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About the Cover: Kristin Mosher's photo of hand-made peace lanterns captures the spirit of the Interfaith Sharing for Peace, which recognized the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The 2008 event, held at the Zen Center, involved people from a dozen religious and spiritual traditions. Afterward, 20 lanterns were launched on Onondaga Creek. To learn about this year's Hiroshima/Nagasaki events see page 4. *Layout by Kirstie Peña.*

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

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

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Educate, Agitate, Organize: SPC IN ACTION

compiled by Andy Mager

Aly Wane “Comes Out” of the Shadows

On June 25, SPC activist Aly Wane “came out” as an undocumented immigrant. A front page *Post Standard* article told his story. Born in Senegal, Aly has lived over half his life in the US and calls this home. He hasn’t been to Senegal since he was seven, entered the US legally and has been here ever since. (See page 5 for more.)

Aly chose to announce his immigration status as an act of political resistance, after years of work to change US immigration policy. A news conference at All Saints Church was well attended by reporters and over 200 supporters. It was followed by a party celebrating Aly as a loved and valued member of our community. Food, music, talk and a ritual of connection closed the evening.

SPC’s statement on immigration was printed in the *Post Standard*. See peacecouncil.net/nonillegal.

Great progress has already been made toward Aly’s goal of promoting open discussion on immigration issues in Central New York. He is happy to write articles, speak to groups and engage in conversation. Contact aly@peacecouncil.net.

Staff Transition

SPC is in a time of transition following a decade of remarkable staff stability. Longtime staffperson Jessica Maxwell has accepted her “dream job” co-coordinating the Southside Community

Farm (see Activist Appreciation). At press time we are reviewing applications for a new staffperson. In addition, Andy Mager is in transition, devoting more of his time to NOON’s Two Row Wampum Campaign (see page 14). Ursula Rozum has taken on



Aly speaks with Fred Daley at his “Coming Out of the Shadows” party, which followed the news conference. Photo: Carol Baum



Jessica founded SPC’s Bikes for Peace program, one of her many contributions over the past decade. Photo: Stasya Erickson

some of Andy’s hours and that transition will continue if sufficient funds are raised for Andy to focus more, or all of his time, on the Two Row.

Activist Appreciation: Jessica Maxwell

Just 10 short years ago Jessica Maxwell came into the SPC office on Burnet Ave. asking how she could get involved in our work. We quickly realized that Jessica was a smart, skillful organizer. She helped coordinate the Hiroshima Commemoration that summer, and in the fall, as the drumbeats for war against Iraq grew, she stepped up and was hired as a temporary anti-war organizer. She’s been on staff ever since.

Jessica has contributed to SPC’s growth and development in so many ways since then. Jessica is leaving her staff position to pursue her passions for social justice and agriculture at the Southside Community Farm. We are so happy for her, but we’re sure going to miss her on staff!

Jessica is a keen thinker, a hard worker and a quick study. Over the years she has led SPC’s Youth and Militarism work, building valuable connections with young people. She developed the summer Bikes for Peace program and has taken leadership on a variety of environmental concerns, including nuclear power and public power. In recent years she has laid out the *Peace Newsletter* and represented SPC on various coalitions. When discussions were difficult or tense, Jessica’s even keel helped us to stay focused. She’s a skilled facilitator and passionate public speaker.

Space prevents us from honoring all her talents. Suffice it to say that SPC is a stronger, more effective organization for her many contributions. We’re delighted that she’ll continue to connect with SPC’s work. Thank you Jessica.

Summer Picnic Thank You Jessica!

SPC’s annual summer picnic will double as a thank you and appreciation party for Jessica Maxwell. Join us on **Friday, August 3** from 5:30-9 pm at Gypsy Bay on the south shore of Cazenovia Lake (directly across Rt. 20 from the Lorenzo Historic Site). Bring food to share, swimming gear,

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etc. Raindate is Friday, August 10 same time. Contact Gavin.

March for a Nuclear Free Future

On Monday, August 6, SPC and Peace Action will host our annual commemoration of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (August 6 and August 9, 1945). Featuring giant puppets and colorful banners and flags, our March for a Nuclear Free Future often causes passersby to stop in their tracks to observe our message of peace and clean energy. We hope you'll join in this amazing event. The line up is at 11:30 am behind the City Hall Commons (E. Washington St. between Montgomery and Warren Streets). We kick off promptly at noon, marching through busy areas of downtown and ending a little over a mile later on the lawn of the MOST in Armory Square. We need at least 50 people to carry all our props. A brief reflection and program will follow the procession.

Two weeks earlier, on Sunday, July 22, we'll host a Peace Picnic at Thornden Park (near the Lily Pond) from 3-5 pm featuring family-friendly activities, including the story of Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes. We'll fold paper cranes to give out during the procession. Contact Claire.

Demo Condemns Obama's Kill List

On June 28, SPC's Ground the Drones Committee protested President Obama's "Kill List," a list of individuals that the President decides to assassinate with Reaper Drones. Since Reapers are piloted from Hancock Airbase, it was particularly relevant to demonstrate at the Syracuse Federal Building. The demonstration of about 40 people included a tableau of a drone strike with activists acting as dead civilians, a mother holding a dead child, a drone operator, Uncle Sam holding a kill list and a model Reaper.

Earlier in the week, activists walked through downtown Syracuse with a large

model Reaper Drone and a costumed Grim Reaper, handing out leaflets along the way. We will continue leafleting throughout the summer. To help, contact Claire Bach at SPC. Many thanks to our terrific interns Claire Bach, Rachel Cary and Gavin Caster for organizing the demonstration.

- Gavin Caster

Hot Activism in Ground the Drones, End the Wars

Civil Resistance at Hancock. At the same time as the "Kill List" protest, 15 members of the Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars were arrested for "trespass" at Hancock. SPC activists Rae Kramer and Ed Kinane were among those reading aloud a citizens' indictment for war crimes and blockading Hancock's main entrance for over two hours with two large, beautiful banners (kudos to Ithaca artist, Dan Burgevin). Amy Goodman cited the event on "Democracy Now," using footage from John Amidon's 15-minute YouTube video of the blockade. Hancock is home to the robotic Reaper drone, no-

PEACE OUTREACH

Show your opposition to war and the reaper drones! Bring your own sign or use one of ours.

