

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead**



# Grandmothers for Peace International

Barbara Wiedner, Founder, 1928 - 2001

Lorraine Krofchok, Director

June 2002

Founded 1982

## Grandmothers for Peace: 1982 - 2002

### May 19, 1982: A record of the first meeting

The first meeting for Grandmothers for Peace opened at 7:30 in the home of Barbara Wiedner, 2708 Curtis Way, Sacramento, Ca. Those present were Barbara Wiedner, Marie Kirrene, Trude Britton, Sister Norbert Schwegler, Ella Lively, Hortense Payne, Phyllis Quinn, Chris Delaney, Shirley Nester, Christine Bock and Evelyn Duggin. Refreshments were provided by Barbara Wiedner.

Issues discussed were -

1. Peace Sabbath Weekend - it was decided that posters be made to be used at the vigil, jazz march and picnic. Cup cakes, cookies, cakes, books, bumper stickers, etc. will be sold at the picnic.
2. June 12th rally - a hand count was taken for those taking cars or using the busses that will be provided by other groups. Hand count was not noted since no one took minutes. Trude Britton

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*"I met Barbara at a picnic in Sacramento shortly after her first arrest on Good Friday thru a friend who knew someone who knew Barbara. So, I was invited to the first official meeting and stayed heavily involved for about eight years, a rewarding experience, one that I'll always cherish." Ella Lively, above left, from a remembrance letter written May 21, 2002.*

*She is wearing the original style of GFP shirt. The unidentified person above, right, is wearing the present style.*

*Photo courtesy of Ella.*

### California Legislature recognizes May 19, 2002, as the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grandmothers for Peace International

*By Bill Wiedner*

When State Senator Machado's aide Kathy Smith read Barbara's obituary in the Sacramento Bee on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, she thought Senator Machado, who represents the 5<sup>th</sup> senatorial district which includes Elk Grove, CA, might like to honor Grandmothers for Peace International and Barbara through a Legislative Resolution. The form used is a Senate Concurrent Resolution. It would need to be passed by a majority vote in the Senate and then by the Assembly; hence, the title of "concurrent." The process requires that the resolution be referred to a committee, passed by the committee, and then receive a majority vote on the floor of each house. This is done consecutively.

The resolution was introduced in the Senate April 10, 2002. It was heard in the Senate Rules Committee on April 24, passed by a 5-0 vote on April 25, and placed on the Consent Calendar for three readings. After the second reading, it came up on the floor of the Senate for a vote — the third reading — and was passed 35-0 on May 2, and transmitted to the Assembly.

In the Assembly, the bill was referred to the Assembly Rules Committee on May 6 and was adopted by a 5-3 vote on May 9. It was then sent back to the Assembly floor where it passed 46-19 on May 20. Then it returned to the Senate where it was officially enrolled on May 21 as having successfully passed both Houses,

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## ARCHIVES OF GRANDMOTHERS FOR PEACE INTERNATIONAL ESTABLISHED AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

*by Sheila O'Neill, Archivist  
California State University, Sacramento*

The family of Barbara Wiedner, founder and director of Grandmothers for Peace International from 1982-2001, recently donated the archives of that organization to California State University, Sacramento, to be preserved along with other collec-

tions that document the history of the Peace Movement in the Sacramento region. The collection will be arranged and described in an online finding aid that will be accessible through the Web and able to be searched along with other collections related to peace and social justice.

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER 63

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Grandmothers for Peace International.

[Filed with Secretary of State May 22, 2002.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 80, Machado. Grandmothers for Peace International. This measure would recognize May 19, 2002, as the 20th anniversary of Grandmothers for Peace International.

