

PEACE CAUCUS

Autumn 1997 Newsletter

PROGRESS FOR PEACE! and Lots of Work Ahead

The past year has been one of extraordinary accomplishment for the Peace Caucus, both within APHA and outside it. The 1996 APHA Governing Council adopted three policy statements proposed by the Caucus. The first, "Cessation of Nuclear Testing and Abolition of Nuclear Weapons," was the "permanent" version of a late-breaking 1995 statement. The 1996 Council also adopted two late-breaking statements, "A Ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention." In addition to these statements, all of which were unanimously adopted by the Council, the Peace Caucus also conducted an excellent series of sessions at the 1996 APHA Annual Meeting.

Influenced by the work of the Peace Caucus and APHA, Physicians for Social Responsibility, The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and other NGOs, the past year witnessed remarkable progress:

- The advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice (World Court) declaring the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons illegal under international law and unanimously declaring that the nuclear powers are required to proceed expeditiously with nuclear disarmament as required by Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
- The statement by 70 generals and admirals from around the world calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons.
- The report of the Canberra Commission on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- The approval by the United Nations General Assembly of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).
- The ratification by the U.S. Senate of the Chemical Weapons Convention and, with ratification by 65 nations, its coming into force.

Much, however, remains to be done:

The U.S. continues to claim the right to use anti-personnel landmines under certain circumstances and opposes the Ottawa Treaty that would totally ban them. A permanent policy statement, based on the 1996 late-breaking policy statement, will be introduced at the 1997 Governing Council calling on the U.S. to support the treaty and to sign it in Ottawa in December.

With the CWC in effect, the U.S. and other nations that have stockpiles of chemical weapons are required to destroy them by a fixed date. A permanent version of the 1996 late-breaking statement will be introduced into the 1997 Council calling for health protection during the hazardous destruction of these weapons.

Despite the U.S. signing of the CTBT, the U.S. is proceeding with subcritical testing and other elements of nuclear "stockpile stewardship" that violate the spirit if not the letter of the CTBT. The Peace Caucus will introduce a late-breaking policy statement calling for cessation of these activities. (continued on back page)

Peace Caucus Program at-a-glance APHA Annual Meeting November 10-12 1997

Session 1049
Women and War
Monday 12:15 - 1:45
Convention Center Room 211

Session 1187
War and Public Health
Monday 4:15 - 5:45
Convention Center Room 211

Session 1224
The Gulf War and Its Aftermath
Monday 7:15 - 8:45
Convention Center Room 211
(Canceled)

Session 2139
Poverty and Global Violence
Tuesday 12:15 - 1:45
Convention Center Room 211

Session 2198
**Poverty and Violence: The Sequellae of
Welfare Repeal and No Jobs**
Tuesday 2:15 - 3:45
Convention Center Room 105

Session 3188
**The Effects of International
Sanctions on Health**
Wednesday 2:15 - 3:45
Convention Center Room 139

Peace Caucus Business Meeting
Wednesday 5:45 - 7:00
Convention Center Room 139

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November 10 - November 12, 1997

Monday

12:15 - 1:45

Convention Center
Room 211

1049 Women and War

Prsider: *Ellen Barfield, Activist*

12:15 The Impact of War on the Women of Afghanistan
Zohra Rasekh, MPH

12:35 Sanctions on Iraq: The Warfare Continues
Kathy Kelly, Activist

12:55 Nicaragua and Palestine: No Active State of War but Suffering Just the Same
Ellen Barfield, Activist

