajibío, Colombia. 7 pm. Westcott Community Center. anniffany@a-znet.com. Free.</p> <p>Disability Advocacy Film Festival. The Station Agent, 7pm Watson Theater (SU). FREE. 289-5083</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30 pm. Rt. 11 in front of Northern Lights Shopping Center (Matydale) 472-5478.</p> <p>SPC Steering Committee Meeting. 7-9pm. SPC Office, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478. Open to SPC supporters.</p> <p>"The Color of Jews" Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz (writer, scholar and social justice activist), 7-9 pm, Gifford Auditorium, SU, 443-3707</p>	<p>12</p> <p>John Henry from Cajibío, Colombia. Noon. Maxwell School, SU. 478-4571 for location.</p> <p>"Farmer Brown" (a.k.a. Harold Brown) "Sustainable Farming in the 21st Century", 7 pm, Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip St., linpar@acmgfcu.net</p> <p>"Ride or Die B, Jezebel, Lil' Kim or Kimberly Jones: I'll m Lyin', I'm Fly-in" with Elaine Richardson. 4 pm. Grant Aud., SU Law School. 443-3707.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Cazenovians for Peace Vigil 4:45-5:45 pm. Corner of Lincklaen and Albany Sts. Cazenovia. Aimee, 655-2804.</p> <p>Interview with Israeli peace activist Galia Golan. See page 11. 8-9 pm, Women's Voices. WAER - 88 FM.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>CNY Alliance for Retired Americans. 10-noon. PEF/STA Office, Butternut St. glotierz@twcny.rr.com.</p> <p>Poets for Peace with Sam Hamill (founder of Poets Against War) Hanover Sq. (downtown Syracuse), noon-1:30 pm. 472-5478.</p> <p>Sacred Stories of Native America. October 14-15. LeMoyné College. Mary MacDonald 445-4364, macdonal@lemoyne.edu \$40 for full conference, plenaries free.</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>EVERY SAT: Democracy Now! w/Amy Goodman. Time Warner Cable Channel 98, 9-11 am.</p>	
<p>16</p> <p>Syracuse Gay/Lesbian Catholics & Friends Mass: St. Andrew's Ch., 124 Alden St. 5 pm. 636-7726.</p> <p>Ripple Effect: A Concert for Hurricane Relief. J.M. McDonald Complex, Cortland, 12-11 pm. Great music. 607-591-9573. Fee.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: People's 60 Minutes. Time Warner Cable Channel 98. 8 pm. Produced by SPC. Tape it, share it!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>EVERY MON: Morris Dancing. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 7-8:30 pm. 478-8634.</p> <p>Greater Syracuse Progressive Coalition Mtg. 5:30-7pm. CNY Labor Fed., 404 Oak St. Andy 472-5478.</p> <p>Disability Advocacy Film Festival. Elephant Man, 7pm Watson Theater (SU). FREE. 289-5083</p> <p>SPC Study Group. 7-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Carol 472-5478.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sentencing of Dr. Dhafir. 3 pm, Federal Courthouse, 100 S. Clinton St., Syracuse. See p.9.</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30 pm. E. Genesee St. and 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>19</p> <p>Syracuse United Neighbors/ Skunk City Meeting. Mundy Library, 1204 S. Geddes St. 6:30pm.</p> <p>Community Choir rehearsals begin (every Wed.), 7:30 pm, Westcott Community Center. Childcare and transportation provided. Karen 428-8151, Kmihalji@a-znet.com or Mardea 479-5757.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>SPC MONTHLY PROGRAM Breaking the Ramadan Fast with our Muslim sisters and brothers. 6:15 pm, Islamic Society of CNY (925 Comstock Ave.). Carol, 472-5478, for a free reservation.</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Cyber-Seniors Computer Class. 10-11:45am. Westcott Community Center. Steve, 478-8634.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>"Building our Youth's Future one Brick at a Time" Silent Auction and reception, 6:30-9:30pm, Genesee Grande Hotel (1060 E Genesee St). Proceeds benefit Westcott Community Center youth programs. 478-8634.</p> <p>Matt & Shannon Heaton (traditional Irish), 8 pm, \$10, May Memorial, 3800 East Genesee St, 457-2290.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Sharing the Earth. 10 pm. Time Warner Ch. 98. People for Animal Rights.</p> 	
<p>23</p> <p>Peace Action Dinner: Building Bridges to Peace, 5 pm, \$50, Reservations required, 478-7442.</p> <p>Disability Advocacy Film Festival. Elephant Man, 7pm Watson Theater (SU). FREE. 289-5083</p> <p>SPC Study Group. 7-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Carol 472-5478.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Greater Syracuse Progressive Coalition Mtg. 5:30-7pm. CNY Labor Fed., 404 Oak St. Andy 472-5478.</p> <p>Disability Advocacy Film Festival. Elephant Man, 7pm Watson Theater (SU). FREE. 289-5083</p> <p>SPC Study Group. 7-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Carol 472-5478.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30 pm. S. Salina St and E. Colvin St. (Southside) 472-5478.</p> <p>PFLAG Monthly Mtg. 1st UU Ch. 250 Waring Road 7:30 pm.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Friends of Dorothy Benefit Dinner. 5:30-7 pm. St. Vincent's Parish Ctr - enter on Winton St. friendsfordorothy@twcny.rr.com. Fee.</p> <p>EVERY WED: SPC Worknight til 8 pm. Many diverse tasks. 924 Burnet Ave. Jess 472-5478, jessica@peacecouncil.net.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Monthly Vigil Against Death Penalty: Noon. Columbus Circle. 637-3344.</p> <p>PNL Mailing Party. 4pm. SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478.</p> <p>SPC Steering Committee Meeting. 7-9pm. SPC Office, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478. Open to SPC supporters.</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Womens' Voices Radio. WAER - 88 FM. 8 pm.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>To list your group's event or meeting, call 472-5478 or send the info to SPC at pni@peacecouncil.net</p>	<p>29</p> <p>To list your group's event or meeting, call 472-5478 or send the info to SPC at pni@peacecouncil.net</p>	
<p>30</p> <p>Sweet Honey in the Rock Concert, 2 pm, \$10, Goldstein Aud. In Schine Student Center at SU.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Disability Advocacy Film Festival. Mozart and the Whale, 7 pm, Watson Theater, Syracuse University. 289-5083.</p>	<p>Syracuse Peace Council Community Calendar</p> <p>OCTOBER 2005</p>					

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