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THE CHINA THREAT

“Percentage of Americans who say China ‘can’t be trusted: 68.’” (“Harper’s Index” January 2013). Where do you think that fear came from? US encirclement of China would not happen without the majority of people first having been persuaded by the warriors to believe China is an enemy, just as with Vietnam and the “Axis of Evil.” Who’s next? --Dick

J. William Fulbright writing in 1964: “It is not impossible that in time our relations with China will change again, if not to friendship then perhaps to ‘competitive coexistence.’ It would therefore be an extremely useful thing if we could introduce an element of flexibility, or, more precisely, of the capacity to be flexible, into our relations with Communist China.” Old Myths and New Realities, p. 39.

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**FILM ABOUT JEJU ISLAND MASSACRE APRIL 3, 1948**


On April 3, 1948 the South Korean military slaughtered some 30,000 residents of Jeju Island because they opposed the division of the nation and were branded Communists. The US as occupying power was responsible. Now Jeju Islanders are protesting again, this time against the US Missile Defense System and a new naval base being built to project force against China. The new documentary film links the repression of the current struggle to the earlier atrocities. Tremblay hopes his film “will inspire and motivate everyone who believes there is a better way to live together on this planet.” See: [www.ghostsofjeju.net](http://www.ghostsofjeju.net) and [www.groundzerocenter.org](http://www.groundzerocenter.org). –Dick

“PIVOT”: Another Lethal Imperial Euphemism

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You replied on 1/16/2014 11:31 AM.

Dear Friends,

Our latest edition of our Global Network newsletter, *Space Alert*, is now finished and is at the printers. There is extensive reporting in this issue about the US "pivot" into the Asia-Pacific and anti-drone campaigning.

You can see the full color version online at: [http://www.space4peace.org/newsletter/Space%20Alert%2029.pdf](http://www.space4peace.org/newsletter/Space%20Alert%202029.pdf)

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TENSIONS
TENSIONS OF US AND ALLIES SPYING ON WORLD
AUSTRALIA, SE ASIA (AND WORLD!) INTELLIGENCE ALLIES

“New Snowden leaks reveal US, Australia's Asian allies.” November 24, 2013 Philip Dorling
Edward Snowden: New leaks have revealed the involvement of Australia in the interception of global satellite communications. Photo: Reuters

**Singapore and South Korea are playing key roles helping the United States and Australia** tap undersea telecommunications links across Asia, according to top secret documents leaked by former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden. New details have also been revealed about the involvement of Australia and New Zealand in the interception of global satellite communications.

A top secret United States National Security Agency map shows that the **US and its “Five Eyes” intelligence partners tap high speed fibre optic cables at 20 locations worldwide**. The interception operation involves cooperation with local governments and telecommunications companies or else through “covert, clandestine” operations.

The undersea cable interception operations are part of a global web that in the words of another leaked NSA planning document enables the “Five Eyes” partners – the US, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand - to trace “anyone, anywhere, anytime” in what is described as “the golden age” signals intelligence.

The NSA map, published by Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad* overnight, shows that the **United States maintains a stranglehold on trans-Pacific communications** channels with interception facilities on the West coast of the United States and at Hawaii and Guam, tapping all cable traffic across the Pacific Ocean as well as links between Australia and Japan.
The map confirms that **Singapore**, one of the world's most significant telecommunications hubs, is a key “third party” working with the “Five Eyes” intelligence partners.

In August Fairfax Media reported that Australia's electronic espionage agency, the Defence Signals Directorate, is in a partnership with Singaporean intelligence to tap the SEA-ME-WE-3 cable that runs from Japan, via Singapore, Djibouti, Suez and the Straits of Gibraltar to Northern Germany. . . .

Australian intelligence expert, Australian National University Professor Des Ball has described Singapore's signal's intelligence capability as “probably the most advanced” in South East Asia, having first been developed in cooperation with Australia in the mid-1970s and subsequently leveraging Singapore's position as a regional telecommunications hub.

