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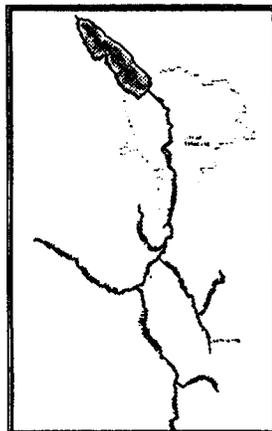
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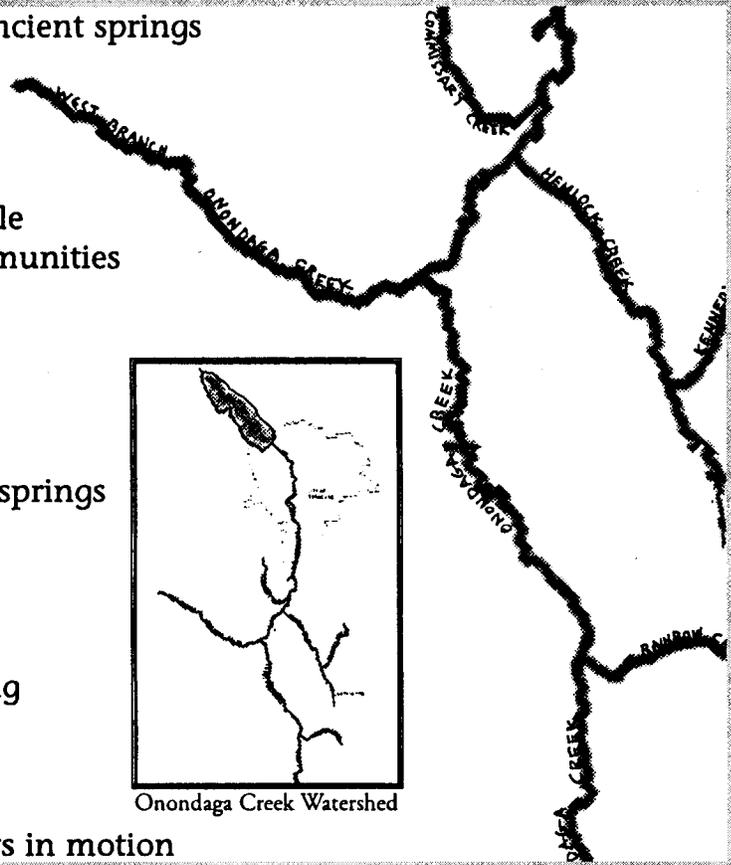
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come rains

all ways in motion



Onondaga Creek Watershed



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Rally for New Priorities

With the 50' Peace Action inflatable missile providing a surreal phallic backdrop, we gathered at the federal building in Syracuse to talk about the many community strengthening ways to spend the \$60 billion Star Wars (SDI), National Missile Defense (NMD) budget.

Speakers included:

- **Kaaren Anderson** (Peace Action) - Introduction and analysis including the perspective of a child.
- **Donna Reese** (NAACP) - the power of quality education available to all
- **Rae Kramer** (SPC) - health care as a right not a privilege
- **Tim Judson** (CAN) - the relationship of commercial nuclear power and nuclear weapons
- **Bill Coop** (S. Presbyterian) - peaceful international relationships
- **John Burdick** (S.U.) - Where do we go from here?

This wish list is a good beginning. Let's not forget...hungry children, caring for our elders, ending homelessness....
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Rae Kramer - SPC



Kaaren Anderson
Peace Action



Donna Reese - NAACP

about the cover

When I learned that the northern-most spring of the Chesapeake Bay is located in Pompey, NY, 7 miles south of where I live, my head swelled. Watersheds are organic zones of gravity and nature, great divides of north and south, east and west. My sister Gail lives in rural Maryland, my brother Bill in Baltimore. I felt strangely closer to them...both physically and in spirit. Knowing your watershed gives you place. Knowing your place in the watershed gives you responsibility. I live atop the headwaters of the Great Lakes; how I live takes on that greatness. I have added 'Atlantic Ocean Watershed' to my address. My paradigm has, ever so magnificently, shifted.

-Karen Kerney, *Creek Walk Tour Guide*



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IT'S TIME

It's time to get ready to go to Benning. It's time to close that bloody school.

Thanks to the relentless persistence of a growing mass of SOA Watchers around the country, the SOA is soon shedding its soiled name. Two new names in particular are part of bills before Congress.* Gone will be the imperial, majestic simplicity of the "School of the Americas." In its place will be a multi-word bafflegab crafted to guarantee that no one will remember it, crafted so no one can make a slogan out of it.

No one, of course, takes the SOA name change or its other cosmetic PR changes seriously. We say, "New name, same shame." In response, SOA Watch won't be scrambling to change its name. The SOA, under any alias, will always be "the School Of Assassins."

Or, as I prefer to call it, "the school for terrorists." The word is precise: terrorism is the systematic use of terror, violence, and intimidation to achieve an end. The end being making Latin America safe for US corporate investment and trade.

We admit it — it's gratifying to watch the SOA squirm. It's gratifying to watch the SOA run through its chameleonic paces. Sometimes it even seems like we're near closing that cursed place. But, folks, it just

ain't gonna happen — unless we keep pushing and pushing. It won't budge if we don't shove. Now is not the time to slack off.

This November 18th and 19th at the annual Vigil Action at Benning we will mass once again to demand that the SOA be closed. In an event of enormous solidarity, not only will thousands risk arrest, but thousands will be there in support. Collectively we will be a mass that the SOA and Congress will be hard put to ignore.

This year's Vigil Action — like last year's — may well be the largest nonviolent civil disobedience action in the US since the Viet Nam War. Mass action helped end a war; it should be able to close a school of war.

Those with PNL subscriptions will find details of the Vigil Action on a staffer accompanying this issue. Others should feel free to call the local CNY SOA Abolitionist office from 9AM to 9PM seven days a week at (315)478-4571. Check www.soaw.org for all kinds of useful info, including updates on which Columbus, GA hotels and motels still have vacancies that weekend.

Traditionally we've held nonviolent trainings in Columbus in the days before we "crossed the line" onto Ft. Benning. Given our huge numbers, that is no longer feasible. SOA Watch has asked that we conduct the nonviolent trainings back home. It urges everyone going to Benning — especially

those crossing the line — to get training, even those who have done nonviolent training before. SOA Watch also encourages everyone crossing the line to do so as part of an affinity group.

Here in Syracuse we will have two trainings in early November — one on a weekend and one on a weekday evening: 1PM-5:30PM, Saturday, Nov. 4 and 4PM to 9PM, Monday, Nov. 6, both events at Plymouth Church in downtown Syracuse.

These trainings are free and open to all those going to Benning this year. Call Ed or Ann at (315)478-4571 to register.

These trainings are an excellent opportunity to meet others going to Benning, to form affinity groups, to learn about this year's new action options. They are an opportunity to deepen your understanding of nonviolence. When we finally get that bloody school closed, you'll be able to say that you helped push it over the edge.

* The name proposed in the House bill is Defense Institute for Hemispheric Security Cooperation. The Senate bill name is The Institute for Professional Military Education Training.

— Ed Kinane

Ed has been arrested crossing the line at Benning several times. He's none the worse for wear.

LIFT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS NOW! to be published in the *New York Times* in October, 2000. How Many More Iraqi Children Must Die?

[See back cover for info on upcoming Iraq events in CNY](#)

For the past 10 years, the people of Iraq have endured a slow and painful death in the form of U.N./U.S. economic sanctions. The World Food Organization and UNICEF say that over one million people have died as a result of the sanctions. Children under 5 account for 600,000 of these deaths. Nothing could be worth the price of this suffering.