Tuesdays: 4:15-5 pm

- July 24** Northern Lights (*Mattydale*)
- July 31** Northern Lights (*Mattydale*)
- Aug 7** Hancock Air Base Entrance (*E. Molloy Rd., between Thompson & Townline Rd.*)
- Aug 14** E. Seneca Tpk. & S. Salina St. (*Valley*)
- Aug 21** Hancock Air Base Entrance
- Aug 28** E. Seneca Tpk. & S. Salina St. (*Valley*)

Saturdays: 9-10 am

Park St. across from the Regional Market main entrance.

Contact Ed or Ann, 315-478-4571

the interest of justice."

Permits, permits, permits. The Hancock 33 case led to a constructive meeting with the Town of DeWitt Police Chief about the town permit ordinance. (We believe the 33 had been exercising First Amendment rights and needed no permit.) The upshot of the meeting was that SPC now has a permit for our twice-monthly demos outside Hancock's main gate, and the Police Chief raised the issue of the vague ordinance at a DeWitt Town meeting. Several Peace Council members also testified at that meeting. The Town is now looking into rewriting its permit requirements.

Meanwhile, a 30-day notice period for permits has been instituted at the Federal Building, effectively making emergency response protests impossible. The permit for our "Kill List" demonstration was expedited and we are looking to change the 30-day policy.

Thanks to Barrie Gewanter of the NYCLU for her assistance.



Uncle Sam (Andrew Greco) with Obama's "Kill List," part of the tableau at the Federal Building. Photos: Maddy Jones

torious for killing civilians in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Hancock 33 Peacewalkers case dismissed. On April 22, Onondaga County Sheriffs pre-emptively arrested 33 upstate New Yorkers, charging us with "parading without a permit" as we walked, solemnly, silently and single file on the shoulder of the road to Hancock Air Base. On June 14 in DeWitt Town Court the charges were dropped "in

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At Home at Last: *Undocumented and Unafraid*

Aly Wane

Ever since I “came out” to Syracuse, my home community, as an undocumented person, I have experienced a paradox. On the one hand, I am aware that ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) or Border Patrol can pick me up at any time, throw me into a detention center and deport me from the country I have called home for so many years. On the other hand, I feel freer and more inwardly calm than I have in years. The unnecessary charade is over: the community knows who I am. I have stated unequivocally that I belong on this spot of our beautiful planet. When I walk around Syracuse, I can finally say the words: “I am home.” It’s been a long journey.

I called the press conference in which I publicly announced my undocumented status a “coming out of the shadows” event. I did so intentionally because being undocumented, a so-called illegal alien, is to lead a twilight existence. One is constantly hovering between two or more lands. For a while, I didn’t know where I belonged, and, more importantly, *if* I belonged anywhere. I have already written a short biographical statement which explains how I became undocumented (see peacecouncil.net/noneillegal). What I want to address in this essay is the decision-making process which led to my coming out.

Fear

Being undocumented often means being stressed and/or fearful for most of one’s

Aly Wane is an immigration reform activist and is a member of the editorial committee of the Peace Newsletter.

waking hours. I was always afraid of others discovering my “terrible secret.” I wondered who I could trust, especially since I knew that I was more stereotype than person; I was “an illegal,” which in today’s society often translates into “lazy,” “leech” and “dangerous.” For many of my friends who

eyes, ears, hair or mouth. He was the very representation of an indifferent, Kafkaesque immigration system. I was its prisoner. Since I couldn’t work, I volunteered with many different organizations, from Better Existence with HIV and the American Friends Service Committee while I lived in Chicago,

to Unity Acres, St. Francis Farm and the Syracuse Peace Council here in Upstate NY. However, no matter how bold my activism, one issue I was terrified to address was that of immigration reform. It hit too close to home. On 9/11, I remember having two different feelings. Like most people, I was horrified at the scale and magnitude of the event, the wanton slaughter of innocents. But at the same time I thought: “This country will turn very nasty when it comes to foreign policy and will increase its demonizing of immigrants.” Sadly, that easy prediction was correct.

Solidarity

About three and half years ago, I started to hear that some people in Syracuse were being “disappeared” from our streets. It turned out they had been taken by Border Patrol, which had been aggressively hunting down undocumented immigrants. These were not the criminals you hear about in the political debate – these were good, hard-working individuals, some with US citizen/wives, husbands and children, who were being brutally separated from their loved ones. I decided that I had to help. There is an activist lesson here. It wasn’t until I saw how the immigration system unfairly treated other immigrants that I



Undocumented and unafraid at the “Coming Out of the Shadows” news conference on June 25. Photo: Andy Mager

are undocumented, the simple act of driving is terrifying since a small traffic accident can result in ICE or Border Patrol being called for “translation” services. The result is almost always detention and deportation.

But one of the deepest fears I experienced was an existential one. I started to wonder whether I belonged. This is true of many young, undocumented people who, like me, were brought as children and who are, for all intents and purposes, paperless Americans. Years ago, I had a recurring nightmare in which I was being interviewed by an INS official (the Immigration and Naturalization Service was the main immigration administrative agency before 9/11). I would plead tearfully to the officer that I was a good person, an American “on the inside” and that I deserved a chance to stay here. The officer sat behind a desk, dressed in a suit and tie, and had a head with no facial features – no nose,

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started to broaden my thinking. My encounter with other undocumented people in the Syracuse community helped me put my own plight in perspective and made me question the validity of an immigration system that would deport hard-working individuals with families and no criminal records. Unconsciously, I was moving away from personal analysis towards solidarity. After working with two local groups, the Detention Task Force and the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS), I realized that all we could offer undocumented individuals who had been detained was bail money and support until they were deported. We could not stop their deportation. We exhausted every avenue offered to us working within the system. This was deeply frustrating and I flirted with despair.