Indonesia and Malaysia have been key targets for Australian and Singaporean intelligence collaboration since the 1970s. Much of Indonesia's telecommunications and Internet traffic is routed through Singapore.

The leaked NSA map also shows **South Korea** is another key interception point with cable landings at Pusan providing access to the external communications of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

South Korea's National Intelligence Service has long been a close collaborator with the US Central Intelligence Agency and the NSA, as well as the Australian intelligence agencies. The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation recently engaged in legal action in an unsuccessful effort to prevent publication of details of South Korean espionage in Australia. ASIO Director-General David Irvine told the Federal Court that Australian and South Korean intelligence agencies had been cooperating for “over 30 years” and that any public disclose of NIS activities would be “detrimental” to Australia's national security.

The NSA map and other documents leaked by Mr Snowden and published by the Brazilian **O Globo** newspaper also reveal new detail on the integration of Australian and New Zealand signals intelligence facilities in the interception of satellite communications traffic by the “Five Eyes” partners.

For the first time it is revealed that the **DSD satellite interception** facility at Kojarena near Geraldton in Western Australia is codenamed “STELLAR”. The New Zealand Government Communications Security Bureau facility at Waihopai on New Zealand's South Island is codenamed “IRONSAND”. The codename for DSD's facility at Shoal Bay near Darwin is not identified. However all three facilities are listed by the NSA as “primary FORNSAT (foreign satellite communications) collection operations”.


Coverage of satellite communications across Asia and the Middle East is also supported by NSA facilities at the United States Air Force base at Misawa in Japan, US diplomatic premises in Thailand and India, and British Government Communications Headquarters facilities in Oman, Nairobi in Kenya and at the British military base in Cyprus.

The leaked NSA map also shows that undersea cables are accessed by the NSA and the British GCHQ through military facilities in Djibouti and Oman, thereby ensuring maximum coverage of Middle East and South Asian communications.


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Dick, Nuclear China and Japan (US) Tit for Tat Not Lilliputian

GILLIAN WONG (AP). "After Shrine Visit, Japan’s Abe told stay out of China." *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* (Dec. 31, 2013). The old tit-for-tat: conflicts over "islands" (piles of rock), China air defense zone, Abe visits pro-war shrine, China shuts its door to Abe, plus thumbnail history of Japanese WWII atrocities. Subject matter for Jonathan Swift or Dr. Seuss, except for China’s nuclear weapons and Japan’s defense treaty with the US. US helpful? See the previous Westward newsletter on Kerry’s bellicose but thankfully not quite truculent anti-China arms deals with Vietnam and Philippines. The State Department is becoming, has become an arm of the Pentagon? Talk to, write your Congress people and the President. –Dick

US to deploy Global Hawk drones in Japan

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US to deploy Global Hawks to Misawa,
YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Global Hawks, America’s largest unmanned surveillance aircraft, will fly out of Japan for the first time this summer, the Air Force says.

Interest in the drones — ranging from NASA to NATO and other U.S. allies — has been rising due to their versatility and endurance. Two of them, along with 40 personnel, will deploy to Misawa Air Base from May to October, according to 1st Lt. Caitlin Suttie, a public affairs officer with the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa.

“The plan to deploy more advanced capabilities in Japan, such as the Global Hawk, has strategic significance and further contributes to the security of Japan and the region,” she said in an email Friday.

The aircraft and personnel will travel from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, where Global Hawks — controlled by remote operators in California — have been based for three years.

The Guam-based aircraft played a key role in the disaster relief effort that followed the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that struck Japan in March 2011. More recently they flew missions over the Philippines as part of the Typhoon Haiyan relief effort in November.

**Global Hawks** are also a key tool in keeping tabs on North Korea’s nuclear weapons development and Chinese naval maneuvers. Both are of particular interest to the Japanese government, which recently approved plans to acquire three of its own large unmanned surveillance aircraft.

[US military-industrial complex. –D] Global Hawk manufacturer Northrop Grumman appears confident that the Japanese will buy its aircraft.

“We have good reason to be optimistic,” Curtis Orchard, Northrop Grumman regional director and vice president, said in Japan this month.