Economic sanctions were imposed on Iraq in 1990 as an alternative to military intervention after Iraq invaded Kuwait. Ten years later, they are a failed policy. They have not ended human rights abuses and aggression by the Iraqi government. In 1991, the U.N. decided to continue the sanctions to prevent the production of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. Instead, the sanctions themselves have become a weapon of mass destruction, targeting innocent Iraqis and inflicting inhumane levels of suffering. Three senior U.N. administrators of Iraqi relief aid

have resigned in protest over the sanctions: Denis Halliday, Hans von Sponek, and Jutta Burghardt. Halliday calls the sanctions genocidal. "We are destroying an entire society," he says. "It is as simple and as terrifying as that."

Economic sanctions have prevented Iraq from rebuilding its infrastructure, which was severely damaged during the Gulf War. Raw sewage flows in the streets. Broken water purification systems increasingly contaminate water. UNICEF reports a six-to-eight fold increase in the fatality rates in children due to diarrhea and pneumonia from 1991 to 1996.

On November 10, 1998, the United Nations' General Assembly proclaimed the years 2001-2010 to be "A Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World." We ask: How can the United Nations seriously call for a decade of

peace and nonviolence while maintaining economic sanctions which are killing over 5,000 children each month?

We call upon the United Nations to end its hypocrisy by immediately lifting the economic sanctions against Iraq, leaving military sanctions intact;

We call upon the United States to take the lead on the U.N. Security Council by submitting a resolution calling for the immediate lifting of economic sanctions;

We call upon the Iraqi government to end human rights abuses and aggression throughout the region;

We call upon the governments of Iraq, the United States and all nations to cease production of weapons of mass destruction.

A Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World must include the Children of Iraq.

Reclaiming Onondaga Creek

Paul Frazier

The call to Reclaim Onondaga Creek—for all the people, not just some—demands our attention.

Few issues arrive on the pages of the *PNL* that cross so many ideological and political boundaries. Pick your turf and the CREEKWALK calls you. Environmentalists who know the Creek understand its tragic condition and offer solutions. Political activists who speak the language of empowerment, home and abroad, identify with a residential community when county planners tell them their neighborhood is the ONLY place on earth to construct a football-sized sewer treatment facility. Those who believe race and class issues underlie corporate mismanagement of the planet need travel only as far as the *Creekwalk Rally & Picnic* site on Saturday, October 8 to join in a common struggle.

We have walked, driven, and biked the length of the Creek several times in preparing for the *Creekwalk Rally & Picnic*. Most readers know its name: Onondaga Creek. But most may not know the incredible—yes, incredible—diversity, beauty, abuse, and potential that runs as the waters flow from south of the city line into sad Onondaga Lake.

You may choose to gather at Kelly Brothers Park on Dorwin Avenue and meet with representatives of the Onondaga Nation. You will see a Creek meandering and flowing as if in the wilds. Wide meadows and grasslands line the banks. Simply: a beautiful gift. The Onondagas tell us one of their villages near where Green Hills Farm now rests was uprooted years and years ago when the Creek was rerouted.

In the five miles from Dorwin Avenue to the proposed Midland treatment site you will witness a Creek becoming urbanized and selectively cared for. Stand on Ballantyne Rd. and look south: the meandering Creek bends back towards the Valley. Turn and look north and see how the Creek has instantly become narrowed, walled, and is the recipient of storm drainage overflow sites. Stop along the way and see how the Creek can become—and already is for some—a place to walk, jog, and enjoy flowing waters. Ask about the signs you will see: storm drainage overflow.

The rains that fall along a wide area of this nine-mile stretch from the city line to Onondaga Lake pour down into sewer lines. These are the same sewer lines that collect raw sewage from homes and businesses. When heavy rains fall—about fifty times a year—the sewer lines, as they exist, cannot handle the combined volume of raw sewage and rainfall. The Creek becomes the answer: At more than fifty sites along the Creek overflow from the combined raw sewage and rainfall is dumped into the Creek. This is the problem the county proposes to resolve with a sewer treatment facility: cleaning up the raw sewage problem of the Creek. And only at residential Midland Avenue, near Oxford and Blaine, can such a treatment facility be placed, so says the County.

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR ONONDAGA CREEK SAYS DIFFERENTLY.

The proposed site inflicts an environmental injustice on a community that has invested resources in redevelopment and revitalization. It is not fair that the problems caused over years of neglect and abuse are addressed by sacrificing a residential neighborhood.

This major capital project is not linked to any community vision or revitalization project within the neighborhoods along the Creek. Although the Inner Harbor demonstrates a change in attitude on the part of the city about the lake, it is not a community-based project.

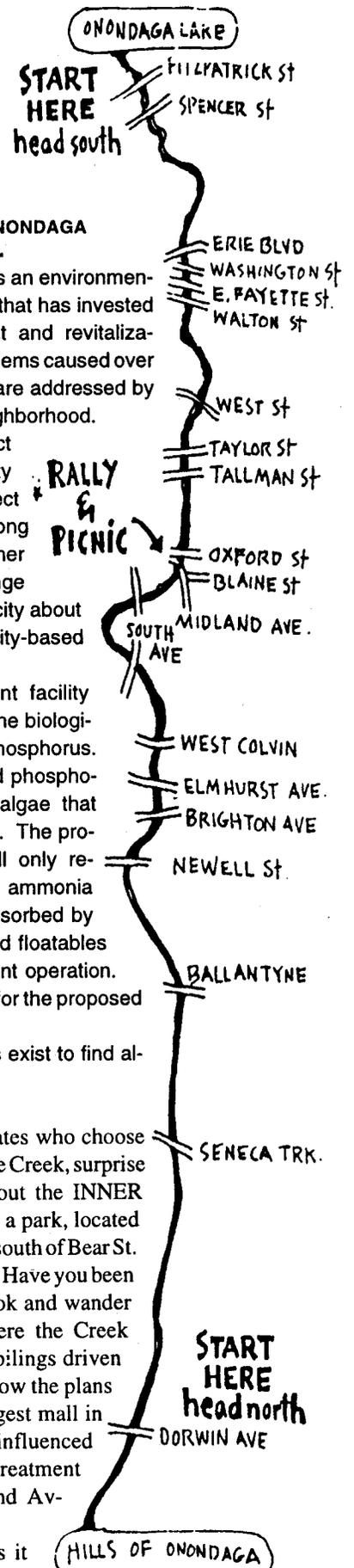
The proposed treatment facility technology will not remove the biologically active ammonia or phosphorus. Ammonia is toxic to fish and phosphorus is responsible for the algae that frequently occurs in the lake. The proposed treatment facility will only remove incidental amounts of ammonia and phosphorus that are absorbed by or adhere to particulates and floatables that are removed during plant operation.

The technology offered for the proposed site is not state-of-the-art.

Considerable time does exist to find alternatives.

For those Creek advocates who choose to begin at the north end of the Creek, surprise number one is learning about the INNER HARBOR CREEK WALK, a park, located on Van Rensselaer Ave. just south of Bear St. Have you heard of this park? Have you been there? Come and take a look and wander south past a vast area where the Creek widens into a harbor. See pilings driven into the water and wonder how the plans for creating the world's largest mall in that area just might have influenced the plans to stick a sewer treatment plant on residential Midland Avenue.