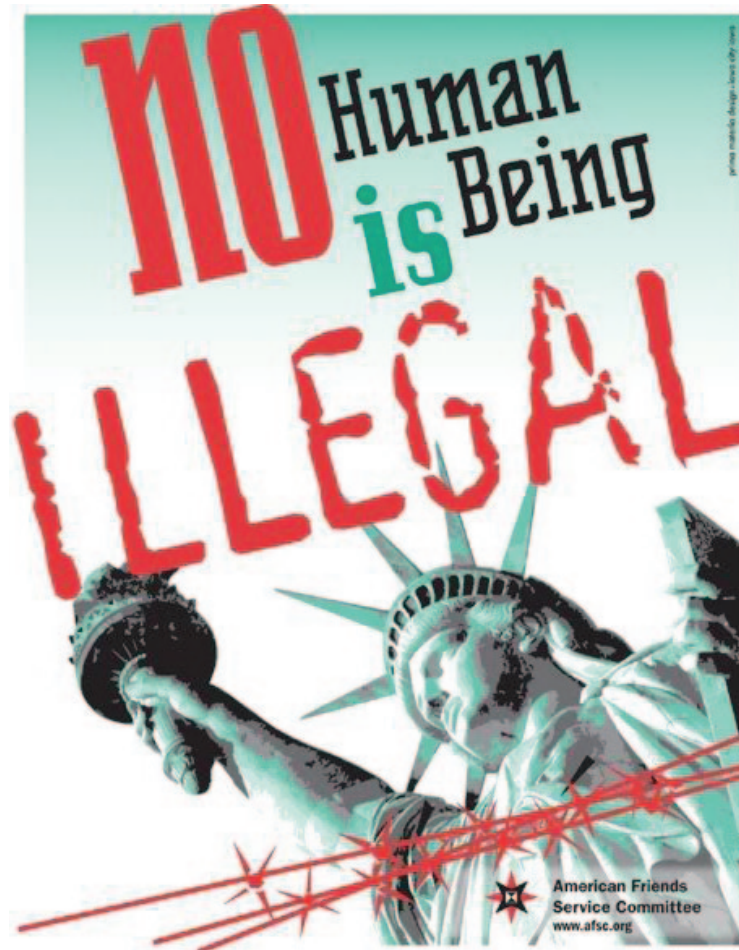
Hope

Finally, in early 2010, I heard about the Trail of DREAMS Action. Four young undocumented people, Carlos Roa, Jr., Felipe Sousa Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez and Gaby Pacheco, took part in a 1,500 mile walk from Florida to Washington, DC. They shared their stories along the way and met with President Obama to pressure him to push for the DREAM Act, a piece of legislation that would offer undocumented people brought here as children a path to citizenship, as long as they fulfilled either military or educational requirements. This act of bravery shook my world as an activist. Not only were they out and unashamed, they asserted without apology their right to be here. Beyond the immense physical endurance the walk required, they were under tremendous psychological pressure, including a challenge by members of the Ku Klux Klan while they were marching through the South, a chilling reminder of the racism behind anti-immigrant rhetoric.

They inspired me to confront my own fears about my legal status. Ever since then, I have contemplated coming out in order to provoke some stereotype-breaking conversations here in Syracuse, my home.

This process was very long, and I owe an immense debt to a support group that met periodically to help me deal with my fears and frustrations. I am absolutely clear that without their help, I would not have found the courage to come out. This is an instance in which I am privileged. Many undocumented individuals have very little support in dealing with their struggles.

Despite all, I believe that the United States, my home, will eventually pass comprehensive immigration reform legislation



that will allow families to remain intact and make it easier, in this increasingly globalized society, for people to cross borders to find the work they are most suited for. This nation is, and has always been, an experiment in migration. Except for Native Americans, all US citizens have stories of immigration. My challenge as an activist is to help reawaken the immigrant imagination at the core of this country's DNA. In the next few months, I hope to speak to people in my community, reassure them, and argue that the new wave of immigrants is no different than the older waves. The overwhelming majority of undocumented people are folks

who already contribute to this society, who want to integrate, and are already reinvigorating this economy. Contrary to right-wing rhetoric, undocumented immigrants contribute more to this society than they take away. They often pay taxes (income, sales, property) that fund programs they are ineligible for (such as Social Security) and have no access to social services (except for emergency, life-saving health care). I do understand why immigration is such a difficult topic for many US citizens. We are still in the midst of an economic crisis largely caused by supply side economics, deregulation, a relentless assault on unions and workers' rights, and a banking industry run amok. The productivity of US workers has increased while wages have stagnated (or gotten worse) except for the wealthiest group of US citizens. In this atmosphere, it is very easy to look for economic scapegoats and this role is filled by undocumented immigrants. Undocumented immigrants are not the problem, however, and we have to develop a vocabulary of economic solidarity which will help all workers, both US-born and undocumented. One reason I came out was to help articulate this and reduce the amount of fear-based rhetoric around immigration reform.

When I finally came out on June 25, I didn't know what the community's response would be. So far it has been overwhelmingly positive. Those friends who hadn't known about my status have redoubled their support, and I have had conversations with conservative acquaintances that have been deeply encouraging. So far, I have neither heard from ICE nor Border Patrol, but I am prepared for that contingency. If I have to accept time in detention, or even deportation, it will still have been worth it. No matter what, I will feel like I have expressed something essential: I already am American, and so are many undocumented people who were brought here as youth. We just don't have the legal papers. Yet.

The Bomb and the Drone: The Grim Reaper Keeps Taking Its Toll

Ed Kinane

The lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki belong always before us. The agony of those two cities must remain our dark beacon.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki wasn't so much about targets as about audiences. We—or rather, the very highest reaches of the US government—annihilated a couple hundred thousand nameless, unarmed, undefended human beings to warn the world: “Don’t mess with us; we run things now.”

Thanks to its atomic prowess—showcased at H/N—for over 65 years the US has been able to hold the planet hostage. It deploys nuclear blackmail to further its corporations’ grip on the world’s resources and markets. But such gunboat diplomacy has only partially succeeded.

The Soviets soon acquired the Bomb terrorizing us here in our previously invincible Homeland. So the pitiless logic of proliferation made us all far less safe.

The Big Lie(s)

Every August 6 letters to editors perpetuate the last century’s most enduring myth: the Bomb forced the fanatic, loathsome Japs to surrender. Japan would not have to be invaded. Thousands of G.I. lives were thereby saved. Thank God for the Bomb!

