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Two veterans, nun threatened with 50 years in prison! SIGN PETITION

Wed Nov 28, 2012 7:48 am (PST) . Posted by:
"Ellen Barfield" ellene4pi

Two veterans and a nun threatened with 50 years in prison for challenging nuclear weapons! Please sign this petition to the US Attorney General, and follow the case at transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com.

http://www.change.org/petitions/u-s-attorney-general-don-t-impose-death-sentence-on-82-year-old-nun-and-peacemaker

Dear Friend,

I’ve got great news. Today, Congress eliminated the budget for an unnecessary and unsafe facility to build new plutonium cores for nuclear weapons.

This facility – known as the Chemical and Metallurgical Research Reactor, or CMRR – was supposed to be built at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Here’s why it was a bad idea:
Unneeded capacity: Despite the fact that we already have more bomb cores than we need, this facility would have tripled our ability to produce plutonium pits, enabling the production of new nuclear weapons beyond our needs and (if built) in violation of our treaty commitments.

Unsafe location: The facility was supposed to be sited in a seismically active area, adding the risk of earthquake to the risk of radioactive plutonium.

Unaccountable spending: Building hadn’t even started yet and cost estimates had ballooned from $400 million to somewhere between $4 and $6 billion.

Thankfully, our grantees – people like Jay Coghlan of Nuclear Watch New Mexico - have been sounding the alarm on this project from day one. When the budget estimates came out, the president zeroed the project from his fiscal budget, effectively eliminating the program. Additional scrutiny and efforts from our grantees in Washington, DC ensured that the cuts to the CMRR stayed in the debate. Eventually, thanks to their hard work, both the House and the Senate appropriations committees also zeroed out CMRR’s budget. And in today’s continuing resolution extending government funding through next year, the budget is gone entirely.

This is remarkable, because there was a group of Senators who saw CMRR as a crucial component of plans to expand the nuclear complex. Usually, when that many Senators want something, they get it, even if the administration doesn’t agree.

But that’s why our support is essential. This time, all the groups, experts and bipartisan government champions we work with made sure this issue wasn’t fought in the dark corners of the Senate. Their work ensured that the media picked up the narrative, putting public pressure on lawmakers to do the right thing. Our grantees saw to it that accurate information was given in hearings and that light was brought to the entire process. This participation from NGOs and strong advocates made the difference between success and failure.

Of course, the budget may be restored. We have to keep working. But planners at Los Alamos are already counting this project as dead. Our nation just took a step away from the assumption that nuclear weapons programs will always be funded at any level. And with every program we cut, we strengthen the notion that we just don’t need these weapons, that America will be stronger, safer and more secure without them.

In peace,

Joe Cirincione
President, Ploughshares Fund
US DOUBLE STANDARDS, INDIA AND IRAN/NK

On Sept. 10 India planned to test launch its nuclear-capable Agni IV intermediate-range ballistic missile (tentative). Integrated Test Range, Wheeler Island, Orissa, India. Why does our government not protest this actual nuclear proliferation and preparation for nuclear war, yet protests against North Korea over its nuclear weapons, and rages against Iran for only possibly preparing to build nuclear weapons? (Dick)

MAYORS VS. NUKEs
(from WIN Magazine, Vol. 29, No. 2, p. 6-7)
On June 16, at the close of its 80th annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, the U.S. Conference of Mayors unanimously adopted a strong, comprehensive New Mayors for Peace resolution calling for U.S. leadership in the global elimination of nuclear weapons and the redirection of nuclear weapons spending to meet the urgent needs of cities.

Citing the domestic economic crisis and the declaration by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at their conference last year that “the road to peace and progress runs through the world’s cities and towns,” the mayors resolved that the conference “reaffirms its call on the President of the United States to work with the leaders of the other nuclear-armed states to implement the U.N. Secretary-General’s Five-Point Proposal for Nuclear Disarmament forthwith, so that a Nuclear Weapons Convention or a comparable frame-work of mutually reinforcing legal instruments can be agreed upon and implemented by 2020, as urged by Mayors for Peace.”

The same resolution also called for the United States to withdraw all tactical nuclear weapons from foreign soil, and for 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.”

For the complete text of the resolution, see www.wslfweb.org/docs/2012USCMres.pdf.
An abandoned uranium mine on the Navajo reservation in Cameron, Ariz., emits dangerous levels of radiation.

By LESLIE MACMILLAN  Published: March 31, 2012

CAMERON, Ariz. — In the summer of 2010, a Navajo cattle rancher named Larry Gordy stumbled upon an abandoned uranium mine in the middle of his grazing land and figured he had better call in the feds. Engineers from the Environmental Protection Agency arrived a few months later, Geiger counters in hand, and found radioactivity levels that buried the needles on their equipment.
Lucy Knorr says her father’s death was related to his work at the mine.

Larry Gordy discovered the mine on his land in 2010, but it has not been cleaned up yet.

At a mine in Cameron, Ariz., the radioactivity levels exceeded Geiger counters’ scales.

The abandoned mine here, about 60 miles east of the Grand Canyon, joins the list of hundreds of such sites identified across the 27,000 square miles of Navajo territory in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico that are the legacy of shoddy mining practices and federal neglect. From the 1940s through the 1980s, the mines supplied critical materials to the nation’s nuclear weapons program.
For years, unsuspecting Navajos inhaled radioactive dust and drank contaminated well water. Many of them became sick with cancer and other diseases.