Stay with the Creek as it



winds around beautiful office buildings, and snakes its way through Franklin Square. See beautiful walkways and bridges and wonder why the bridge in Kirk Park is a damaged, dirty, broken, unattended walkway over this same Creek. Look where the Creek goes under NIMO buildings, and Reclaim the Creek as it flows through Armory Square—quite a potential there—and becomes an eyesore and a half as it crosses W. Onondaga Street heading south towards Midland.

You may pick up the Creek along South Avenue and walk its loop into lower Onondaga Park. What a wonderful site for development of a natural beauty for the people of that area.

As you walk or bike or ride the Creek towards the Midland—Blaine picnic, wonder why some areas of the Creek are so beautifully developed and others are left to ruin. Ask about those divisions.

Syracuse is a city of barriers and divisions. Several months ago the PNL ran a photo of the south side. The perspective: looking at the university from South Salina Street. The content: homes and more homes between Salina and the University, from Adams Street south to Castle. Pre-urban removal—renewal to some. Today: those homes are gone.

And so it will be in another brief thirty or forty years for the Midland-Blaine area. Will real estate sellers promote a home, to buy or to sell, three blocks from a treatment site? Will you look at a home for sale or a site to develop a small business on the street where the trucks roar past, hauling sewer treatment leftovers and chemicals?

Another line has been drawn separating the rich from the poor, the haves from the have-nots. The blacks from the whites. Mall here, sewer treatment there, and—“No one asked you to move, but....”

Concerned citizens from all perspectives are urged to take part in the **Creekwalk Rally & Picnic** on Saturday, October 8. Meet at 11 am. at either beginning site: Kelly Brothers Park on Dorwin Ave. or the Inner Harbor Creek Walk park. Walk or bike or take one of the tour busses along the creek. Gather, Picnic, and Rally at the proposed Midland site from 1 to 3 p.m. **Reclaim the Creek for all!**

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek



Statement of Purpose

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek is a community-based organization of individuals and organizations concerned about and willing to take positive action to protect the health of the citizens and water resources within the Onondaga Creek watershed.

The Partnership will support and coordinate the creation of a comprehensive plan for the development of a greenway for the Onondaga Creek corridor. The Partnership will develop and implement a community involvement program that will guide the development of the greenway plan; establish an educational facility and programs that will develop and support citizen stewardship of the watershed. To achieve these goals, the Partnership will use democratic processes that will insure that there is equity in the sharing of resources, information, and community involvement.

Statement of Principles

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek believes that all waters within the Onondaga Creek watershed have an intrinsic value and should not be used as sanitary sewers or conduits for waste.

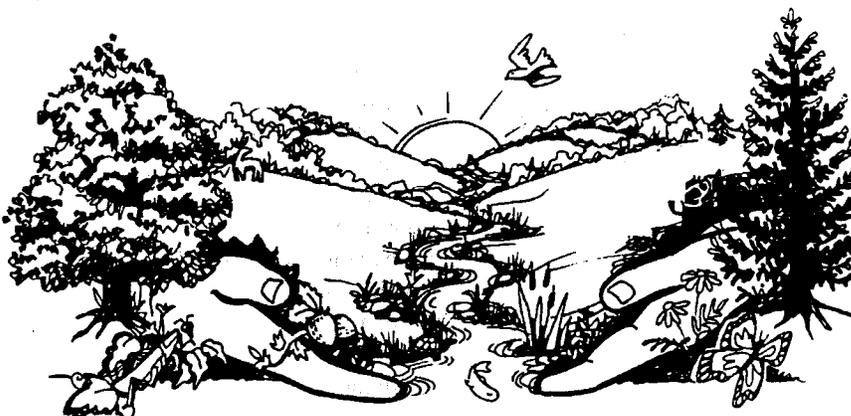
The Partnership for Onondaga Creek will support development within the watershed that affirms the spiritual, cultural, and economic life of communities along the creek and its tributaries.

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek will work to protect all waters within the Onondaga Creek watershed from further degradation.

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek will work to make Onondaga Creek and its tributaries safe for all citizens by developing plans to restore the creek and its tributaries to their original channels.

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek will work to protect and restore ecological integrity of the streams and creeks within the watershed.

The Partnership will work with individuals and organizations that share these beliefs and are willing to work in partnership to put these beliefs into action.



Monitoring Elections in Chiapas

An Interview with Shirley Novak

Ed Kinane

Shirley Novak teaches English as a Second Language in Syracuse's near west side. She is a long-time human rights activist who has visited Latin America numerous times. Shirley is on the Board of Doctors for Global Health, an NGO with health and human rights projects in Uganda, El Salvador and Chiapas. She is very active with the Syracuse-La Estancia [El Salvador] Sister Community.

As part of a six-day Global Exchange delegation, Shirley was one of 80 international observers who monitored the August governor's election in Chiapas, Mexico.

In that election Pablo Salazar, head of the eight-party Alliance for Chiapas, trounced the PRI candidate, Sami David. The PRI—the Institutional Revolutionary Party — which has ruled Mexico for decades, also lost the presidential election earlier this summer.

Shirley and I talked over a delicious — and spicy — lunch at the Jerk Hut, a Caribbean restaurant on South Av.

Shirl, you traveled thousands of miles to be an election day monitor. You went into a war zone and put yourself at some risk. Why was being there so important to you?

I had been to Chiapas before. It was a privilege for me to accompany those indigenous people for this critical election. A trip like this helps me to grow personally. Being there helps me put in perspective what I have and what others lack.

Besides, our being there seemed to make a real difference.

What makes you think so?

Our monitoring helped provide a climate of tranquilidad. This made it safer for people to come down from the mountains to vote. More people voted in this election than ever before, even more than in this summer's presidential election. We were a presence that helped deter violence and intimidation by the military and the paramilitary.

Besides helping to create a safety net, we documented the voting process on election day. While we saw irregularities, they weren't sufficient to change the outcome of the vote. Most irregularities were due to inexperience — of the voters and the poll officials. Our final report, together with that of others — Rigaberta Menchu was there too — and the reports of those monitoring the whole campaign process, helped establish the legitimacy of the election.

In the past, elections in Chiapas have been grossly fraudulent. Votes were often bought by the parties and there was an intense climate of fear. This was the first election that the Zapatistas didn't boycott.

Why should US Americans care about a state election in a remote, hardly-developed corner of Mexico?

Chiapas may be remote, but as US taxpayers we're very involved there.

Since the Zapatista uprising in 1994 Chiapas has been heavily occupied by the Mexican military.

Campesino communities are surrounded by the military.

Mexico gets plenty of US military aid. Lots of weapons and training. In the last few years Mexico has been the country with the most students at the School of the Americas.

The US and the Mexican elite imposed NAFTA on the people of Chiapas. This directly threatens their livelihood. Thanks to NAFTA, cheap corn from the U.S. comes pouring into Mexico — undermining the campesinos' market. NAFTA has also led to the abolition of the ejido land tenure system, the campesinos' traditional method of communal farming.

Although Chiapas is the poorest state in Mexico in terms of illiteracy and health care, it's the richest in terms of natural resources:

oil, minerals and hydropower. By destroying the ejido system US corporations are able to gain title to the land much more easily. Communities resist, but individuals can be picked off one by one.

So what was at stake in this election?

Just the whole future of Chiapas. And whether the militarization and oppression will continue. Now there's hope peace negotiations will be resumed and the military will be pulled out.

I heard both candidates speak. I was



Indigenous Mayan community of Pojcol gathers at the poll. Each voter listens for his or her name to be read from the photo ID registry before S. Novak photo

favorably impressed with Pablo Salazar. He spoke against globalization and said, "We need to create a culture of human rights."