WHEREAS, Grandmothers for Peace International is a nonprofit, grassroots organization that was formed on May 19, 1982; and WHEREAS, Originally named Grandmothers for Peace, the organization was formed during the Cold War era, with the ultimate goal of creating a “better world for future generations”; and

WHEREAS, The organization was founded by the late Barbara Wiedner when she gathered together a group of 11 grandmothers in her Sacramento, California, home after she became aware that Mather Air Force Base in Rancho Cordova, California, was the site of 150 nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, The original intent of Grandmothers for Peace International was to support other local peace organizations by educating communities about the dangers of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, Widespread publicity about the organization and its activities stimulated a tremendous increase in membership across the country and resulted in the organization modifying its intent to include activism in its mission to promote peace; and

WHEREAS, The work of Grandmothers for Peace International has expanded to address the dangers of nuclear powerplants, radioactive waste, subcritical and computerized nuclear testing, space-based nuclear development, global militarism, and other peace and justice issues that affect the human family; and

WHEREAS, The abolition of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction remains a top priority for the organization, as well as addressing violence and injustice that continue to plague our planet; and

WHEREAS, Grandmothers for Peace International is composed of volunteers and activists of all ages, both male and female, and, in 1990, expanded to include individuals from around the globe, therefore

causing it to add “International” to its original title of Grandmothers for Peace; and

WHEREAS, Several “Peace and Justice Scholarship Awards” are presented by the organization to students entering college who have volunteered their time to good causes in their communities and who plan to use their education in life-enhancing work, especially in nonviolent conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, The scholarship program and humanitarian actions of Grandmothers for Peace International are financed entirely through its fundraising letters and continuation as an all-volunteer organization; and

WHEREAS, Grandmothers for Peace International will pay tribute to its founder, Barbara Wiedner, who died on December 2, 2001, and who was dedicated to the mission and principles that this organization was established to promote; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the California Legislature recognize May 19, 2002, as the 20th anniversary of Grandmothers for Peace International; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor.

## 1982: No decision was made about dues

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volunteered to call peace centers and get the most reasonable price for bus transportation.

3. Reports - Marie Kirrene gave a report on opening a bank account. Of all the banks she contacted, she was told it would take \$100.00 to open an account. Someone suggested River City Bank and another bank was mentioned. Marie volunteered to look into it.

4. Post office box - Marie also gave a report on a P.O. box for our group. After checking with several local post

offices, she learned there was a six-month waiting list. Trude Britton volunteered to ask a friend if we could use his P.O. Box temporarily.

One of our projects for our first meeting was to make posters. Due to lack of time, we decided to each make our own poster. Barbara passed out pamphlets, articles, books — information on these and other groups was exchanged.

It was suggested that a voluntary donation be taken to start up our bank account. The money was given to Marie to keep

until an account is established. Amount of money collected unknown. Dues were discussed, but no decision was made.

It was decided that we have a chairperson and an agenda for future meetings and also a time limit.

Barbara offered to have all meetings at her home and that we take turns acting as hostess and providing refreshments.

It was decided to hold another meeting on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 P.M.

## Resolution: GFPI is now a part of California's history

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and then May 22, 2002, it was filed with the Secretary of State.

Some of the people who voted against **SCR No. 80** expressed concern that the goals of GFPI did not reflect official U.S. Government policy regarding nuclear weapons and related matters. Most of the material in **SCR No. 80** came from the GFPI official statements on its brochures. Other legislators, especially in the Assembly, were absent the day of voting or abstained from voting out of courtesy to the author or to the intent of the resolution.

Senator Machado's initial goal was to have this accomplished by May 19, 2002, so that it would reflect the actual date of the first meeting of Grandmothers for Peace which took place on May 19, 1982, — 20 years ago. Although the final filing was May 22, 2002, **SCR No. 80** is now part of California's history.

Grandmothers for Peace thanks Senator Machado and Kathy Smith for their genuine effort to honor Grandmothers for Peace and Barbara Wiedner.

(**SCR No. 80** is reprinted in resolution format on page 2. You may copy and use it. —Editor)

## Archives: American history

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The Grandmothers for Peace collection joins a growing body of documentation collected by CSUS on the history of the Peace Movement, including the records of the Sacramento Peace Center, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Papers of Congressman John Moss, the papers of former Mayor Phillip Isenberg, as well as the papers of CSUS faculty who were active in the social and political movements of the 1960s.