Never mind that by spring 1945, the US Air Force ruled Japanese skies. Never mind that after merciless firebombing, Japan’s major cities now lay in ashes, their people incinerated. Never mind that the US Navy ruled the sea; that not a grain of rice could penetrate its blockade. Never mind that Japan was totally depleted by years of war. Never mind that Japan had already been seeking surrender.

Mr. Truman and the generals could have accepted Japan’s one nonnegotiable

demand: to treat its divine emperor with respect. Alternatively, they could have let Japan dangle for as long as it took and

Hellfire missiles and 500-pound bombs. And do so with scant knowledge of their non-combatant victims and with no physical risk. Can anything be more disdainful of honor, more disdainful of life?



Drone strike near Pakistan/ Afghanistan border. Image: experts.foreignpolicy.com. Inset: Nagasaki atomic blast. Image: Trumanlibrary.org.

then swept in to feed the emaciated and bury the dead.

Afghanistan/Pakistan/Yemen echo Hiroshima/Nagasaki. With its new cutting edge technology the Pentagon still trots out the old myth: the Reaper drone is all about “saving our boys’ lives.” And Bomb-like, the Reaper proclaims: “If you defy us, wherever you are, we will hunt you down and kill you.” *Déjà vu.*

Once again, clandestinely and without referendum, the Pentagon has embarked on a new era of terror. To add menace to dread, its robotic warfare comes with almost preternatural surveillance...both over there and, soon, here.

For several years the Pentagon has used high-tech robots like the Predator and the Reaper not only for surveillance, but to blow up people and things in Afghanistan. Defying international law, the CIA uses the Reaper to assassinate nameless “bad guys” in Pakistan. In Yemen the Reaper perpetrates extrajudicial executions and even hunts down and kills US citizens. That’s what happens when your name somehow appears on White House “kill lists” reviewed by Mr. Obama himself.

The “beauty” of it is that technicians, wielding joysticks at satellite-linked computers thousands of miles from combat, pilot these unmanned drones. They can deliver—“with laser accuracy”—their

Mission Creep

The Reaper—piloted from, among other places, our local Hancock Air Base—has become the Pentagon’s and the CIA’s darling. With no on-board crew, no US personnel die when the Reaper crashes or is hacked or shot down. With few witnesses, with no maimed vets and no awkward body bags shipped home, few ask: Why are we there? Who benefits? What’s our complicity? What’s become of our humanity?

So opaque is our bubble, so pervasive is the distancing, so unaccountable is drone warfare, that mission creep is guaranteed. Mission creep: the slide into perpetual warfare.

Like Japan’s hundreds of thousands of civilian casualties, the Reaper’s civilian casualties in Afghanistan/Pakistan/Yemen fail to matter. Few ask: What’s the human cost? What’s the blowback? We forget that victims anywhere surely have survivors nursing enduring hatred for the US. But—hey, not to worry!—those further security threats keep the pot boiling. And General Atomics, Lockheed and other corporate war profiteers continue to reap their billions.

One day drone missiles may strike Hancock Air Base. And if nearby communities are hit...well, aren’t we *very* accepting of “collateral damage”? Thanks to the Pentagon’s love affair with death—and thanks to the trillions we squander on “defense”—the world is much safer...for corporate greed. Most dare not allow themselves to see how those military contracts ravage our already depressed economy.

Fifty nations reportedly are either importing or manufacturing their own drones. This past spring the US sold six weaponized drones to Italy—*Italy*?! Like nuclear proliferation, drone proliferation may haunt us til the end of our days.

Unless....

Ed is an SPC anti-militarism activist. He's one of the "Hancock 2," the "Hancock 33," the "Hancock 15" and the "Hancock 38." Reach him at edkinane@verizon.net.

Walking for Peace: No More Fu

Amelia Ramsey-Lefevre

As you read this, about a dozen activists are circumnavigating Lake Ontario on foot – a total of 400 miles – to publicize the presence and impact of the 17 nuclear reactors and a handful of uranium mining and fuel production sites on its shores. The Peace Walkers remind us that “it has been proven time and time again that humans do not have the capability to control the long-term effects of nuclear power from uranium mining to power production and radioactive waste. Nuclear power is not sustainable from environmental, human rights or economic standpoints.” The Peace Walk is initiated by Nipponzan Myohoji and the Grafton Peace Pagoda and is supported by numerous groups including SPC, Peace Action CNY, and Alliance for a Green Economy. In July, the Walkers stopped for events in Syracuse and Oswego. The Peace Walk will end on August 11 at the Grafton Peace Pagoda with a ceremony in honor of Hiroshima Day. For information call Hannah at 781-472-9676.

INDIGENOUS LAND IN DANGER

The Peace Walkers decision to start their journey at the Onondaga Nation is significant and intentional. As their literature states, “Lake Ontario is sacred to the First Nation people of the US and Canada, and yet it is being highly contaminated by 13 nuclear reactors on the Canadian side and four reactors on the US side (and the US government wants to build two more). Native people have disproportionately high cancer rates due to higher exposure from nuclear radiation created by nuclear waste dumping and uranium mining on Native lands.”

IT DOESN'T TAKE A TSUNAMI

Two of the boiling water reactors on the shore of Lake Ontario share the exact design of those plants that melted down in Fukushima, Japan in March 2011. All it takes to trigger a meltdown is a loss of power (preventing water from being pumped to cool the radioactive fuel). Last year in Fukushima, a tsunami caused the power outage. In CNY, it could be an ice storm or even a simple thunderstorm. With those plants less than 40 miles from Syracuse, we are all at risk of radiation poisoning in the event of a meltdown.

LEAKS ARE ROUTINE

Each reactor draws hundreds of millions of gallons of water every day to cool the reactor core. All too often, this radiated water is accidentally released as liquid or steam. The likelihood of these leaks increases as the reactors age, but perhaps even more disconcerting is the response of industry representatives. Responding to questions about a March 2011 water leak at Pickering A, one local expert said, “the water was not radioactive at all”; while an Ontario Power Generation representative called it “normal water with a bit of radiation.” A bit? How much radiation can you, or your kids, or your parents tolerate in your water?