With both Salazar and [President-elect] Fox in office it should be easier to revive the San Andreas Accords. This agreement between the Zapatistas and the national government laid groundwork for peace and some justice in Chiapas. Unfortunately the PRI hasn't enforced it since it was signed in 1996.

But if the new government doesn't put in social programs, nothing will change. Without social programs the paramilitary will continue to recruit the desperately poor in exchange for the few handouts they get.

In the months and years ahead, we can repay part of our debt to the people of Chiapas with our accompaniment and solidarity.





HISTORIC UNITED NATIONS PEACE SUMMIT



For the first time in history, religious and spiritual leaders of the world's diverse faith traditions came together in New York on August 28 - 31, 2000 to discuss how to forge a partnership of peace within the United Nations. More than 1,000 leaders attended.

Planning of the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders was guided by an international advisory board of religious leaders, theologians, and scholars. Strategic partners included the Harvard University Center for the Study of World Religions, Scholar's Group at Harvard Divinity School, the United Nations University for Peace, the Earth Council, the World Faiths Development Dialogue, the World Resources Institute, the Forum for Religion and Ecology, the World Conference on Religion and Peace, the Parliament of the Worlds Religions, and the Interfaith Center of New York. Ted Turner served as honorary chair of the Summit.

Funding for the World Peace Summit was provided by the U.N. Foundation/Better World Fund, (which was founded by Ted Turner), the Ford Foundation, Ruder Finu Inc., the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Carnegie Foundation, the Modi

Foundation, the Greenville Foundation, and others. Religious groups provided financial support by sponsoring meals and in kind contributions.

The goal of the Millennium World Peace Summit was to identify ways that the worldwide religious and spiritual communities can work together as interfaith allies with the United Nations on specific peace, poverty, and environmental initiatives. All regions of the world were represented, as well as many faith traditions.

The world leaders who were gathered discussed how to harness the power of religious tolerance and spiritual faith to educate and mobilize their communities. They focused on reducing divisions and ancient antipathies. After the U.N. meetings, leaders continued to engage in two-day working group sessions to devise special initiatives to address regional conflict, poverty issues, and environmental problems.

The calling together of this unprecedented gathering was in response to the armed conflict which has claimed approximately 27 million lives worldwide during the past 50 years. It is estimated that civilians represent 85 percent of the casualties, with a majority being children and the elderly. In the last decade there have been more

than 100 armed conflicts in over 70 different locations and in every region of the world.

The participating world leaders focused on identifying early warning signs where conflict could erupt, developing systems to alert local, national and regional authorities, and suggesting actions that might prevent potential conflicts. Their work included developing strategies and mechanisms to resolve conflicts after they have erupted by consulting with United Nations officials, regional religious and spiritual leaders, political leaders, and local grassroots organizations. The projected role of this group also encompasses providing advice on the healing process after conflict has been halted, and recommending steps to ensure that peace is sustained.

One outcome of the summit was the establishment of an ongoing International Advisory Council of Religious and Spiritual Leaders to serve as a resource for the U.N. Secretary-General and the U.N. System in its conflict prevention and resolution efforts. A Commitment for World Peace was written and is reproduced here. There has been some paraphrasing to minimize the formal language of international proclamations.

"This is an Alarming Message that Requires Your Absolute Attention"

When I read the traditional words of thanksgiving offered by our neighbor, Onondaga elder and spiritual leader, Audrey Shenandoah, I am renewed by the strength of belief she expresses in the power of people to put our minds together, "wrapped in a huge bundle as one", and thereby to bring change and healing to the world. Audrey offers each of us encouragement by reminding us that we are all born with honor, responsibility, and the capability to use our minds for thanksgiving and acknowledgment of our place in the universe among all living things, as well as for action.

When I read the stark warning voiced to the world by our neighbor, Onondaga elder and spiritual leader, Oren Lyons, I am initially stunned and terrified. "...This is an alarming message that requires your absolute attention...Despite all of our declarations and all of our proclamations, no matter how profound they may be, the ice is melting in the north. We see the acceleration of the winds. We see the fires that are raging in North America. And, we see that the sun's rays that provide us with light, energy and the very essence of life now are causing cancer to people, blinding animals and killing plankton and krill of the sea."

I'm not sure, but I suspect that terror is a normal human

reaction to even a moment of looking clearly into the eyes of the suicide of our species, alongside our murder of the rest of life on Earth. Surely, this is not something we, as a species driven by the law of regeneration Oren speaks of, are inherently able to comprehend. When my terror subsides I am deeply thankful that Oren speaks this truth so clearly and with such commanding tone. His honesty and deep belief in human beings makes it more possible for us to hear his words.

I am bewildered when I realize that one of the richest men in the world is responsible for the funding of this gathering. What does it mean that a program of the United Nations was founded by Ted Turner? What does it mean that an international peacemaking gathering is funded and planned through the same structures in our society which plan and fund war making (i.e. capital generated by corporate profits, and corporately and governmentally funded institutions)?

We live in a time when corporate interests have superseded national borders and governments. The contradictions between the medium and the message are staggering, disturbing, and deeply thought provoking.

Carole Resnick



UNITED NATIONS PEACE SUMMIT



Audrey Shenandoah, one of the clanmothers of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee, and Oren Lyons, a faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee represented Indigenous peoples of North America at the United Nations Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders, August 28-31, 2000. The text of their messages is presented here.

Audrey Shenandoah

Nya Wenha Skainon

My people are the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee. A confederation of Nations, we are comprised of the Mohawk Nation, Oneida Nation, Onondaga Nation, Cayuga Nation, Seneca Nation and Tuscarora Nation. We are joined in that order by our Peacemaker who walked among our people in another millennium or time in our history. Today we continue as brothers and cousins, a family of people since that time.

We humbly offer today these words of thanksgiving, in this joint effort of Spiritual Leaders to bring about peace and contentment to our troubled Earth and the life contained within.

A most important responsibility among my people is always to address greetings of acknowledgment and thanksgiving to all components of this miraculous cycle of creation. All components contribute and work together insuring that life will continue in peace and balance.

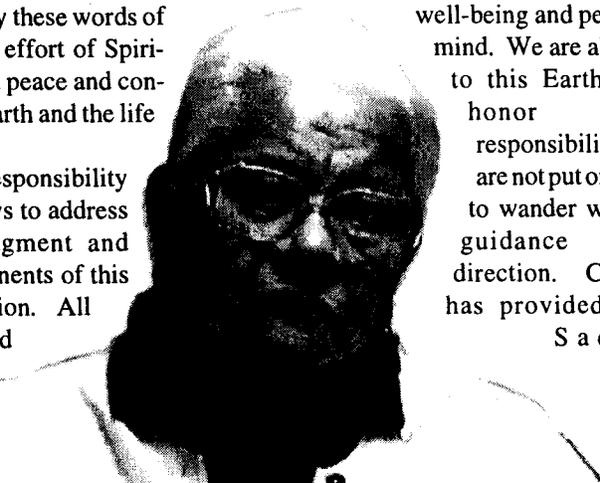
At this time we will wrap all our minds together as one mind as we address thanksgiving, acknowledgment and greeting. Our instruction that people be first as we give thanks tells us that people being caring and giving to one another must be paramount in Creator's plan for life. We are given a pattern to follow.

Now we address greetings, acknowledgment, and thanksgiving for all components of Creation. Our Mother Earth who gives and nourishes all life: the Waters; the

Plant Life from which we gather food and medicine; the Woodlands, our Brothers; the Four Leggeds and the Winged Ones.