Taken as a whole, these collections provide valuable insight into American history during a period of immense social change, and illustrate the important role of community action in influencing national and international politics.

## 10 years; 100 winners

### Scholarship program changes, new program begins

Grandmothers for Peace is pleased to announce the **2002 Dorothy Vandercook Memorial Peace and Justice Scholarship** winners:

**James Robert Clouse**  
Waterford, MI  
**Aaron Nathaniel Grant**  
Spokane, WA  
**Marietta Linae Herinckx**  
Pendleton, OR  
**Carlos G. Villavicencio**  
San Marcos, Nicaragua

With these final four recipients, the **Dorothy Vandercook Memorial Peace and Justice Scholarship** program concludes its successful ten-year history. Since 1993, your generous donations have helped to recognize and to reward one hundred deserving students from every continent.

Although the majority of students were U.S. Citizens, there were exchange students from Russia, Bosnia, Bulgaria and Croatia;

also, there were students who stayed and studied in their own countries: Norway, Ukraine, Canada, Kyrgystan, Cote d' Ivoire, Malawi, South Africa and Nicaragua.

As this successful program ends, the newly formed **Barbara Wiedner and Dorothy Vandercook Memorial Scholarship Foundation**, with its new staff led by President Leal Portis, begins.

The **2002 BWDVMSF winners** are:

#### **\$500 winners:**

**Stephanie Miles**  
Chestnut Hill, MA  
**Heidi Holliday**  
Andover, KS

#### **\$250 winners:**

**Ji Sun (Anna) Cho**  
Dunwoody, GA  
(formerly from Paraguay)  
**Tazneen Shahabuddin**  
Lincroft, NJ

(parents from Bangladesh)

**Diane O'Brien**  
Huston, TX

**Alphonse Lukombo**  
Mozambique

**Mujda Mojadedi**  
Santa Rosa, Ca  
(originally from Afghanistan)

**Karlina Christensen**  
Newberg, OR

**Andrei Pankov**  
Southfield, MI  
(originally from the Ukraine)

**Sara Haq**  
Houston, TX  
(originally from Pakistan)

For **BWDVMSF** scholarship information, or to donate: Leal Portis, 16335 Patricia Way, Grass Valley, CA 95949, USA, phone (530) 273-6018, fax (530) 274-3284; e-mail: hopione@mindsync.com.

## Stop the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Dump

*By Bernice Kring*

The nuclear industry is determined to move spent fuel rods to Yucca Mountain, Nevada, so the commercial reactors can continue to operate. This is illogical because in over 50 years, the industry has not been able to “get it right.” Currently, there are several reactors with serious problems, but the industry does not want to shut them down — they want to patch them up.

In February 2002, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham sent his recommendation to George Bush to open Yucca Mountain for high-level radioactive waste storage. Within 24 hours, Mr. Bush approved the plan and sent his recommendation on to Congress. The report weighed 80 lbs. — Mr. Bush must have some fantastic speed-reading skills.

Governor Kenny Guinn of Nevada vetoed the plan in January, so Congress has to vote whether to uphold or override his veto. The House voted on May 8, 2002, to override, and now we await the decision of the Senate. If the Senate upholds Gov. Guinn’s veto, Yucca Mountain will not be licensed, but if

they override the veto there are still several lawsuits pending that will at least slow things down.

Yucca Mountain is a poor choice for a repository not only because of the earthquake faults and water leaks, but because transportation of over 70,000 tons of high-level radioactive waste through 43 states for at least 30 years is an extremely dangerous plan. Even the Dept. of Energy admits there will be accidents, and some of them will be very serious.

What if there had been a truck with fuel rods on that Oklahoma bridge when it was rammed by a barge? What if there had been a train carrying nuclear fuel in the Baltimore tunnel when that terrible fire happened last year that burned for so long and so hot it would have damaged any nuclear fuel cask and released radiation? What about all the train derailments — in Michigan, California, Florida, etc.? It’s an imperfect world, and accidents happen. We would be fools to gamble with the lives of everyone along the route as well as the personnel operating these trucks

and trains. And now, we are told daily how we are threatened by terrorists who don’t like America. These nuclear trucks and trains would be very interesting targets.