Amelia works to abolish nuclear power and weapons at Peace Action of Central New York. See her references for this article at peacecouncil.net/pnl.

Pickering

- Pickering, ON
- eight CANDU reactors (two dormant)
- reactors are 26-41 years old



REACTOR

PWR - Pressurized Water Reactors are the most common. Similar to the BWR, but in contrast to the CANDU, they use water to moderate the nuclear fission reaction. *Ginn*

BWR - Boiling Water Reactors are the second most common. Dr. Helen Caldicott describes them as “a very elegant design” because the basic task of the reactor core is to boil water. Mile I & II and FitzPatrick are all BWRs. Nine of the Fukushima reactors that melted down in 2011 were BWRs.

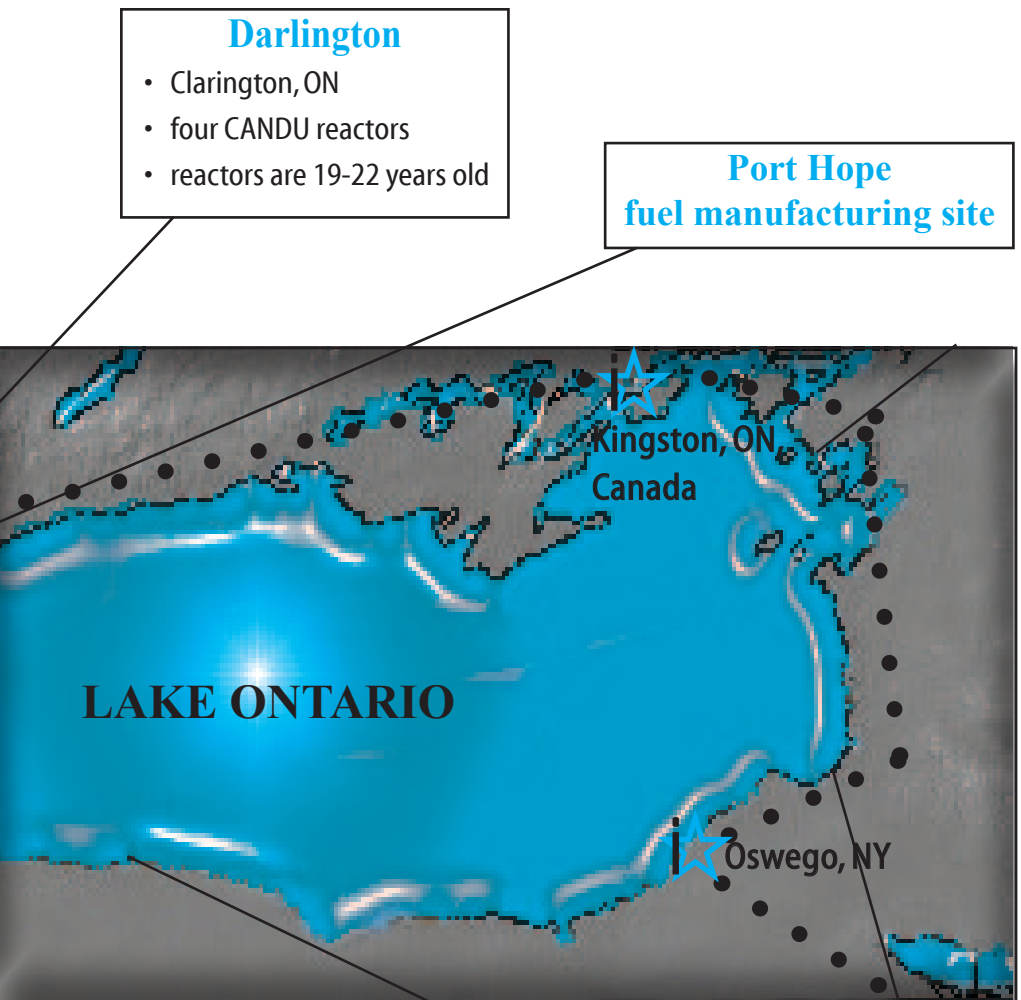
CANDU - All nuclear reactors in Canada are the CANDU type. This heavy water-moderated reactor is distinctive because it is also unusual in that it can use a variety of fuels. It is also significant because it necessitates a higher level of safety than a PWR. This is significant because it necessitates the risk of a spill or an accident. In 2010, CANDU reactors produced about 20% of all electricity in Canada.

Fukushima

TURNING POWER INTO BOMBS

[Nuclear power] is not cheap because it's all paid for by tax dollars... No other industry has that sort of subsidization and do you know why? Because [nuclear power] is the prodigal son of the weapons industry. When nuclear power was developed by Eisenhower in the '50s – "Atoms for Peace" – the weapons industry "required nuclear power as a sort of Trojan horse, a camouflage to hide behind." And then everyone said it was safe. The Japanese didn't want nuclear power after Nagasaki and Hiroshima but they were talked into it... And any country that has a reactor [has] a bomb factory. ... Each reactor makes 500 pounds of plutonium a year; plutonium lasts for half a million years; and all you need is five pounds to make yourself a nuclear weapon. So by selling nuclear power abroad, [the US] is causing proliferation of nuclear weapons.

-Dr. Helen Caldicott



Darlington

- Clarington, ON
- four CANDU reactors
- reactors are 19-22 years old

Port Hope fuel manufacturing site

Kingston, ON

Canada

Oswego, NY

DESIGNS

most common reactor type in the western world. CANDU design, PWR's use "light" (or regular) water and heavy water is the only PWR on this map.

second most common reactor design, after PWRs. "Pressurized water reactor" is an expensive and complicated way to boil water "without boiling water to steam, which turns turbines. Nine Mile I and FitzPatrick share the exact design as of March 2011.

the CANDU (Canada Deuterium Uranium) design. It is unique in its ability to be refueled at full power. It uses fuel types including fuel that was already used in reactors. The transport of spent fuel, which increases the risk of proliferation. CANDU reactors provided 55% of Ontario's electricity,

Ginna

- Ontario, NY
- one pressurized water reactor
- reactors are 42 years old

Nine Mile Point and Fitzpatrick

- Scriba, NY
- three boiling water reactors
- plants are 24-42 years old

Monday, August 6 Annual Hiroshima Day Dramatic Procession

Join us as we mournfully remember the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and say, "Another world is possible." Meet at 11:30 near City Hall. Please wear white or light-colored clothing to enhance the dramatic effect. Contact Amelia at 478-7442 or Claire at 472-5478.