The radioactivity at the former mine is said to measure one million counts per minute, translating to a human dose that scientists say can lead directly to malignant tumors and other serious health damage, according to Lee Greer, a biologist at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. Two days of exposure at the Cameron site would expose a person to more external radiation than the Nuclear Regulatory Commission considers safe for an entire year.

The E.P.A. filed a report on the rancher’s find early last year and pledged to continue its environmental review. But there are still no warning signs or fencing around the secluded and decaying site. Crushed beer cans and spent shell casings dot the ground, revealing that the old mine has become a sort of toxic playground.

“If this level of radioactivity were found in a middle-class suburb, the response would be immediate and aggressive,” said Doug Brugge, a public health professor at Tufts University medical school and an expert on uranium. “The site is remote, but there are obviously people spending time on it. Don’t they deserve some concern?”

Navajo advocates, scientists and politicians are asking the same question.

The discovery came in the midst of the largest federal effort to date to clean up uranium mines on the vast Indian reservation. A hearing in 2007 before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform led to a multiagency effort to assess and clean up hundreds of structures on the reservation through a five-year plan that ends this year.

Yet while some mines have been “surgically scraped” of contamination and are impressive showpieces for the E.P.A., others, like the Cameron site, are still contaminated. Officials at the E.P.A. and the Department of Energy attribute the delay to the complexity of prioritizing mine sites. Some say it is also about politics and money.

"The government can’t afford it; that’s a big reason why it hasn’t stepped in and done more,” said Bob Darr, a public relations specialist for the environmental consulting firm S.M. Stoller, which does contracting work for the Department of Energy. “The contamination problem is vast.”

If the government can track down a responsible party, he said, it could require it to pay for remediation. But most of the mining companies that operated on the reservation have long since gone out of business, Mr. Darr said.

To date, the E.P.A., the Department of Energy and other agencies have evaluated 683 mine sites on the land and have selected 34 structures and 12 residential yards for remediation. The E.P.A.
alone has spent $60 million on assessment and cleanup.

Cleaning up all the mines would cost hundreds of millions of dollars, said Clancy Tenley, a senior E.P.A. official who oversees the uranium legacy program for the agency in the Southwest


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THE NUCLEAR RESISTER SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

“A Chronicle of Hope” through civil disobedience.

Always packed with significant articles—resistance reports, Transform Now Plowshares actions (pouring blood on the new storehouse of bomb-grade, highly enriched uranium, and arrests), campaign office sit-ins to free Bradley Manning, peace prisoner updates, Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations and arrests, drone protests and arrests, and more. The irony of US hostility against Iran and NK, as measured by the US’s huge nuclear arsenal, is an implicit message of this organization.  (Dick)

DESERT VOICES (Fall/Winter 2012)

This is the newsletter of the Nevada Desert Experience, a strong, faith-based, activist opponent of nuclear weapons frequently in direct confrontation with the corporate-government-military nuclear complex from Nevada to California.

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Examples: They recently demonstrated at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex against plans for a new $7.5 billion bomb plant and the ongoing production of nuclear weapons. Each year they make the Sacred Peace Walk from Las Vegas to Creech Air Force Base and the Nevada Test Site. (They invite us to join them.  702-646-4814, info@NevadaDesertExperience.org) But NDE also generates broad anti-violence, anti-war activities. E.g., Jan. 21, 2013, they will march in Las Vegas in the MLKJR Day Parade. Their protests against drones are ongoing. They support Afghan Peace Volunteers seeking friends (2millionfriends.org, ourjourneytosome.org). They appeal to US and Israeli military to refuse orders to attack Iran (warisacrime.org/dontattackiranappeal). You will be heartened by their newsletter news of their peacework.  (Dick)

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OUTLAWING NUCLEAR WEAPONS: TIME FOR A NEW TREATY?
by David Krieger

Is it time for a new international treaty that would outlaw nuclear weapons? The short answer to this question is, Yes, it is time. Actually, it is past time.

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The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation has announced the winners of its 2012 Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards. The annual series of awards encourages poets to explore and illuminate positive visions of peace and the human spirit. To read the winning poems, click here.

NUCLEAR FAMINE: EVERYONE IS AT RISK

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's newest video, Nuclear Famine, highlights the extreme consequences of even a relatively "limited" nuclear war anywhere on Earth. Watch our new video above and then click here to learn more about nuclear famine.

KIKUKO OTAKE: SURVIVING THE ATOMIC BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA

On August 6, Kikuko Otake was the featured speaker at the Foundation's 18th Annual Sadako Peace Day. She shared her story of surviving the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima 67 years earlier. To read more about the Sadako Peace Day event, click here.

Additional Reading

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- We All Have a Role to Play by David Krieger
- H-Bomb Physicist, Richard Garwin, Predicts 'Probable' Destruction of a City by Nuclear Weapon by Robert Kazel
- Standing Together for Our Common Future by David Krieger
- Creating the Conditions and Building the Framework for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World by Angela Kane
- Daniel Ellsberg and 14 Nuclear Protestors Are Victorious in Federal Court by Jane Ayers
- Thank You, Vasili Arkhipov, the Man Who Stopped Nuclear War by Edward Wilson
- The Missile Crisis that Never Went Away by Steven Starr, David Krieger and Daniel Ellsberg
- 2012 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award Acceptance Speech by Sen. Tony de Brum
- 50 Years After the Cuban Missile Crisis, Bruce Blair Sees New Nuclear Dangers, Dilemmas by Robert Kazel
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