We need to shut down every commercial reactor in this country and store their fuel rods on site. If you make it, you keep it — forever!

Don’t think it can’t be done. Grass roots activists in Texas and California stopped low-level radioactive waste dumps. One determined lady in Oklahoma led a fight to stop construction of a nuclear reactor in her community, and she won! The citizens of Sacramento, CA, decided their nuclear power plant was more trouble than it was worth, and they voted to shut it down. It can be done, so let’s do it.

**Please continue to call Congress to oppose this dump. Regardless of the vote, the State of Nevada has lawsuits pending.**

**For more details and action information, visit the Nuclear Information and Resource Service website: <http://www.nirs.org>**

## Veterans for Peace Iraq Water Project Update

*by Barry Riesch, Board of Directors, Veterans for Peace*

With what seems to be one unending roadblock aimed at preventing us from continuing our work to educate the public about the situation in Iraq and provide the Iraqi people with clean drinking water, we are still moving forward with VFP Iraq Water Project.

After Team 2’s return last March, we started putting plans together for our next phase of The Iraq Water Project. New co-chairs and committee structure were changed as both original co-founders Fredy Champagne and Edith Eckhart were burnt out and wanted a rest. The newly elected co chairs are Art Dorland, Vickie Goodwin, and Ed Bowser. The new project director is Tom Sager who took Michael Carley’s place. A good new group. Then along comes the horror of September 11, 2001, which was not only a tragedy for America but also a major setback for our IWP and the innocents of Iraq.

We continued to move forward however, and after some technical difficulties were able to get the next phase of IWP approved by the VFP National Board early this year. Shortly after this happened we were notified by LIFE (Life For Relief And Development), our host organization that they had been warned by our government against taking further delegations into Iraq. Not wanting to lose their license they are choosing to comply. Now what? We were told that those who wanted to travel could apply for their own licenses, then on Feb. 13, 2002, Colin Powell renewed restrictions on U.S. passports for travel into Iraq. Now what? So we go to old faithful Kathy Kelly of Voices in the Wilderness who has been organizing travel to Iraq since 1996, in defiance of economic sanctions, and all U.S. government travel restrictions to Iraq. Of course Kathy has agreed to work with us and help get our team there and then LIFE will help us once we actually get to Iraq.

So our plans hold to send our next VFP IWP team into Iraq on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or soon thereafter. At this point the risks are considerably greater as we will be going in defiance of the sanctions and

with the very real possibility that our U.S. government will begin bombing Iraq at that time, but also the possibilities of fines and jail sentences. The new plants will be in Tawi on the Euphrates River and at Old Hudaidah on the Diyala River. Upon completion, these plants will deliver clean water to 15,000 residents including schools and medical clinics. In January of 2002, 15,336 people died in Iraq, 7,007 were children under the age of five. A great many of these deaths are due to water borne illnesses.

A number of Minnesotans have expressed interest in being a part of the next team. We are grateful for your courage and dedication to the people of Iraq. The risks are very high, but the potential for doing some wonderful work and showing the Iraqi people that we are with them is very high also. Kathy is very skilled in dealing with these types of tense situations and it will be a trip that those who go will always remember.

It turns my stomach when I read about Mr. Bush traveling to Korea and stating how evil it is that a government starve its people and feed its military, referring to North Korea, while over a million innocent people have died in Iraq due to our sanctions, plus how many have starved in Afghanistan, and how many are without adequate food, shelter, and health care in this country. Without batting an eye Bush can also make statements such as: we feel that the overthrow of Saddam Hussein’s regime will be best for the people of Iraq. As if we know what is best for the people of Iraq after we have inflicted so much pain and suffering on them.

To support this project, please send donations to VFP IWP, 438 N. Skinker, St. Louis, MO 63130; [www.veteransforpeace.org](http://www.veteransforpeace.org); [www.iraqwaterproject.org](http://www.iraqwaterproject.org). Contact Barry at (651) 641-1087.