Also! Sunday, July 22 Peace Picnic! Thornden Park Lily Pond

Come play, sing, make crafts, and hear the story of Sadako Sasaki and the 1,000 paper cranes. Family-friendly activities.

Sunnyside Up

Compiled by Kirstie Peña

Resolution for Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

On June 16, the US Conference of Mayors unanimously adopted a new Mayors for Peace resolution, to call for “US leadership in global elimination of nuclear weapons and redirection of nuclear weapons spending to meet the urgent needs of cities.”

The Resolution urges the President to work with leaders of other nuclear nations to implement the UN Secretary-General’s Five Point Proposal for Nuclear Disarmament, with the goal of reaching a disarmament agreement by 2020. Recognizing that “in 2011 the US spent \$711 billion on its military,” the resolution also “calls on Congress to terminate funding for modernization of nuclear warheads, delivery systems and production facilities, to slash spending on nuclear weapons well below Cold War levels, and to redirect those funds to meet the urgent needs of cities.”

Philadelphia Votes to Cut Military Spending and Fund Human Needs

On June 21, the Philadelphia City Council passed a resolution to bring the US troops home from Afghanistan, cut the Pentagon budget and redirect that money to fund human needs.

The Delaware Valley New Priorities Network, a coalition

of labor, neighborhood, faith and peace organizations, had presented the resolution, which also detailed the impact of the city’s economic crisis on its citizens. According to Network member Jane Dugdale, “The resolution contrasts the \$2 billion shortfall of the City of Philadelphia over the next five years with the \$5 billion spent on wars by Philadelphians since 2001.” The resolution also notes that military spending has doubled in the last decade and that the US could cut its military budget by 80% and still be the largest in the world.



Ecuador Withdraws from the SOA

On June 27, the President of Ecuador announced that Ecuador will no longer send its soldiers to the School of the Americas (renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation or WHINSEC), a US Army school in Fort Benning, Georgia that trains Latin American military personnel. Graduates have included some of the worst human rights abusers in Latin American history and the SOA is often referred to as the “School of Assassins.”

Ecuador joins Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia and Honduras in no longer sending its soldiers there.

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Nonviolent Syrians Resist Foreign Intervention

Seth Rutledge

Editor's Note: The situation in Syria is complex with many players promoting their own agendas and analyses. It can be hard to differentiate between fact and propaganda. We thank Seth for helping sort this out and for remembering SU student Bassel Shahadeh. This was shown to a good friend of Bassel; she assured us that Bassel was against foreign intervention and a supporter of nonviolent resistance. She called for more journalists to cover Syria from a similar perspective.

On May 28, 2012, Bassel Al Shahadeh was killed by explosives while filming in the city of Homs, Syria. Bassel was a Fulbright Scholar at SU pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in film but returned to Syria to work as a citizen journalist. He taught filming and editing to activists, and documented repression and violence. On June 4, friends and supporters of Bassel gathered for a silent vigil on the steps of Hendricks Chapel. They denounced the Assad government but did not support foreign intervention. Bassel remained committed to peaceful activism despite the violence and chaos surrounding him. From his film *Singing to Freedom*: "If your intuition is that nonviolence works, you're right...it's the most reliable source of change in the world...we find that having an armed wing doesn't help movements and can actually reduce the level of participation that the movement has already built up."

Like most Syrians, Bassel was an opponent of foreign intervention. The Local Coordination Committees, National Coordination Committee and the Popular Front are opposition groups that stand against foreign intervention. Yet not all opponents of the Assad government are advocating nonviolence and non-intervention. The Syrian National Council is calling for

foreign intervention as well as military aid to the Free Syrian Army, the umbrella name for the multitude of armed groups operating in Syria. This internationally-based organization has been presented to the world as the official representative of Syria by the US.



Syrian opposition blogger Yazan Badran writes, "Members of the 'opposition' that have been embraced by the 'West' and the Gulf, especially the Syrian National Council (SNC), have failed and they do not represent me. These groups have fabricated events, exaggerated incidents, spoken in sectarian terms, have promised to end certain political relationships to attract supporters, and have been thuggish with other oppositional groups who do not toe the same line."

The violence of insurgent groups in Syria was documented by the Arab League mission and more recently by UN observers. Favored groups have received millions in military aid from the US, Saudi Arabia, and other Arab nations. Some have been responsible for kidnapping, torture, attacks on civilians, and bombings.

Massacres purportedly committed by the army may have actually been perpetrated by insurgents seeking to embarrass the government. One example is the May 27th massacre in Houla. The western media first claimed that the killings were the result of artillery shelling by the army, but now blame militias loyal to Assad. It is possible that the Assad government is waging a proxy terror campaign through militias.

On the other hand, Germany's leading daily, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, and Syria's ANNA network have published eyewitness accounts blaming opposition terrorists who are attempting to bring about a military intervention¹.

As unbelievable as tactics such as these may seem, this strategy has been employed by the US, including the Gulf of Tonkin incident used as a pretext for war in Vietnam, Operation AJAX used to rally religious leaders around the coup in Iran, and the proposed Operation Northwoods plan to provide a pretext for invading Cuba.

A program of proxy violence was implemented by John Negroponte in El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In 2004, Negroponte and Robert Ford trained Shia militias to target the Sunni resistance inside Iraq and across the border into Syria. It is no coincidence that Robert Ford served as ambassador to Syria in 2011. It appears that the US is seeking to use the pretext of humanitarian intervention to install the Syrian National Council as their puppet government.

In a 12/29/11 interview on *Democracy Now!* Bassel called for more observers to stop the repression. "The killing is continuing where there [are] no observers. But it stopped [when] the observers are there. The problem [is] with the size of the delegations, like there [are] 20 persons only in Homs...we all agree we need some kind of protection, some kind of observers and journalism. We need press to come here and be free to move; this is the protection we need." Unfortunately the UN observer mission was prematurely canceled due to the violence.