George Guerra, Northrop Grumman’s vice president of strategic high-altitude, long-endurance ventures, said there’s also interest from South Korea and Australia, which is negotiating to buy the Triton — a maritime version of the aircraft.

Northrop Grumman is already building five more Global Hawk’s for a consortium of 13 NATO nations. The NATO aircraft, along with some of the U.S. Navy’s Tritons, will fly out of Sigonella, Sicily, which is already home to Air Force Global Hawks, Guerra said.

The Global Hawks at Misawa would support missions throughout the Pacific, he said. “They can cover a vast area,” he said, noting that missions out of Guam last 30 to 31 hours.

MORE:
Later this year, the Air Force will send two or three “Block 40” models of the Global Hawk to Guam to join the “Block 30” aircraft that are there already. The Block 30s carry radar, infra-red sensors and signals intelligence systems whereas the Block 40s include advanced radar for interdicting ground targets, he said.

[interdicting??! My dictionary gives: “to impede the flow of (troops, supplies, etc.) or hinder the use of (a road, airfield, etc.) by steady ground fire or bombing.” The Block 40s are specifically for combat. More diplomatic, calming gestures by the US. –Dick]

REDUCING TENSIONS

Opposing US Base Construction on Okinawa

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STATEMENT

We oppose construction of a new US military base within Okinawa, and support the people of Okinawa in their struggle for peace, dignity, human rights and protection of the environment

We the undersigned oppose the deal made at the end of 2013 between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Governor of Okinawa Hirokazu Nakaima to deepen and extend the military colonization of Okinawa at the expense of the people and the environment. Using the lure of economic development,
Mr. Abe has extracted approval from Governor Nakaima to reclaim the water off Henoko, on the northeastern shore of Okinawa, to build a massive new U.S. Marine air base with a military port.

Plans to build the base at Henoko have been on the drawing board since the 1960s. They were revitalized in 1996, when the sentiments against US military bases peaked following the rape of a twelve year-old Okinawan child by three U.S. servicemen. In order to pacify such sentiments, the US and Japanese governments planned to close Futenma Marine Air Base in the middle of Ginowan City and move its functions to a new base to be constructed at Henoko, a site of extraordinary bio-diversity and home to the endangered marine mammal dugong.

Governor Nakaima’s reclamation approval does not reflect the popular will of the people of Okinawa. Immediately before the gubernatorial election of 2010, Mr. Nakaima, who had previously accepted the new base construction plan, changed his position and called for relocation of the Futenma base outside the prefecture. He won the election by defeating a candidate who had consistently opposed the new base. Polls in recent years have shown that 70 to 90 percent of the people of Okinawa opposed the Henoko base plan. The poll conducted immediately after Nakaima’s recent reclamation approval showed that 72.4 percent of the people of Okinawa saw the governor’s decision as a “breach of his election pledge.” The reclamation approval was a betrayal of the people of Okinawa.

73.8 percent of the US military bases (those for exclusive US use) in Japan are concentrated in Okinawa, which is only .6 percent of the total land mass of Japan. 18.3 percent of the Okinawa Island is occupied by the US military. Futenma Air Base originally was built during the 1945 Battle of Okinawa by US forces in order to prepare for battles on the mainland of Japan. They simply usurped the land from local residents. The base should have been returned to its owners after the war, but the US military has retained it even though now almost seven decades have passed. Therefore, any conditional return of the base is fundamentally unjustifiable.

The new agreement would also perpetuate the long suffering of the people of Okinawa. Invaded in the beginning of the 17th century by Japan and annexed forcefully into the Japanese nation at the end of 19th century, Okinawa was in 1944 transformed into a fortress to resist advancing US forces and thus to buy time to protect the Emperor System. The Battle of Okinawa killed more than 100,000 local residents, about a quarter of the island’s population. After the war, more bases were built under the US military occupation. Okinawa “reverted” to Japan in 1972, but the Okinawans’ hope for the removal of the military bases was shattered. Today, people of Okinawa continue to suffer from crimes and accidents, high decibel aircraft noise and environmental pollution caused by the bases. Throughout these decades, they have suffered what the U.S. Declaration of Independence denounces as “abuses and usurpations,” including the presence of foreign “standing armies without the consent of our legislatures.”