(This article appeared in the Veterans for Peace News, Spring 2002, Vol. VIII [Chapter 27]).

Dear Friends,

We are all bombarded with "The Issues," so this message will focus on "we the people"! As the weeks go by, I am heartened by strangers who call and say "I want to do SOMETHING" and grateful to the people who help day by day.

I thank **Bill Wiedner**, Barbara's husband, for his continuing support and friendship. We recently toured the California State University, Sacramento, Archives where Barbara's papers will be accessible to current and future generations.

Thanks to **Corine Thornton** of the Hayward Chapter who sees that GFP shirts and totes are promptly sent out. **Pat Altenburg** continues to edit our newsletter and the wonderful finished product is what you are holding! The Dorothy Vandercook Scholarship coordinator, **Pete Altenburg**, has made that concluded program a great success.

**Leal Portis** and the Board of the new Scholarship Foundation have completed their first selections. **Bernice Kring** of the Sacramento Chapter keeps me informed and educated on the Middle East. My son **Bryan** has computerized the membership list, and my husband **Steve** is now the bulk mail expert — the rules are copious!

**Jan Provost** heads the growing Northland Chapter and continues with Project ELF. **Jean Stead**, our European contact, reports "quite a lot happening" and we will have a report in our next newsletter. There are new contact people: **Janet Hutto** in Oklahoma and **Diane Sosebee** in Alabama.

**Leal Portis**, **Corine Thornton** and I marched in San Francisco with 25,000 others on April 20, in solidarity with 75,000 in DC. **Lil Corrigan**, 79, from Georgia inspires all of us. She and husband **Bill** are active with SOA Watch as well as peace and justice issues. In May, **Peg McIntire**, 91, from Florida, along with several Sacramento GFP joined the "No Star Wars" protest rally near Lockheed/Martin in Sunnyvale, CA.

We have "generations" still seeking peace twenty years after the founding of GFP. I received this membership note in the mail: "March 1 is the three-year anniversary that my mother, **Molly Troxil**, died. She was a Grandmother for Peace member for many years. (signed) **Renee D'Anna**, a grandma now! ... and I want my grandchildren to live with knowing that peace is available today, and everyday."

Again, my thanks to all of you.

**PAX, Lorraine**

**Oklahoma: Tulsa**

**Janet Hutto, Contact Person**

The dire predictions of 20 years ago, that Tulsa would be without power unless the Black Fox nuclear power plant was built, have not come to pass. We all should take time to thank **Carrie Barefoot Dickerson** for her dedication to the future. She really deprived herself of basic human comforts to do this (see GFP Newsletter, December 1997). GFP Carrie is still dedicated to stopping the nuclear industry, but she needs your help.

"I am 85-years-young now and crippled. Yet I'm as concerned today as I was 29 years ago when I organized **Citizens' Action for Safe Energy**, the group that, after nine years and an expenditure of \$550,000, prevented the construction of Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant, planned to be built near Inola — 25 miles east of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Credit must go to the three sets of attorneys whose expert performance in the courtroom helped CASE to be the first and only group that through legal action prevented the construction of a nuclear power plant!

I spent my livelihood financing and directing that battle. Thousands of our members also helped, and **WE WON!** The story is told in my book, "**Aunt Carrie's War Against Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant.**"

When I started the Black Fox fight, I was only 56, and my husband and I were operating our 100-bed nursing home. Robert provided the money from calf sales from the farm and profits from Aunt Carrie's Nursing Home for expenses to help stop Black Fox. We eventually sold the N.H. and used the proceeds to pay for more expenses.

Today, I do not have the assets we had then, and my husband is deceased. We need help to pay expenses to work against the Yucca Mt. Waste Plan, and the Energy Bill before Congress. Among other things, if it passes, it will provide funding from our tax dollars to build new nuclear power plants in our nation!"

