

PEACE CAUCUS

Autumn 1998 Newsletter

PROGRESS FOR PEACE! and lots of work ahead. So wrote Vic Sidel in last fall's newsletter. And so it continues.

The program is inside. Please visit the PEACE CAUCUS exhibit #1235.

VERY IMPORTANT: PEACE CAUCUS party!! Where? When? No clue. But it will be at Greg Pappas's house and Joy reports that she and Greg are great cooks ("honest"). We bring the wine. They will let us know when they know. It will be an occasion NOT to be missed!

WORK ahead: There are two resolutions in the hopper for this year's APHA, proposed policy statements not yet official APHA policy (but we are working on this). Check out your program for CESSATION OF CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS calling for ratification of the CTBT, ending the "Stockpile Stewardship Program" and get on with an international treaty to abolish nuclear weapons. Also check out your program for ARMS TRADE CODE OF CONDUCT which demands of us that we adopt the Arms Trade Code of Conduct, meanwhile urging the President of the U.S. to prevent the sale of arms to governments which do not adhere to the Code.

A DAY WITHOUT THE PENTAGON, comments from Larry Egbert
On Monday, October 19, with help from many organizations, the War Resisters League led some hundreds of protesters to the U.S. Department of Defense. I supervised the First Aid Station aided by the big blue banner from Physicians for Social Responsibility. Lots of people came over to talk, fortunately unwounded. Lots of shouting why should we spend \$1.7 billion a day that the DoD thinks is needed to maintain U.S. status as the #1 power on this planet. We are told there are new military threats, the "rogue" states, the terrorist bombers. We need to keep up our skills in sending rockets across the Sudan to blow up pharmaceutical firms and other terrorists.
We spoke out loudly, a typical protest of the Pentagon and its obscene activities. The federal police were instructed to avoid arresting us but this did not seem to include being gentle! As people approached the entrance to begin their "citizen inspections", they were shoved brusquely back over a wall about four feet high.
Three paradoxes: No casualties reported to PSR's First Aid Station. Must be that peace protesters are a tough bunch. Two: I was told that PSR is not a pacifist organization. Is the Peace Caucus? Or, even if we were to espouse some wars, should we not argue the mind-boggling budget of the Pentagon? Third paradox: when the War Resister leaders announced the protest was over, we were also told that the best route back to the subway was across a huge highway. To avoid us having to walk all the way around the Pentagon, the same police who had been shoving us around would now block traffic for us to walk safely to the highway!

Someone help me with my thinking on this subject. Ellen returns from a week marching with the Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage, retracing the routes of slavery, seeing her native state of Georgia thru the eyes of Bishop Desmond Tutu, (continued on back page)

PROGRAM

November 16, 17, 18

Monday
12:15 - 2:00
Hyatt
Independence
FG room

1058 WALKING WOUNDED: the Public Health Legacy of
the Vietnam War

Elena Fitch RN, MPH and Ann Hershman, RN, FNP

Excerpts from the documentary video:
Another Brother: the Story of a Vietnam Veteran

Panel discussion to follow

Monday
2:15 - 4:00
Hyatt
Burnham
room

1122 SANCTIONS AS WAR

Presider: Ann Behrman, MD

2:15 The Uses of Haiti: Reflections on the Hypocrisy
of Sanctions

Paul Farmer MD, PhD

2:45 The Casualties of Sanctions

David Cortright, PhD

3:15 Sanctions as the Continuation of War: Mortality
Changes in Iraq

Richard Garfield, RN, DrPH

3:45 - 4:00 Discussion

Monday
4:15 - 6:00
Hyatt
Cabin John
room

1191 MILITARISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH: CASE STUDIES

Presider: Joy Marshall, MA, MD

4:15 Militarization of the U.S. Mexican Border

Janet Gottschalk, RN, DrPH, FAAN

4:35 Landmines: a Public Health Disaster, a Medical
Nightmare, a Moral Outrage

Zohra Rasekh, MPH

4:55 Approaches to Care of Survivors of Torture
and Organized Violence

Meredith Larson, MPH

5:15 The War in Chiapas

Phil Wheaton

5:35-6:00 Discussion

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Tuesday
8:30 - 10:00
Convention
Center
room 22