Not unlike the 20th century U.S. Civil Rights struggle, Okinawans have non-violently pressed for the end to their military colonization. They tried to stop live-fire military drills that threatened their lives by entering the exercise zone in protest; they formed human chains around military bases to express their opposition; and about a hundred thousand people, one tenth of the population have turned out periodically for massive demonstrations. Octogenarians initiated the campaign to prevent the
construction of the Henoko base with a sit-in that has been continuing for years. The prefectural assembly passed resolutions to oppose the Henoko base plan. In January 2013, leaders of all the 41 municipalities of Okinawa signed the petition to the government to remove the newly deployed MV-22 Osprey from Futenma base and to give up the plan to build a replacement base in Okinawa.

We support the people of Okinawa in their non-violent struggle for peace, dignity, human rights and protection of the environment. The Henoko marine base project must be canceled and Futenma returned forthwith to the people of Okinawa.

January 2014

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CHINA FIGHTING BACK AGAINST ENCIRCLEMENT

By Dick Bennett. US Westward Imperialism newsletters are showing the history and China’s responses. In #9 we learned of China’s first aircraft carrier, its new air defense zone, and Secretary of War—oops Secretary of Pentagon State Kerry—furious and furioseer. In #10 Wong reminds us of the horrific Chinese memories embodied in one Japanese war shrine. It all seems simultaneously silly and extraordinarily dangerous when one remembers the nuclear weapons locked, loaded, and aimed at targets.

But maybe the Chinese are finding a way to defend their space that mirrors the US but does not possess the possibility of incinerating the planet. You saw the article? “Chinese Cars in Race to U.S. Debut.” (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Jan. 7, 2014). Dastardly trick, very sly, treacherous, Asian, Japanese, S. Korean: the Chinese will grow their influence not by ships and bombs but by car dealerships, even, think of it, manufacturing them inside our country already! And maybe the worst feature of this invasion is its treacherous partnership with one of our richest investors, Warren Buffet’s Berkshire Hathaway Inc.!!

In contrast to that risible mood, all of the paranoid mix of threatening leads us also to a meditation on national space—from my islands, my air space…my Pacific, my E. Asia, to Henri Lefebvre’s The Production of Space or Stuart Elden’s Terror and Territory: The Spatial Extent of Sovereignty. Lefebvre wrote: “Sovereignty implies ‘space,’” and sovereignty--dominance, power--over a space involves violence to sustain and defend its space and control the people within it, “a space established and constituted by violence.” “The Control of territory is what makes a state possible” writes Elden. “Thus, control of territory accords a specific legitimacy to the violence and determines its spatial extent. Those in control of territory—states—can act in ways those not in control cannot.”

Seems obvious. The catch is, where does the US state end--at Hawaii, or at Guam, or Okinawa, or Jeju Island? Does it extend by the possessiveness engendered by force or simply by the practicalities of presence of all the over1000 military bases outside the boundaries of the US? The US is prepared to defend one and all of them from attack because they are part of the USA? And aircraft extensions of bases? On April 1, 2001, a US Navy spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter plane over the South China Sea. If they were over international waters, is there degree of sovereignty? Whose territory is the S. CHINA Sea anyway? What does China think? Absurd but dangerous questions.

That is why the No Bases Movement arose. (Google No Bases Network.)

“Fire at Chinese Consulate Called Arson.” Arkansas Democrat-
**Gazette (Jan. 3, 2014).**

Surveillance camera shows a person setting fire to the front of the Consulate. The FBI is investigating. The Chinese government called “for better protection of diplomats in the U.S.” What can the Chinese be thinking?