**To order "Aunt Carrie's War Against Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant,"** please send \$25.00 (includes S/H) to: Carrie Dickerson, PO Box 2584, Claremore, OK 74018

**Wisconsin: Northland**

**Janet Provost, President**

Shutdown Project ELF\* at Clam Lake, Wisconsin, was well attended on Mother's Day in spite of the cold, rainy weather. About 100 brave souls showed up and six people were arrested for crossing the line.

I am not sure exactly how many GFP members were there, but our very first member, Bertha Kurki, High Bridge, WI, was there carrying our very first GFP sign.



*Bertha Kurki, left, and Jan Provost*

Speakers, a musician, a puppet show, and Mike Miles with his Peace Bus helped make this a family action. Mike's Mobile Peace Center has traveled 5,000 miles this past year to the SOA, Walk for Healing, and beyond.

**Contact:** Jan Provost; G4Peace1@aol.com  
(\*ELF is Extremely Low Frequency signals sent to submerged nuclear submarines. —Editor)

**California: San Luis Obispo County**  
**Molly Johnson, Area Coordinator**

Grandmothers for Peace/San Luis Obispo County Chapter has joined with **Mothers for Peace** and others in intervening in PG&E's application with the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) for on-site dry cask storage. We are excited to announce that the NRC has granted the petition for intervenor status — the right to address safety issues. We are doing this to protect our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren and all the generations to come.

"The NRC ruled that the Mothers for Peace Petitioners showed that the proposed action [PG&E's radioactive waste expansion] will cause "injury in fact" to the petitioner's interest ... that petitioners will personally suffer a "distinct and palpable" harm, that the injury can fairly be traced to the challenged actions and that the injury is likely to be redressed by a favorable decision in the proceeding."

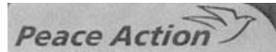
**Contact:** www.mothersforpeace.org or call 773-3881; to reach Molly Johnson: peace-grannie@hotmail.com

Chicago, Illinois

July 26-28, 2002

Peace Action

15<sup>th</sup> National Congress



On Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>,

protest the President's global war at the headquarters of the Boeing Co. — makers of "SMART" bombs that fail, missing their targets and killing civilians; lead contractor for Star Wars.

The 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, brush up on activist skills and hear speeches from US Rep. Dennis Kucinich and 9/11 widow and peace activist Amber Amundsen.

**Contact:** Peace Action, 1819 H St. NW, Suite 420, Washington, DC 20006; Tel: (202) 862-9740, ext. 3038; Web: www.peace-action.org

Livermore, California

August 3, 2002

Remembering Hiroshima



A massive Rally and March from Carnegie Park (Fourth and J Streets, downtown Livermore) to

Livermore Lab begins at 11 am.

We will remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the devastation wrought by the atomic bombing. As people of the Earth, we will gather to say "never again" to nuclear weapons, to speak the truth about the immorality of these weapons and to reject the Bush Administration's "war on terrorism" and its attempts to secure global domination by designing new, ultimate weapons of terror.

**Contact:** Tri-Valley CAREs (925) 443-7148; www.trivalleycares.org

Nevada Test Site

October 4-11, 2002

Action for Nuclear Abolition



The Shundahai Network (Shundahai means "Peace and Harmony with All Creation") invites you to a weekend of ceremony, planning meetings and nonviolent-direct action to shut the test site down and "Reclaim the Land for All Life."

Join with people from around the world taking action to oppose US nuclear weapons and nuclear waste policy.

**Contact:** Shundahai Network (800) 471-4737; www.shundahai.org

The World

October 4-11, 2002

Keep Space for Peace Week:

International Days of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space



Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space is calling for a week of peace events in 2002. Last year, the number of local actions

doubled — 115 actions in 19 countries.

In addition to local protests at key space installations, groups are urged to organize events throughout the week that would include visits to political leaders, community teach-ins, meetings of religious leaders, visits to local schools, media work, and public displays. Help build this vital global movement to stop the nuclearization and weaponization of space.