Bassel's death should not be used as a pretext to supply military aid or justify a foreign intervention. Let us respect the will of the peaceful Syrian opposition by resisting all calls for military intervention, denouncing the illegitimate Syrian National Council, denouncing military aid to all armed groups, and calling for observers to re-establish a presence in Syria.

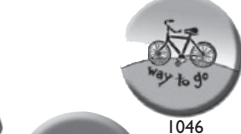
See footnotes at peacecouncil.net/pnl. ♣

Seth is a resident of the Westcott Nation, painter (Sethpaints.com) and blogger at alchemicalnursery.org.

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An Onondaga Lake Update

by Lindsay Speer

Onondaga Lake has seen remarkable improvement in the past few years. The water is clearer. There are no longer stinky algal blooms driving people away in the summer. Aquatic plants are thriving. Fish are returning in greater and greater numbers. And the eagles have returned.

But the lake is still polluted.

“We’re very concerned for the eagles,” explains Onondaga Nation Faithkeeper Oren Lyons. “The fish they are eating have mercury in them.”

This is emblematic of the Onondagas’ opinions about the lake cleanup efforts. They know that whatever happens from the ongoing work, the lake will not be clean. They know that there have been improvements. And they know the work will continue long after Honeywell has gone.

“We’ll still be here,” Lyons explains.

Bringing Back the Fish

The change in the lake that we have seen thus far has been driven by the upgrades completed at Syracuse’s main sewage treatment plant located on the shores of Onondaga Lake and the Save the Rain program, which is reducing the frequency of combined sewer overflows into Onondaga Creek. Less ammonia and phosphorous are flowing into the lake, reducing algal blooms and increasing dissolved oxygen.

“The remarkable recovery of the system is exemplified by the increased numbers and wider distribution of large brown trout, which are stocked in Ninemile Creek and now persist throughout most of the year in the lake,” wrote Onondaga County researchers in a 2011 report on Onondaga Lake’s fishery.

Onondaga Shoreline, a local group headed by DeWitt businessman Lloyd Withers, recently asked the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to reclassify Onondaga Lake as a ‘Trout Water.’ The goal is to ensure that the lake’s historic and recovering cold and cool water fishery is considered when planning further cleanup of Onondaga Lake.

It’s Not Enough

DEC is requiring Honeywell Interna-



Plume of Solvay Waste into Onondaga Lake in 2004 from Wastebeds 1-8 at Lakeshore Point.
Photo: James Voodre

tional and others to minimize the flow of pollutants into the lake from upland sites. These efforts include the barrier wall visible from I-690, installed because of an underground plume of petroleum products and other hazardous chemicals. These are preparing for the sediment dredging beginning this summer and continuing through 2016.

“In 2005 the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) said a full cleanup would remove 20 million cubic yards of polluted sediment. But the DEC only asked Honeywell to remove one tenth of that,” explained Joe Heath, the Onondaga Nation’s General Counsel. Only the top two feet of polluted sediment, on average, will be removed from the southern end of the lake and near the mouth of Ninemile Creek.

Also to be left in place are Wastebeds 1-8 along the western shore of Onondaga Lake, known as the “white cliffs,” as well as the NYS Fairgrounds parking lot. Covering 300 acres and rising over 60 feet in the air, these wastebeds cover what was once a wetland filled with black ash, red maple, and cedar trees. The State Fairgrounds were located where they are because they once had a good view of the Lake. Onondaga County proposes continuing the West Shore Trail along the top of the wastebeds, which the DEC has said is fine for human health... so long as you don’t leave the trail. Wouldn’t it be better for all of us if these wastebeds were removed?

Signs of Healing

On April 13, 2011 the Onondaga

County Legislature passed a resolution noting its intent to give the area of shoreline near Carousel Mall known as “Murphy’s Island” (no, it’s not actually an island) to the Onondaga Nation. However, the land has to be cleaned up first – it too is polluted and part of the Superfund site.

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Rehabilitation (NRDAR) Trustee Council for Onondaga Lake is comprised of the Onondaga Nation, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the NYS DEC. NRDAR is the second part to Superfund. It requires Superfund polluters to compensate the public for past and future harm to environmental resources resulting from the release of hazardous substances by paying for environmental restoration projects related to the injured resources. Assessment of the harm is ongoing. Meanwhile, public meetings like those held this spring in conjunction with the Onondaga Lake Partnership are important to ensure the best possible restoration of the lake.

Looking at the Long Term

“Caps and barrier walls will eventually fail,” explains Tadodaho Sidney Hill. “We must not think only for our own generation, but for lasting solutions for future generations.” The Onondaga Nation remains committed to the goals expressed in The Onondaga Nation’s Vision for a Clean Onondaga Lake. “We will be sure that the Lake is clean enough to drink the water and eat the fish, and clean enough for children to play and swim in the water... On this we agree.”

Lindsay is a community organizer working on behalf of the Onondaga Nation.

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Participate! Please join in:

- leafleting downtown, aided by our model drone and a Grim Reaper.
 - Tuesday afternoon anti-drone and anti-war “outreaches.” See page 4.
 - our tableau and leafleting outside the main entrance of the NYS Fair.
 - organizing meetings.
 - any other way you can – hospitality, cooking, posting flyers....
- Contact Carol.

PeaceSongsCNY Available Online

In addition to being available at various stores in Syracuse and Ithaca, *PeaceSongsCNY* is now available on CDBaby.com, iTunes and more (search for Syracuse Peace Council). The multi-genre CD features 18 songs from local artists singing the praises of peace, social justice and preservation of the Earth. You can also buy it at our office for only \$10. Full details at peacecouncil.net/songs.

Palestine-South Africa Parallels

Rabbi Brian Walt spoke to a packed house at ArtRage Gallery on June 20, drawing rave reviews for the eloquent description of his personal journey from liberal Zionist to supporter of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) to end Israel’s occupation of Palestine. A native South African, Brian drew from his youthful involvement in the anti-apartheid movement to understand the oppression of the Palestinians and look for effective strategies for liberation. Check out SPC’s YouTube channel for part of his presentation. His powerful words have spurred CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel to begin developing a local BDS campaign. Consider joining our efforts to educate our community and change US policy. Contact Andy.