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**STAUNCH ALLY AUSTRALIA**

**Dick, AUSTRALIA**

Intelligence Ally, and Against Snowden

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   Minneapolis Star Tribune - 4 days ago

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**US/AUSTRALIAN ALLIANCE HISTORY**

1. The *Australia, New Zealand, United States Security Treaty (ANZUS or ANZUS Treaty) is the military alliance which binds Australia and New Zealand and, separately, Australia and the United States to co-operate on defence matters in the Pacific Ocean area, although today the treaty is taken to relate to conflicts ...*
   
   ANZUS - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
   
   en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANZUS

2. *Australia is an important American ally and a key part of Barack ...*
   
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   May 3, 2013 - SYDNEY—Odd things keep catching my eye here, simply because they look familiar. The small fortress island in the center of Sydney Harbour ...

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**AUSTRALIAN COAL CONSUMPTION**
“Australia Approves Barrier Reef Dumping Plan.”
Al Jazeera America, Reader Supported News, Jan. 31, 2014
Excerpt: "Australia has approved a plan to dump millions of tons of sediment near the Great Barrier Reef as part of a major coal port expansion."
READ MORE

STOP TPP

URGENT Action Stop The TPP Conspirators In Their Fast Tracks.
>From BG  thinkcivic@gmail.com

In case you haven't heard of it before, there's info below about the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership). It's truly urgent to STOP IT before it takes our quality of life and our freedom down several notches!

-- Worse, in my opinion, than Citizens United. --
Assault targets include Labor, and financial and environmental regulation.

Our first step is to stop it from being 'fast tracked', i.e., from being signed without committee hearings by Congress!

We need to stop a very bad bill now in Congress. See ACTION LINK below.

bg

■
■ Subject: Urgent Action Page: Stop The TPP Conspirators In Their Fast Tracks

Dear Friends and Activists,

Because people have specifically asked us to include in our alerts on this more details about why the proposed Trans Pacific Partnership ("TPP") is so evil, we will make the most critical points in this
one. Please therefore read on, gentle reader, remembering it is always our practice to have supporting reference links on the action page itself.

But first, the latest petition directly on the outrage of how a fast track bill for this is has just been formally introduced, without any manner of proper or judicious consideration.

When you submit this action page, PLEASE go out of your way in your comments to use the names of your members of Congress in the THIRD person (i.e., as 'he' or 'she')

, so comments will make sense also as letters to the editor of your local newspaper.

**If your House member has not signed a letter protesting fast track for the TPP, you can say something like, "I don't understand why Representative X has not . . .," or "I am disappointed that Representative X . . . ". If they have taken a stand against this you can say something like, "I applaud Representative Y for . . .," etc., or something like that.**

And you can instantly determine where your members of Congress stand on this by clicking the special new function button on the action page below we created especially for this purpose.

BEGIN NEW PETITION:

Senators Max Baucus, Orrin Hatch and Representative David Camp have
just conspired among themselves to make a back room deal, just the
three of them, to put a fast track bill for the secretive Trans
Pacific Partnership up for the direct vote of Congress.

We Demand Full Committee Hearings On The TPP action page:
http://www.peaceteam.net/action/pnum1150.php

In doing so, they have disgracefully bypassed their own committees,
with a responsibility for considering and voting on any such
proposal. And yet the letter announcing this appears on the official
Senate Finance Committee web page, and as such on its face
constitutes gross abuse of their authority and duties as chairmen of
their committees.

What makes this all the more outrageous is their 3 man unilateral
press release touts how their fast track bill will promote "access to
information." Do they mean that as some kind of cruel joke!? No

"trade" proposal before has ever been negotiated in such extreme
secracy, with members of Congress forbidden to disclose
what they
know about the TPP now, and journalists
And it is hardly any surprise why. From leaked documents we know, among many other evil things, that the TPP as proposed purports to establish **new special rights for corporations to take precedence over the laws of all the nation states involved**, even to be able to collect damages in lost profits if, for example, they are not allowed to pollute any way they like.

This is truly the sickest proposal ever to come out of a craven corporate attorney's mind. And shame on any member of Congress too corrupt not to immediately stand up in vociferous protest.