**Contact:** Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, PO Box 90083, Gainesville, FL, 32607; (352) 337-9274; www.space4peace.org

Fort Benning, Georgia

November 15-17, 2002

WHISC/SOA



Join us to give witness to justice and to demand the closure of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC)/School of the Americas. On January 17, 2001, The SOA was replaced by the WHISC — it is a new name, but the same shame.

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Come to Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, to defy this system of terror and violence, and to work toward a culture of justice and peace. Come to the home of the SOA and give witness to the tragedies of our own US-supported terrorist-training school. We will use non-violent resistance to express the horrors of the SOA and to express solidarity with our sisters and brothers of Latin America.

Start organizing now — please get in touch with a local group in your area, invite an SOA Watch Prisoner of Conscience to speak in your community.

**Contact:** SOA Watch Washington, DC, (202) 234-3440; www.soaw.org; info@soaw.org

**Hats on to GFP**

Please note: we have a new item for peaceful protesting — an adjustable Baseball Cap with the GFP Logo. Please see page 7 for more details.

The World

International Day of Action

December 1, 2002

WRI Prisoners for Peace Day



War Resisters' International will focus on support to peace activists and

conscientious objectors.

Introduced in the 1950s, Prisoners for Peace Day is a way to support those imprisoned for their stand against war and war preparations by sending greeting cards to prisoners, and raising public awareness of prisoners for peace.

**Contact:** WRI, War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10012-2782; www.wri-irg.org



**"From Warriors to Resisters: US Veterans on Terrorism,"** Edited by Margaret Knapke. Original edition published by fxBear, Yellow Springs, Ohio. Copyright 2002 by SOA Watch.

In her introduction, Knapke says: "This book offers tales of awakening ... In light of the changed social and political climate following 9-11, and considering our current wars against drugs and terrorism, it is critical that we listen to our veterans.

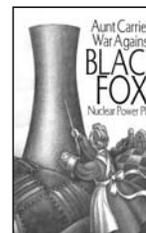
"They have 'been there' ... these seasoned resisters write from their deep faith in the dignity of the human spirit, as well as the possibilities of human community."

There are eleven personal narratives. One is by Lil Corriagan, a GFP member.

**To order:** SOA Watch, PO Box 4566, Washington, DC 20017; \$7.00 plus \$3.00 S/H.



Lil and Bill Corriagan at an SOA demonstration, Fort Benning, GA.



**"Aunt Carrie's War Against Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant,"** by Carrie Barefoot Dickerson who fought a nine-year battle in hearing rooms, the news media, and the streets, to stop the construction of Black Fox — she won! See

pg. 5 for a Carrie update.

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## Sand & Stone

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE."

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near

drowning, he wrote on a stone: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

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## Grandmothers for Peace

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## The 2002 Military Budget = \$348 Billion

Horrifying news comes from all over the globe. The bloodshed and death in the Middle East, India and Pakistan threaten nuclear holocaust, the current US administration continues with a "never ending war" all over the world, our Bill of Rights dismantled almost daily, fear used as control, and on it goes.

Billions go to the "defense" budget — but are we "safe and protected?"

The breakdown **below is what it costs taxpayers** to continue the spiral of spending with no accountability. Visualize a peace economy — improved education, roads, public transportation, health care, and environmental excellence. Now, blink four or five times — a new teacher could have been paid.

### The 2002 Military Budget = \$348,000,000,000

Per Day.....\$953,400,000  
 Per Hour.....\$39,700,000  
 Per Minute.....\$662,000  
 Per Second.....\$11,000

Everyday, every hour, every minute, every second,  
 day in and day out, 365 days a year!  
 (*and*, it will increase \$48 billion\* in 2003.)

Please clip and use these statistics.  
 Peace be with all of us, Lorraine

## \*How much is \$48 billion?

The proposed military spending *increase* — \$48 billion — is more than three times the combined defense budgets of Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Libya, Cuba, Sudan and Syria, those nations traditionally regarded as "rogue nations" or "states of concern." Clearly, the United States dwarfs the rest of the world in military spending: the proposed increase is larger than the entire defense budget of every other country, except Russia (\$60 billion).

Source: Center for Defense Information



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