2061 PEACE, INDUSTRIAL CONVERSION AND WORKING FAMILIES

Presider: Rob E. McGarrah, Jr. AB, JD

8:30 Labor's Approach to Environmental Conversions

Jane Perkins

#2061 8:50 Labor Party's Agenda in the Arena of Military-
continued Industrial Conversion - Tony Mazocchi

9:10 Labor's Perspective on Military Industrial
Conversion - Joel Yudken

Tuesday
12:15 - 2:00
Hyatt
Independence
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2140 WAR AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Presider: Patrice Sutton, MPH

12:15 The Hague Appeal for Peace, 1999
Victor W. Sidel, MD

12:30 Nuclear Illustration: a Successor to the Cold War
Anthony Bale, PhD NY

12:45 Health Effects of Biological Weapons
Bob Gould, MD

1:00 The Impact of War on Women and Children in
Afghanistan: the Worst World Tragedy
Zohra Rasekh, MPH

1:15 Building Public Support for a World Without War
Barry Levy, MD, MPH

Wednesday
8:30 - 10:00
Convention
Center
room 24

3063 MARGINALIZATION

Presider: Johnbuck Creamer, BS, RN

8:30 Youth Violence - Cliff Akiyama, BA, 1997
Recipient of the Jay Drotman Memorial Award

8:50 Keeping Women and Children Last - Ruth Sidel, PhD

9:10 Marginalization, Dignity and Health
Jonathan Mann, MD, MPH

9:30 The Blessings of Civilization: an Indigenous
Perspective - Michael Bird, MSW, MPH

9:50 - 10:00 Discussion

Wednesday
2:15 - 4:00
Hyatt
Constitution
B

3200 THE VIOLENCE OF POVERTY: AN INTERNATIONAL EPIDEMIC

Presider: Gregory Pappas, MD, PhD

2:15 The Deadliest Form of Violence is Poverty: The
Economics of Society as a Predictor of Behavioral
and Structural Violence
James Gilligan, MD

2:35 The End of the Body: The Global Traffic in Organs
for Transplant Surgery, Nancy Scheper-Hughes, PhD

2:55 On Suffering and Structural Violence, view from below
Paul Farmer, MD, MPH

Wednesday 5:45 - 7 pm PEACE CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING
Renaissance Hotel room 7 all are welcome

then listening to Ambassador Andrew Young, and now we were being escorted politely by DoD police while the U.S. still threatens the world with thousands of nuclear weapons. Why are we protesting? Or, the real question: why isn't everyone protesting?

Action to Close the School of the Americas

Vigils Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22
Fort Benning, Columbus, GA
Contact: SOA Watch, (202) 234-3440

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MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Yes, I want to join the APHA Peace Caucus!

Enclosed is my check, made payable to "APHA Peace Caucus", for \$ _____

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New Member
 Renewal

APHA Member?

Yes
 No

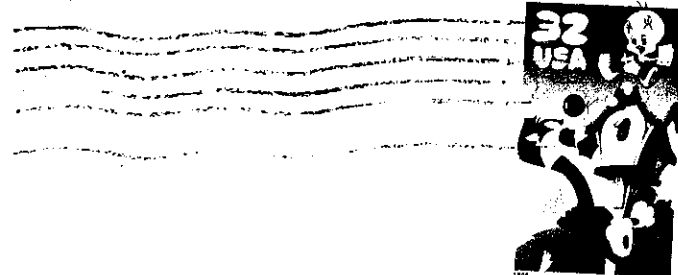
Full Member \$10

Contributing Member \$25

Sustaining Member \$50

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