Shame on any member of Congress who does not demand fully transparent consideration and their full constitutional voting authority over the TPP itself in the full and unhurried light of day. Any proposal to cut Congress out of the loop by a deceptive fast track hustle must be categorically rejected in any form.

**We Demand Full Committee Hearings On The TPP action page:** [http://www.peaceteam.net/action/pnum1150.php](http://www.peaceteam.net/action/pnum1150.php)

The above is the actual text of the petition sent by the link above. And after you submit it, **feel free to request one of our dramatic new "Expressway To Trade Hell TPP" bumper stickers.** You can have one for no charge, not even shipping.
just by submitting this form.

Expressway To Trade Hell TPP bumper stickers:  
http://www.peaceteam.net/all_bumper_stickers.php

Of course, if you can make a contribution of any amount, this is what makes it possible for us to send free stickers to anyone who cannot afford to make a contribution right now.

THE CASE AGAINST THE PROPOSED TPP

We have already mentioned in the petition above itself the most dastardly new evil in the TPP, super-national rights for corporate business interests, which we only know about at all because there exist leaked documents, albeit heavily redacted. The TPP purports to define any law to constrain pollution, establish labor rights, etc. as an "indirect expropriation" of expected corporate profits, and to establish an unassailable tribunal to enforce these virtually unprecedented prerogatives.

So, for example, if some mega-corporation wanted to frack in your backyard, and you didn't like it, you would have to pay them as damages the money they would presumptively have made from destroying your environment, and your own government would be enfeebled to protect you in any way.

And that's just the start. The TPP would make it easier to export jobs to markets where labor is even cheaper than where they exported most of our jobs under NAFTA and preceding "free" trade agreements. These are nothing but free for all labor exploitation deals, and the
TPP is the worst yet by an order of magnitude. If you want to turn the entire United States of America into a third world country, this is the fast track to get there.

The TPP would extend drug patent monopolies, high on the Christmas wish list of the greediest pharmaceutical monoliths, who are already raking in monstrous profit margins.

The TPP purports to inhibit on an international scale the ability of governments to perform proper financial oversight and regulation of the same Wall Street banks and insurance companies that have come so close already to wrecking the entire world economy. They would be free to create toxic assets, play casino with client money, to do more and more of the very things that created such crises in the first place.

And that's not all. The TPP would leave governments, including our own, powerless to regulate pesticides, food additive, or GMOs. They could force-feed us this stuff against our will by infiltrating our entire food supply.

This stuff is so unbelievably bad you will have to make a serious effort to read the deliberately sparse information which is available to appreciate the kind of peril we are all in right now, unless this thing is stopped cold.

Oh, and there's more, too. They want to monopolize global food supplies. They want to abolish policies to "buy local." And on top of
everything else they want to abolish all tariffs so THEY can retain

ALL the profit from the new labor markets they want to exploit.

The only thing "free" about this so-called trade deal is to make
giant corporations free from any accountability whatsoever, a new
world order where governments are entirely subservient to selfish
business interests.

But your voice speaking out can stop these 21st century fascists in

their fast tracks, if only you will speak out now while you still
can. As of this moment, because of your voices, they have been unable
to find a Democrat on the House side to co-sponsor the bill. It must

stay that way, and only our unflagging diligence and activism can
keep it that way.

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STOP TPP: CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Leaked documents confirm the worst.

Phil Aroneanu - 350.org 350@350.org
Friends,

A confession: I hesitated to even send this email.

The thing I’m writing about today -- a trade agreement called the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP -- is a bit outside 350.org's wheelhouse. When it came down to it though, I couldn’t NOT send this email, since the TPP is shaping up to be the worst kind of corporate power grab.

This week, Wikileaks released newly leaked documents that confirm the worst: the United States' TPP negotiating team is walking away from supporting strong environmental safeguards. Without protections for land use, logging, and climate pollution, the TPP has gone from a bad deal to a disastrous one. It’s time to take action:

**Click here to tell your Members of Congress to reject the Trans-Pacific Partnership.**

The TPP is an expansive, highly secretive international free trade agreement. It’s being negotiated by delegates from twelve Pacific Rim countries, including the United States, along with hundreds of industry leaders. Elected officials, civil society, and the press have largely been shut out of negotiations, but these leaked documents reveal disturbing provisions.