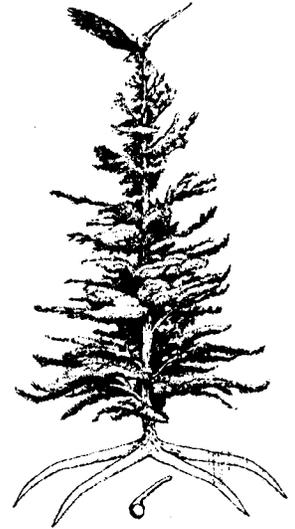
Our acknowledgment and thanksgiving includes our Grandfathers, the Thunderers who bring the rain, cleansing and nourishing all life; the Moving Winds, the air that we breathe; our Elder Brother the Sun, providing light and warmth to Earth and all its bounty; our Grandmother Moon and the beautiful stars of the nighttime sky carrying on their duties as given at their creation.

All of these are good medicine for our well-being and peace of mind. We are all born to this Earth with honor and responsibility. We are not put on earth to wander without guidance and direction. Creator has provided four
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Beings, our Protectors, whose duty is to keep straight our minds and our capability to reason with responsibility.

With all our minds wrapped in a huge bundle as one, we bring closure to our greetings of acknowledgment and thanksgiving and address our Creator, the provider of all these life forces which in turn provide that we may have life and know contentment and peace as we journey our path on this Earth. We thank Creator for the



ways man is given to help us keep a balance. We all are given a way to live in peace.

We are gathered at this great center today in these troubled times to put together our minds as one in efforts to bring about peaceful coexistence among peoples of the Earth. There is much talk of peace by those in positions of power in the governments of this world.

Not much is being done to de-escalate the conditions creating the chaos all over this planet. Weapons of war must cease to be top priority. To care for the people! Save the Earth! Reviving spiritual values, respect for life and living things must be renewed and practiced.

Our minds put together as one can be one of great power. Our acknowledgments and thanksgiving reinforce that we all are connected, all related, family. We address the whole universe as such. Our mother; our brother; our sisters, plant life; our grandmother; our grandfathers.

Shongwaya'dihsaih skwaya'da genha. Onhwanja qwegih. Deskwennya donh, lhs qwa'sa'satstenhsa, en yongwa'sko gwa'. Da ne'toh. Nya wenha.





UNITED NATIONS PEACE SUMMIT



Oren R. Lyons

Leaders of the World;

Neyuwenha-skanoh (Thank you for being healthy).

I bring you greetings from the Indigenous peoples of the north and the great Turtle Island, now called North America.

I bring you the most urgent message brought to our annual gathering of traditional elders and youth by a runner from the north, from Greenland: *The ice is melting in the north.*

He informed us that some fifteen years ago they noticed trickles of water coming down the sheer face of Glacier Mountain. That trickle has grown to a roaring river of



ice water pouring out of this mountain into the Atlantic Ocean.

He informed us that Glacier Mountain has lost four thousand feet of ice in these past few years. And the melt continues to accelerate. *This is an alarming message that requires your absolute attention.*

Leaders of the World;

We are a collective voice of indigenous peoples. We have joined this great mission for peace. We add our presence in support of this great effort for reconcilia-

tion between peoples and nations.

We agree that there must be parity and equity between rich nations and poor nations; between white people and people of color and rich people and poor people with special attention to women, children and indigenous peoples.

We, in our collective voices, add to this that *there must be a reconciliation between people and the natural world, between nation states and the forests that sustain us; between corporations and the resources that they mine, the fish that they catch and the water that they use.*

Leaders of the World;

Indigenous nations and peoples believe in the spiritual powers of the universe. We believe in the ultimate power and authority of a limitless energy beyond our comprehension. We believe in the order of the universe. We believe in the laws of creation and that all life is bound by these same natural laws.

We call this essence the spirit of life. This is what gives the world the energy to create, procreate and becomes the ponderous and powerful law of regeneration, the law of the seed.

We in our collective voices speak of this to remind you that spirit and spiritual laws transcend generations. We know because this has sustained us.

Religion and spirituality are vital to survival and moral law. It is faith that has sustained our human spirit through our darkest hours. It has sustained our human spirit in crisis, during the times we suffered through the grinding measures of inexorable persecutions that have spanned generations and continue today.

Yet here we are, today, adding our voices to this plea for sanity in leadership and responsibility to the future generations whose faces are looking up from the Earth, each awaiting their time of life here.

Leaders of the World;

The collective voices of indigenous people add that we are saddened by the absence of our elder brother the Dalai Lama in this forum. We believe that reconciliation should begin here, because peace is an inclusive term, and peace and reconciliation are the purpose of this summit.

Peace is dynamic and requires great efforts of spirit and mind to attain unity. Leaders of peace must step forward and take responsibility for a paradigm change in the direction of current lifestyles and materialistic societies.

The human species has become the most voracious and abusive consumer of Earth's resources. We have tipped the balance of life against our children and we imperil our future as a species.

Leaders of the World;

Despite all of our declarations and all of our proclamations, no matter how profound they may be, *the ice is melting in the north. We see the acceleration of the winds. We see the fires that are raging in North America. And, we see that the sun's rays that provide us with light, energy and the very essence of life now are causing cancer in people, blinding animals and killing the plankton and krill of the sea.*

This is only the beginning and already we are helpless. We will now see the real spiritual powers that govern the earth.

Leaders of the World;

There can be no peace as we wage war upon OUR MOTHER, THE EARTH. Responsible and courageous actions must be taken to realign ourselves with the great laws of nature. *We must meet this crisis now, while we still have time.* We offer these words as common peoples in support of peace, equity, justice and reconciliation.

As we speak, the ice continues to melt in the north.

Dahnato (now I am finished). Neyawenha (thank you).

A Commitment for World Peace



We stand at a critical juncture in human history, one that calls for strong moral and spiritual leadership. We as religious and spiritual leaders recognize our special responsibility for peace on Earth and the well-being of the human family and the greater community of life.

The United Nations and the religions of the world have a common mission—the quest for peace.

The United Nations in its charter has pledged to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to secure universal justice and peace.

Our world is plagued by violence, genocide, war and destruction which is often perpetrated in the name of religion.

Religions have contributed to the peace of the world, and they have also led to division and conflict.

This aggression is a dire tragedy for the human lives ruined and lost, for the larger living world, and for the future of our religious and spiritual traditions.

The foundation of peace is based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, eradication of poverty, economic equity, a culture of nonviolence, and protection of Earth's ecological systems and resources.

There can be no real peace until we end poverty, meet the basic needs of all, and protect the environment for present and future generations.

There can be no real peace until we recognize, respect and preserve the cultural diversity of the human family in a spirit of mutual respect and tolerance.

We can no longer live in isolated microcosms in our interdependent world, but rather we must accept our role in the emerging global community and realize that our every action has an impact on others.

We are committed and determined:

1. To collaborate and partner with United Nations internationally, regionally and locally for the achievement of peace in all its dimensions;
2. To bring about a renewal of our religious traditions, including a deepened sense of reverence for life in all its diversity and respect for each person's inherent dignity and fundamental human rights and freedoms;
3. To manage and resolve nonviolently the conflicts generated by religious, ethnic and national difference, to condemn violence committed "in the name (of religion)," and to affirm that all peoples are members of one human family, emphasizing respect for all faiths and traditions;
4. To appeal to all faiths and all ethnic and national groups to engage in mutual forgiveness for errors committed in the past, and to engage in the process of reconciliation;
5. To awaken in all individuals and communities a sense of shared responsibility for the well-being of the human family as a whole and a recognition that all human beings, regardless of religion, race, gender and ethnic origin have the right to education, health care, and an opportunity to achieve a secure and sustainable livelihood;
6. To promote the equitable distribution of wealth within nations and among nations, reversing the current trend toward a widening gap between rich and poor;
7. To educate our communities about the urgent need to care for the natural environment and the greater community of life, and to make environmental protection and restoration integral to all development planning and activity;
8. To recognize the common moral principles among the world's religions, for the purpose of promoting mutual respect and understanding;
9. To join with the United Nations in the call for all nation states to work for the eventual abolition of all nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction for the safety and security of life on this planet;
10. To practice and share with our communities the values of the inner dimension of peace which is the foundation for a peaceful society.