Diverse Support Builds for Two Row Campaign

Progress continues in many areas for Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation’s (NOON) 2013 campaign to “Honor Na-

tive Treaties and Protect the Earth.” The Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign, a partnership with the Onondaga Nation, will bring attention to the 400th anniversary of this original treaty.

The list of co-sponsors has reached 25 educational institutions, environmental and social justice organizations and faith communities. Onondaga County Executive Joanne Mahoney and American Indian Movement activist and longtime political prisoner Leonard Peltier have both joined the Honorary Advisory Committee. Our outreach booths have been well received in New York City, the Hudson Valley and

eyes out for future calls to action, including nonviolent direct action. We must remain vigilant to prevent this grave danger from coming our way. Contact Jack at 424-1454.

Bikes 4 Peace

Summer bike repair with youth is in full swing! Our season began with repair clinics at Brady Faith Center and a bike tune-up session with the Onondaga Earth Corps. Upcoming clinics include: **July 25** at the Spanish Action League and **August 8** and **15** at the Northeast Community Center. We always welcome new bike mechanics to join our team—don’t worry if you are still learning.

Half the fun of Bikes-4Peace is learning and working together. Shout out to Bikes4Peace veteran Jessica Maxwell, master of all trades Kanat Bolazar, Craig Reese for his professional skills and Emma Anderson for her organizational skills! And welcome to our new volunteers: Dave Kashmer, Saleh Karbak and Lana Hijazi. To get involved with Bikes4Peace or to donate bicycles, contact Ursula.



SPC Interns Claire Bach and Kirstie Peña helped children make peace buttons while educating them and their parents on the importance of peace and social justice at the Ed Smith School Carnival on June 14. Photo: Kelsey Titus.

the Mohawk Valley, with upcoming booths planned at festivals in Tuscarora and Seneca territory as well as in Syracuse.

We’re currently working on plans for a trial run of the “symbolic enactment” traveling down the Hudson River in the mid-Hudson Valley from July 31-August 3. To help with that or other aspects of the project, contact Andy.

Protecting Our Precious Water, Air and Land

When Governor Cuomo’s office floated the idea of starting hydrofracking in a five-county “sacrificial zone” along the Pennsylvania border, NOON and other SPC activists joined voices from around the state in strong opposition. We’re also paying more attention to the gas industry’s efforts to develop the infrastructure for fracking since we’ve stopped them from actually drilling... at least so far. Keep your

for new and old friends to join us. Contact Ursula if you’d like to join our outreach tabling team or if you have ideas for new venues for us.

Youth in Action

The US military has been in Afghanistan for 10 years, since I was in high school. Youth unemployment is at an all-time high, and our collective future is threatened by climate change. The Occupy movement got young people in the streets. In preparation for the school year, we are hosting a special Youth Anti-War Organizing Forum on **August 16** at 6:30 pm. Join us for this special meeting to continue the CNY tradition of agitating and organizing for peace. If you can’t make it but would like to be involved, I would love to talk with you!

—Ursula

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SPC Garage Sale

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Please NO clothing, old electronics, things that DON'T work and misc. crap (oops! not-good stuff). Questions? Call Rae 445-2840. Helpers welcome for set-up and sale. Food provided.

Peace Council Calling!

Expect a phone call from SPC towards the end of the month. Our annual Phonathon is an important fundraiser, raising about \$9,000 last year. It's also an opportunity for SPC supporters to share your thoughts about our work. The 2012 Phonathon will be on **July 25, 26 and 30** from 6-9 pm. We have dinner and then hit the phones! To help with calling or cooking, contact Ursula.



Garden Tour Benefits Center

The Center for Peace & Social Justice invites you to a Garden Tour at Sycamore Hills Gardens on **Sunday, July 22**, 11 am-4 pm at 2130 Old Seneca Tpk., Marcellus, NY. See exotic and native plants, statuary, hidden alcoves, a pagoda, a bell garden, a children's garden, ponds, bridges, a geyser and an evergreen maze. Thousands of flowers, trees and shrubs! Musicians will add to the fun, along with a Scavenger Hunt and Face Painting. Bring a blanket and picnic! Proceeds benefit the Center (SPC's home). Tickets: \$10 - \$20 at the door (sliding scale), kids under eight free. For more on Sycamore Hill Gardens: www.sycamorehillgardens.com. For more on the Center: www.syracusecenter.org.

Reading Group

The Radical Reading Group will reconvene in the fall to read *I Witness*, a recently published book about police-community interactions on Syracuse's Westside. *I Witness* will be available at Syracuse Cultural Workers and SPC. Contact Ursula.

United As One

This community coalition continues working for accountability in our local criminal "justice" system. This summer we have been scheduling community forums related to city plans to post surveillance cameras in three additional neighborhoods. We continue to press for changes in the Justice Center following Raul Pinet's death. We meet the **first Thursday** of each month at 6 pm. Contact the SPC office for the meeting location.

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We Are NY Night at the Ballpark

We are NY member groups, including SPC, will have an information table at the Syracuse Chiefs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** at 7 pm. It's not only a great outreach opportunity for the Peace Council, but we're also excited to offer free tickets to SPC supporters who'd like to come enjoy the game. Thanks to the Area Labor Federation for coordinating this outreach opportunity. Contact SPC for tickets.









On the organizing front, most We Are NY member groups are focused on voter outreach and education this summer and through the election.

If you'd like to get involved, contact Carol.

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5 Gay and Lesbian Catholics. 5pm. All Saints Church, 1304 Lancaster Ave. 770-2155.	6 Hiroshima Procession. 11:30am. Meet behind Syr City Hall Commons. See p. 4.	7 Peace Outreach. Ground the Drones. 4:15-5pm. Hancock Air Base Entrance (E. Molloy Rd., Mattydale). Partnership for Onondaga Creek Mtg. 6pm. Brady Faith Center, 404 South Ave., Aggie 478-4571. Call to confirm. onondagacreek.org .	8 Bikes for Peace Clinic. 5-7pm. Northeast Community Center, 716 Hawley Ave. Ursula, 472-5478. 	9 	10  	11	
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