The TPP would empower corporations to directly sue governments over laws and policies that they claim reduce their profits. Legislation designed to address climate change, curb fossil fuel expansion, and reduce air pollution could all be subject to attack as a result of the TPP.

Right now, our best chance to stop this train wreck is to stop Congress from giving “fast-track” authority to President Obama, allowing him to push the agreement through without a public debate.

**Click here to tell your Congressional representatives to reject “fast track” and the Trans-Pacific Partnership.**

In Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, and here in the U.S., citizens have taken to the streets in mass protest. Last year, 130 members of Congress voiced concerns about the TPP, and opposition is growing now that a fast-track bill has been introduced in the Senate. Let’s make sure those Senators and Representatives who may be on the fence get our message loud and clear:

**We oppose the "fast-track" bill, and we reject the TPP.**

Any trade agreement that gives corporations unfettered power is a bad one, but a trade agreement like this would be a disaster for people and the planet.

Onward,

Phil

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STOP TPP

Dangerous trade deal going from bad to worse

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Subject: Dangerous trade deal going from bad to worse

Dear Sue,

The drumbeat opposing the Trans-Pacific trade deal known as the TPP is getting louder by the day. And it's no surprise. This colossal, job-destroying free trade agreement is being negotiated in secret and will result in rollbacks of environmental, public health and food safety protections.

Friends of the Earth has been working behind the scenes for years to fight the deal and expose the threats it poses to our environment.

But now a new bill in congress is about to raise the stakes. The Camp/Baucus bill would give so called "Fast Track Authority" allowing congress to pass the TPP without amendments or significant debate, effectively silencing lawmakers who oppose it.

So we're going to be ramping up pressure on key lawmakers to oppose Fast Track Authority. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for opportunities to
take action yourself.

For more, click to read my complete blog post.

The threat that the TPP poses to our environment and the rights of citizens around the world can't be understated. The TPP would allow foreign investors to sue countries for "lost profits" caused by countries simply enforcing their own environmental laws.

What's more, the TPP chapter on intellectual property protects patents on plants and animals, giving corporations monopolies over the use of genes that are our common natural and human heritage.

This trade deal could even allow attacks on any decision not to build the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline.

The only way we're going to stop this dangerous trade deal is through the combined people power of citizens all around the world. In the coming weeks we'll be sending you opportunities to take action yourself in opposition to Fast Track and the TPP.

Sincerely,

Bill Waren
Trade policy analyst,
Friends

US NUCLEAR BOMBING EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC: ANYBODY NOT FEARFUL?

HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI ATOMIC BOMBINGS:
(Hiroshima and Nagasaki have been remembered on August 6-9 ever since the 1960s, first by the Peace Organizing Committee, and then by OMNI. Join us in 2014.)

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CONSEQUENCES OF NUCLEAR BOMB TESTS ON THE INHABITANTS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

MARSHALLESE RESIDENTS GATHER TO COMMEMORATE NUCLEAR BLASTS

By Shain Bergan   Posted: March 24, 2012

Mercy Kanono, left, watches the documentary “Radio Bikini” on Friday at the Jones Center Chapel in Springdale during the memorial service and candlelight ceremony for those killed and affected by the atomic and thermo nuclear bombs tested on the Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958. The event also included songs and reading names of those affected by the bombs.

The skies above the Marshall Islands lit up in 1954 as the U.S. military dropped a bomb creating the largest man-made explosion in history.

Marshallese residents of Springdale gathered Friday in the Jones Center to commemorate the 23 blasts ravaging the Bikini Atoll and accompanying islands in the 1940s and 1950s as the military experimented with its nuclear program.

Saimon Milne, 68, remembers growing up on the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Bikini was evacuated before the bomb testing, with many refugees placed on Kwajalein.