We as religious and spiritual leaders, appeal to all nation states to join us in the commitment to dialogue where there are difference, to refrain from violence, to have compassion and respect, and to uphold the dignity of all life.

This information was provided to the press by The Traditional Circle of Indian Elders and Youth, Anishanaabe, Saginaw-Chippewa Michigan.

It isn't radical to resettle a refugee; What's radical is to listen to a refugee

One of the lost opportunities in this world occurs when well-meaning people pat refugees on the head! This relegates them to some isolated but charitable condition in which we declare them valuable to listen to only after they've learned English are no longer on D.S.S., have worked for over a year, have been thoroughly oriented to American mores and thus implicitly agree to rarely refer to the place from which they came. We also request they say how very happy they are to be in America, which therefore could allow us to assume that where they came from has little to offer.

In fact, most refugees love their original country and culture! Most still have deep connections to family, friends and community, whom they were compelled to leave. Most refugees are a compact library of stories, traditions, ancestral memories, languages and more. Without firm reference points they must actively engage in the task of remembering. Our most profound gift to a refugee is a safe place to remember and dream.

Although starkly poor and stripped of all superfluous things, the refugee is a truth-carrier and truth-teller. First, in the early stages of resettlement, they are powerful teachers reminding us how crucial it is to be

grateful for the fundamental gifts of life. Secondly, they are able to personify and personalize major struggles for justice elsewhere in the world that we approach too theoretically and without the blood of direct experience. Thirdly, the refugee becomes a prism through which America's involvement in the refugee's original country can be more fully understood, even if it is a negative involvement. Finally, although the refugee comes as a stranger, he or she bears great gifts. They often carry valuable universal qualities—courage, resilience, gratitude, and hope—and also the unique and particular gifts that are carried from their cultural tradition that will deepen and enrich the mosaic of the American culture.

There are practical ways to interact with refugees: attend 'Africa Matters', tutor a refugee once a week, help to fully furnish an apartment for a newly arrived refugee family, join a refugee resettling team which actively and interpersonally supports a refugee family for one year, or make a financial contribution to increase resettlement resources. For information about involvement call Catholic Charities / Refugee Resettlement (474-7428).

Thank you for your attention.

Pinyoun



Africa Matters

Saturday, October 28, 2000
3-8pm
St. David's Episcopal Church
Free! Voluntary \$10 donation

Come help welcome refugees from the Congo, Somalia and Sudan who have recently arrived in Syracuse, in a welcoming ritual!

A Photographic exhibit of Africa by Paula Johnson, Professor at SU School of Law, will surround this event at St. David's.

Three winning essays for a youth contest on *How Africa has influenced my life* will be presented.

A choice of African or American home-made food.

Information: Pinyoun – 474-7428

Week without VIOLENCE

A coalition of local community groups, including the Urban Ministry Project at Syracuse University and YWCA Week Without Violence, are sponsoring a day of workshops and presentations focusing solely on reducing violence in our community. On Thursday, October 19, there will be discussions not only of problems but of a package of solutions developed by Boston, Massachusetts, a community in which gun violence has been drastically reduced, prompting news coverage by NPR, PBS and other media. Most importantly, a workable play to promote peace in Syracuse will be

discussed.

The day begins with a special session of the Thursday Morning Roundtable at 8:15 am at Forum West, located at 321 W. Onondaga St. near downtown. All city and county clergy, neighborhood and organizational leaders are invited to that discussion. Then from nine a.m. to noon there will be a series of workshops led by people active in Boston's anti-violence movement, as well as a plenary session. The presenters include Minister Don Muhammad, a key figure in Boston's efforts for peace; Mickey Roache, former Boston police commissioner who opened his department to greater involvement with the faith community and black community groups; and Franklin Tucker, former director of the Barron Center, a Boston public-school program

for youth caught bringing weapons to school.

In the evening, the program will shift to South Presbyterian Church, corner of South Salina and West Colvin streets, for a 7:00-9:00 pm meeting of the *People's Roundtable*. George Kilpatrick of WCNY-TV will moderate a panel discussion involving Minister Don Muhammad, Roache and Tucker, followed by a sermon delivered by Bishop Violet Fisher of the United Methodist Church. The evening will close with the development of a ten-point plan for Syracuse.



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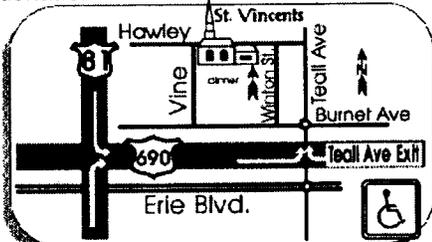
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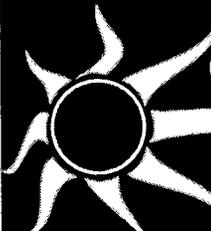
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Will Onondaga County Legislature Snatch Away Pesticide Neighbor Notification Victory?

The Good News...Gov. Pataki signed into law the Pesticide Notification bill. This requires, beginning July 2001, that schools and daycare centers provide notification to staff and parents when they apply pesticides inside or outdoors (with some exceptions). Also, commercial yard pesticide applicators will have to give 48 hours written notification to abutting neighbors before they apply pesticides to someone's yard (with some exceptions). Homeowners applying pesticides themselves will not have to give prior notification but will have to post small signs for 24 hours to let passersby know about a pesticide application (exceptions include very small areas or small containers of pesticide).

The Bad News ...The yard pesticide segment of the law is not a statewide requirement. Each county legislature must vote to opt-in or not. The Suffolk County legislature has already voted unanimously to opt-in. However, in Onondaga County, some representatives of the businesses who would have to provide neighbor notification have come out strongly against opt-in, even misrepresenting the new law.

You Can ... be part of the decision by contacting your county legislator and saying you want our county to opt-in so you'll have the same protection as other counties who choose to opt-in. With prior notification, you can be sure to be inside (along with your children and companion animals) and have your windows closed and air conditioning off when pesticides are applied on abutting property. (See below for some of the reasons why you don't want to be exposed to pesticides.) If you don't know who your county legislator is, ask the Board of Elections at 435-3312. If you want more info, contact the Iroquois Group of the Sierra Club at 488-2140 (9am - 10:45pm).

Numerous studies link home and garden pesticide use to childhood cancers, including leukemia and brain cancer.

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Linda Destefano

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Fall Event:

The Tangled Web of Abuse - and Hopeful Strands

On Monday, Oct. 30 at 7 pm at the Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street in the village, People for Animal Rights (PAR) will welcome Jim Tedford, director of the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm in Rochester. He will talk about the tangled web of abuse which connects violence toward humans and violence toward other animals. For example, abuse of a family dog or cat can be a signal that a child or other person in the family is also being abused. He'll tell us what his organization is doing to reduce this problem. He'll show snippets of a video interview with an animal abuser but will not show any graphic material. Also, we'll hear briefly from Colleen O'Brien, co-director of the Syracuse Area Domestic Violence Coalition and staffer with VeraHouse.