1:15 Discussion

Monday

4:15 - 5:45

Convention Center
Room 211

1187 War and Public Health

Prsider: *Lawrence Egbert, MD MPH*

4:15 War and Public Health: What Is To Be Done?
Barry Levy, MD MPH

4:30 War and Public Health: What Is To Be Done?
Victor W. Sidel, MD

4:45 War and Public Health: The Next Generation
Anthony Bale, PhD

5:00 Discussion

Monday

7:15 - 8:45

Convention Center
Room 211

1224 The Gulf War and Its Aftermath

Prsider: *Ann Hirschman, FNP*

Canceled

Tuesday

12:15 - 1:45

Convention Center
Room 211

2139 Poverty and Global Violence

Prsider: *Bob Gould, MD*

12:15 Title TBA
Gregory Pappas, M.D. PhD

12:30 Effects on War in Central America
Jennifer Kasper

12:45 Human Rights Issues: From Maquilas to Migrants
Janet Gottschalk, RN Dr Ph

1:00 Discussion

Action to Close the School of the Americas

Vigils Thursday-Saturday, November 13-15

Nonviolent Civil Disobedience

Sunday, November 16

Ft. Benning, Columbus, GA

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Tuesday
2:15 - 3:45
Convention Center
Room 105

- 2198 Poverty and Violence: the Sequellae of Welfare Repeal and No Jobs**
 Presider: *Joy Marshall, MA MD*
- 2:15 Gangs and the Culture of Violence
Michael Walker, MSW
- 2:30 From Victim to Victor: One Woman's Experience of Domestic Violence
Erkka Ramey, Activist
- 2:45 Turning it Around: From the Culture of Violence to a Community of Caring
Yvonne Pointer, Community Organizer
- 3:00 Jobs, Health Care and Education: The Answer to Poverty, Isolation and Violence
David Roth, JD
- 3:15 Discussion

Wednesday
2:15 - 3:45
Convention Center
Room 139

- 3188 The Effects of International Sanctions on Health**
 Presider: Ann Behrman, MD
- 2:15 Minimizing the Economic Effects of Sanctions on Health: Lessons from Burundi, Cuba, Haiti and Iraq
- 2:45 What Works and What Doesn't? International Efforts to Safeguard the Health of Civilian Populations Under Embargo
Eric Hoskins, MD D Phil
Richard Garfield, DrPH
Elizabeth Gibbons, MS
- 3:15 Discussion

Wednesday
5:45 - 7:00
Conference Center
Room 139

PEACE CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING
ALL ARE WELCOME

International Sanctions Conference

The Human Cost of Economic Sanctions: Lessons from Burundi, Cuba, Haiti, Iraq and Yugoslavia

At the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WIS, Tuesday evening, 13 November and all day Friday, November 14.

Keynote Speaker Ramsey Clark

Student Cost \$10 Other \$25

For Information call PSR Madison, (608) 232-9945 or e-mail behrma@facstaff.wisc.edu

On June 10, 1997, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted an "Arms Trade Code of Conduct." This legislation, if adopted by the House and signed by the President, would make governments ineligible for U.S. arms and training if the President determines that they are not democratically-elected, do not have civilian control of their armed forces, or violate human rights. The Peace Caucus will introduce a late-breaking policy statement for the 1997 Council supporting the Code.

The U.S. continues to spend almost 300 billion dollars annually for military purposes. This is more than the military expenditures of the next eight nations combined. With other nations reducing their military expenditures, the United States, which in the 1980s spend about one-fourth of the world's military expenditures, will by the end of the 1990s be spending up to one-half the world's military expenditures. The APHA Governing Council, based on Peace Caucus recommendations, has adopted policy statements calling for sharp cuts in military spending by the United States.

Victor W. Sidel, MD

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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?

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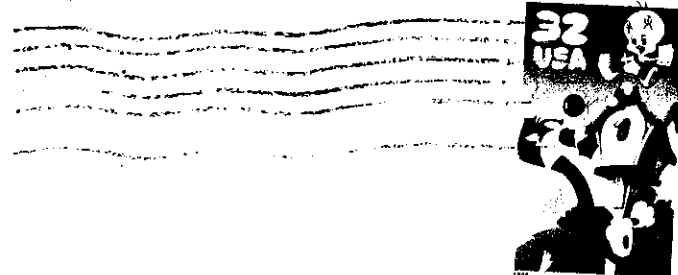
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