They put them near our house, Milne said. There were a bunch of tents.

Milne was 11 years old when the United States carried out Castle Bravo, an operation that dropped a 15-megaton hydrogen bomb on Bikini. The blast was 1,000 times stronger than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945.

Milne said his mother died from thyroid cancer because of the resulting radioactive fallout. He hopes remembering the bomb testing reminds younger generations about mankind’s destructive tendencies.

About 100 people attended the remembrance.

Its something that connects them with their heritage, said Carmen Chong Gum, consul general for the Marshallese consulate in Springdale.

Faith and Nixon Jibas brought their three children to the commemoration. They came to honor the sacrifice of the Marshallese people.

That was their home they were taken away from, Faith Jibas said. We want to honor our ancestors.

Remembering the bombs is bittersweet for the Jibas family, who said they believe the bombs and radiation are the original ties that have kept the United States and Marshall Islands in close contact over the past six decades.

The U.S. began occupying the islands in 1944. The Marshall Islands signed a Compact of Free Association with the United States in 1986, which allows Marshallese citizens to enter the country without a visa.

Nixon Jibas said he wishes more American students learned about the Marshall Islands nuclear program. Spreading awareness could prevent future instances of unintentional nuclear disasters.
Its part of history. It will never go away, he said.
Political leaders from Bikini Atoll were delayed in travel from reaching the event.

By The Numbers
Springdale’s Marshallese
Most Marshallese in the mainland U.S. live in Springdale.
3,967: Marshallese in Springdale
4,324: Marshallese in Arkansas
69,797: Springdale Total Population

LETTER FROM NELSON ANJAIN TO DR. ROBERT CONARD, APRIL 9, 1975, INCLUDED IN NOAM CHOMSKY’S NUCLEAR WAR AND ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE (2013, pp. 104-06). Such an astonishing letter, that out of the thousands of historical items Chomsky might have chosen for his book, he chose this one. Anjain, from Rongelap Atoll, fiercely berates Conard, a Brookhaven National Laboratory doctor, for treating the Marshallese not with medical care but as guinea pigs and mere data and figures. In his callousness, declares Anjain, Conard truly represents the US representatives, who only collect “information for the U.S. government’s war makers.” To Dr. Conard he says: “We do not want to see you again.” —Dick

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“Nuclear Stalemate: When Will PBS Air Expose on Deadly Pacific Bomb Texts?”

By Lane Wollerton

“The documentary Nuclear Savage details the United States' use of Marshall Islanders as guinea pigs in a Cold War-era study of the effects of radiation on human subjects. The film portrays the Pacific Islands as a "paradise lost," brought about by the nearly 70 U.S. nuclear weapons testing detonations that began there in 1946. Much of the information contained in the film is already a matter of public knowledge (albeit on the fringes of our collective consciousness). What makes Nuclear Savage
noteworthy is its in-depth analysis of formerly confidential government documents—
documents providing evidence that the US actually intended to use the Marshallese
people as unwitting subjects in its radiation science experiments.”

The article is about how the acclaimed film was cut and cut by PBS and still has not been shown.

[I welcome additional annotation and comment about the remaining references. –Dick]

TWO ARTICLES BY GIFF JOHNSON


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**FILM: RADIO BIKINI**

Marshallese Remember
Asian Pacific Film Festival to Showcase Marshallese Film

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Microwave Films of the Marshall Islands announced Tuesday the screening date for its latest film at the 29th annual ASIAN PACIFIC FILM FESTIVAL in Los Angeles.

_The Sound of Crickets at Night (Ainikien Jidjid ilo Boñ)_ , the fourth Marshallese feature film directed and produced by the Majuro team of Jack Niedenthal and Suzanne Chutaro, will be showcased on Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m., at the CVG theaters in L.A. (Koreatown).

It has already gained international acclaim for its depiction of tribulations of a family of nuclear survivors from Bikini Atoll. "Our new feature-length Marshallese film will be the opening night film for the Moondance International Film Festival in New York City," wrote producer/director Jack Niedenthal in an email announcement yesterday.

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