Our first humane award will be presented to Linda and Debbie Young of Kitty Corner for their wonderful work of saving homeless cats. We'll serve vegan snacks and have literature available on the violence connection as well as other animal rights and environmental topics. Admission is FREE, but there will be merchandise to buy if you like, particularly crocheted animals and other items by Karen Peck.

We are happy that the Syracuse Area Domestic Violence Coalition is co-sponsoring this event with us and look forward to continued collaboration to protect people and other animals. Questions? Call 488-PURR (7877).

Linda DeStefano

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<p>1 EVERY SUN: Brick by Brick prison solidarity group meets. 172 Fellows Ave. 7pm. 473-9005.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: 51 Percent, Women's issues radio program, WRVO FM 90. 6-6:30pm.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: This Way Out, Gay & Lesbian radio program on WRVO FM 90. 6:30-7pm.</p>	<p>2 People Against the Death Penalty meeting. Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee St. 7pm. 475-1878.</p> <p>"A Peacemaking Poet in the War-Making State," a lecture by Daniel Beringan. S.J. Panasci Chapel, Le Moyne College. 7:30pm. Reception to follow. Free.</p> <p>Miriam Miranda: A Garifuna Woman from Honduras, speaking on Indigenous & Black People's Rights Movement in post-Hurricane Mitch Honduras. Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell Univ. 7pm. Free. 607-255-7293.</p>	<p>3 Coalition for the Common Good meeting. 658 W. Onondaga St. Noon. 478-7442.</p> <p>"Points of Arrival: A Jean Donovan Journey" moving story of the Maryknoll worker murdered in El Salvador by graduates of the SOA. 7pm. Cornell Univ. Call 607-255-7293 for location.</p>	<p>4 SEUNA meeting. Erwin Methodist Church, Euclid Ave. 7pm.</p> <p>1st & 3rd WED.: Peace Newsletter editorial meeting. 924 Burnet Ave. Call for time. 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY WED: Military & Draft Counseling at the Peace Council. Noon-3pm. Marge 472-5478.</p>	<p>5 Stonewall Committee meets at Tu Tu Venue, 731 James St. 6pm. 476-6226</p> <p>Syracuse United Neighbors/Southwest meeting. Brady Faith Center, South Ave. 7pm. 478-7475.</p> <p>Film: "McLibel: Two Worlds Collide." Westcott Community Center. 7pm. Sponsored by Alliance for Democracy, CNY chapter.</p>	<p>6 October 6-9: 13th Anniversary Celebration of My Sisters' Words bookshop. 304 N. McBride St. Special events, readings, sales, even cake! 428-0227.</p> <p>EVERY FRI: Lesbian Discussion Group. Women's Info Center, 601 Allen St. 7pm. 622-5351.</p>	<p>7 International Day of Protest to stop the militarization of space and Star Wars. Call Peace Action for info. 478-7442.</p> <p>"Isidor's Cheek" at International Mask & Puppet Museum, 518 Prospect Ave. 11am. \$5 children, \$8 adults. 476-0466</p> <p>An Evening of Music with Ben Toutsley & Colleen Kattau to benefit the CNY-SOA Abolitionists. May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee St. 8pm. \$5-15 sliding scale. 478-2393.</p>
<p>8 Syracuse Animal Defense League meeting. Westcott Community Center. 7-8:30pm.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: People's 60 Minutes. Time Warner Cable. Ch. 3 in city, Ch. 12 in suburbs. 8pm. Produced by Peace Council. Tune in, tape it, share it!</p>	<p>9 Syracuse United Neighbors/Southside meeting. St. Anthony's Church, Midland & Colvin St. 7pm. 476-7475.</p> <p>Westcott East Neighborhood Association (WENA) meeting. Petit Library, Concord Pl. 7-9pm. 479-7301.</p>	<p>10 EVERY TUE through 10/17: DOWNTOWN FARMER'S MARKET. Corner of Salina & Washington Streets. 7am-4pm. 422-8264.</p> <p>EVERY TUE: Residents for Environmental Action & Community Health meeting. Westcott Community Center. 7:15-9pm.</p>	<p>11 HOPE, Inc. meeting (grass-roots AIDS group). Living Room, 326 Montgomery St. 5:30pm. 474-3616.</p> <p>CNY Columbia Support Network monthly meeting. 7pm. Plymouth Church.</p> <p>CNY NOW general meeting. 5789 Widewaters Pkwy. 7pm. 487-3188.</p> <p>Onondaga Audubon meeting. Dewitt Community Church, 3600 Erie Blvd. 7:30pm. 457-7731.</p>	<p>12 Reconsider: Forum on Drug Policy meeting. 206 Onondaga Ave. 7:30pm. 422-6237.</p> <p>EVERY THU: Syracuse Community Radio, WXXE 90.5 FM. "Jim Hightower Radio Commentaries" 4:58pm; FAIR's "Counter Spin" 5pm; "Making Contact" 5:30pm; "Darkwave & Industrial" 7pm.</p>	<p>13 Theater Unbounded presents 3 one-act plays. Westcott Community Center. 8pm. \$8 students, \$10 adults.</p> <p>October 14-16: "Day Without the Pentagon" activities. Call SPC at 472-5478 or the War Resisters League at 800-975-9688.</p>	<p>14 "Onondaga Creek Environmental Justice Walk & Rally" to raise awareness about the condition of the creek and to oppose the construction of the Midland Sewage Treatment Plant. 11am-3pm. 1pm picnic/rally at Midland & Blaine. 478-4571.</p> <p>Pax Christi presents "Peacemakers & Prophets" conference. Features Rosalie Bertel on "Planet Earth, the Latest Weapon of War." She will explain the military's manipulation of the weather and ionosphere in preparation for "Star Wars." 8:15am-4pm. St. Lucy Gym, 432 Gifford St.</p>
<p>15 Sunday Evening Women's Film Series. FIRE, by Deepa Mehta (India). Westcott Community Center. 7pm. \$1-\$5.</p> <p>Fall work day at the Peace Council. Help with maintenance, winterizing, and general clean-up of the building. Please stop by and give us a hand! 924 Burnet Ave. 9am-5pm. 472-5478.</p> <p>Socialist Forum. Topic: "The Erosion of Democracy: Campaign-Finance Abuses, Suppression of Free Speech & Corporate Rule." Westcott Community Center. 3-5pm. Free. 475-2395.</p> <p>"Abolishing War in the 21st Century: New Challenges for the Peace Movement" with Bill Hartung at Peace Action's Peace Award Dinner "Peacemaking Together" honoring Len Bjorkman, Julius Edwards, Dik Cool & Diane Swords. LeMoyne Manor, Liverpool. 5pm. \$40 dinner. 478-7442.</p>	<p>16 People for Animal Rights business mtg. 7pm. Call 488-7877 for location.</p> <p>Syracuse United Neighbors/Westside meeting. Brown Memorial Church, corner of S. Geddes & Delaware. 7:30pm. 476-7475.</p>	<p>17 Oct. 17-Nov. 12: Syracuse Stage presents "Eleanor: Her Secret Journey" recalling the transformation of E. Roosevelt into human rights crusader. 443-3275.</p> <p>EVERY TUE: Community Media Action Group meeting. 6pm. Call Ace for time. 423-4783.</p> <p>EVERY TUE: Open Mic Night. Happy Endings Coffeehouse. Poetry, music, short stories. 8pm. \$2.</p>	<p>18 NAACP meeting. NAACP Office, 1125 S. Salina St. 7pm. 422-6933.</p> <p>Syracuse United Neighbors/Skunk City meeting. Mundy Library, S. Geddes St. 7:30pm. 476-7475.</p> <p>Sierra Club monthly meeting. 5 Illick Hall, SUNY ESF. 7:30pm. Martha. 492-4745.</p> <p>Film: Charcoal People (Brazil, 1999). Depicts the devastating impacts of the charcoal industry on both the environment & the lives of & life expectancy of its workers. Urns Aud., Cornell Univ. 8pm. Free.</p>	<p>19 EVERY THU: Women's Voices radio program. WAER, FM 88.3. 7-8pm. Pat. 448-7259.</p> <p>EVERY THU: Sitting Meditation at Women's INFO, 601 Allen St. 7:30-8:30am. Free.</p> <p>EVERY THU: Syracuse Zapatista Solidarity meeting. 205 Basset St. 6:30pm. Ace. 423-4783.</p>	<p>20 Oct. 20, 21: Open Hand Theater presents "Beowulf" with shadow and puppet imagery. International Mask & Puppet Museum, 518 Prospect St. 8pm. Tickets \$8-\$12.</p>	<p>21 Teaching Day on Iraq. Ithaca, NY. Call SPC for info, 472-5478</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Dance Techniques with Dance-more Company. Westcott Community Center. 9am-1pm. Ages 5 and up. Fee. 677-7723.</p>
<p>22 New Environment Association potluck & meeting. Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. 6pm. 446-8009.</p> <p>University Neighbors Lectures Series presents Sherry Chayat speaking on "Zen & Creativity: The Arts as an Expression of Zen Awakening." Westcott Community Center. 7pm. \$10. 478-8634.</p>	<p>23 EVERY MON, TUES, THURS: Golden Cafe for seniors at Westcott Community Center. 12pm. New friends, lunch, programs. 478-8634.</p> <p>Syracuse Animal Defense League meeting. Westcott Community Center. 7-8:30pm.</p> <p>EVERY MON: Morris Dancing. Westcott Community Center. 7-8:30pm. 478-8634.</p>	<p>24 Coalition for the Common Good meeting. 658 W. Onondaga St. Noon. 478-7442.</p> <p>EVERY TUE: Rough Times Live. Television produced by, for and about Teens. 8pm. Cable Access Channel. 478-UNIT.</p> <p>Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) meeting. 1st Unitarian Universalist Society, 250 Waring Rd. 7:30pm. 446-5940.</p>	<p>25 Other October Events</p> <p>Oct. 15: Crop Walk for hunger. Starts at Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse. 2pm. Call 445-9055 to register.</p> <p>Oct. 29: Sing It Down: Colleen Kattau & Jolie Rickman bring their powerful show to the Nines, 311 College Ave. Ithaca. 8pm. 607-255-7293.</p>	<p>26 Vigil Against the Death Penalty. Columbus Circle, Syracuse. Noon-12:30pm. 475-1878.</p> <p>Peace Newsletter Mailing Party at SPC 5-7pm Food! Moved to November 2</p> <p>Thornden Park Association meeting. 7:30pm. Call Carole Simson for location. 475-2807.</p>	<p>27 Oct. 26, 27, 28: Open Hand Theater presents "Beowulf" with shadow and puppet imagery. International Mask & Puppet Museum, 518 Prospect St. 8pm. Tickets \$8-\$12.</p>	<p>28 EVERY SAT: Sharing the Earth. Animal rights & environmental videos. 10pm. Time-Warner Cable channels 3 & 12. Produced by People for Animal Rights.</p> <p>Pax Christi meeting. Slocum House. 9:30am-12pm. Frank Woolever. 446-1693.</p>
<p>29 EVERY SUN: Common Threads, acoustic local music on WAER FM 88.3. 2-5pm.</p>	<p>30 "The Tangled Web of Abuse—and Hopeful Strands" with Jim Tedford, of the Humane Society of Lollypop Farm. Sponsored by People for Animal Rights. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St. 7pm. 488-7877.</p>	<p>31 EVERY TUE: Middle Eastern Dance with Zoe Artemis. Westcott Community Center. 5:15-6:15pm. Fee. 474-7084.</p> <p>EVERY TUE: Syracuse Community Radio meeting. Westcott Community Center. 7pm. 476-4769.</p>	<p>Other October Events</p> <p>Oct. 15: Crop Walk for hunger. Starts at Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse. 2pm. Call 445-9055 to register.</p> <p>Oct. 29: Sing It Down: Colleen Kattau & Jolie Rickman bring their powerful show to the Nines, 311 College Ave. Ithaca. 8pm. 607-255-7293.</p>	<p>To have your group's event or meeting listed, call or send the info to the Peace Council. 472-5478. November deadline: October 19.</p> <p>Ace maintains an online version of this calendar with updates and more at www.rooft-media.org/calendar.htm.</p>	<p>Syracuse Peace Council Community Calendar October 2000</p>	

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Come when you can—stay as long as you can.

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Lunch provided (snacks too!)

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Nonviolence Training in Syracuse**

SOAW anticipates big crowd in Georgia; too big for training there and training is suggested for all participants

**Saturday, November 4—1pm 5:30 pm
or Monday, November 6—4pm - 9pm**

**Plymouth Congregational Church
232 E. Onondaga Street Syracuse**

Free – (donations welcome to support local SOAW work)

Call: Ann or Ed to sign up (315) 478-4571

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Southwest Community Center
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CNY Learning and Speaking Out Together about Iraq

Sat. October 21, 2000 10am - 4pm Cornell Univ. Goldwin Smith Hall – Everyone welcome!

INSIDE / OUTSIDE: the Faces of US Policy towards Arabs and Muslims

(hosted by Upstate Muslim Community, Ithaca Catholic Workers, CRESP, SPC)

10am - 12noon Prof. *Al-Arian* - sharing his direct knowledge of the US Secret Evidence Act and how it has targeted and jailed Arabs and Muslims with no charges or evidence Congressman Maurice Hinchey - invited

12noon - 1pm Lunch (\$2 - 5 sliding scale)

1pm - 4pm Expert Panel

- Moderator *Amy Goodman* (host of Pacifica Radio's Democracy Now)

- *Scott Ritter* (former US/UN weapons inspector in Iraq) speaks out clearly that Iraq is qualitatively disarmed of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons

- *Rania Masri* (coordinator of the Iraq Action Coalition (IAC); national member Peace Action) IAC is an informational network whose missions to distribute news on the effects of sanctions and military war on the people of Iraq

- *Kathy Kelly* (founding member of Voices in the Wilderness (VITW) speaks about the VITW delegations to Iraq to break the siege and bring desperately needed medicine

Sat. October 21, 7:30pm *Kathy Kelly* to speak at St. Andrews Church in the church hall. 124 Alden St. Syracuse

Sun. October 22, 9:30am and 11:30am *Kathy Kelly* attends mass at St. Lucy's—432 Gifford St. Syracuse

(N.B. Kathy then leaves for New York City and on to Iraq)

Mon. October 23, 7pm LeMoyne College Grewen Hall

IRAQI NIGHT - presentations by a panel with first-hand impressions of their Peace Missions to Iraq; also, update on current developments in Iraq. Students - free; adults \$10 donation for medicine for Iraqi children

(hosted by LeMoyne International House and Pax Christi)

Follow-up meeting to End the Genocide in Iraq

Nov 5, 2pm Slocum House, 208 Slocum Ave.

"In 50 years, the next generation will ask,

What were you doing when the children of Iraq were dying?"

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