Actually, all of OMNI’s newsletters are activist; that is they affirm and advocate peace, justice, and ecology. This newsletter named “Activism” emphasizes that fact. Gandhi, MLK Jr, nonviolence: The stories and arguments cover a broad range of striving for world peace, justice, and environmental preservation. The only restriction is the rejection of violence. See the newsletters on Nonviolence.

What is the mission of OMNI?
With the Quakers (AFSC, FCNL) we seek:
a world free of war and the threat of war,
a society with equity and justice for all,
a community where every person’s potential may be fulfilled,
and an earth restored.

That is, the entire peace, justice, and ecology movement, of which OMNI is a part, seeks to create a better world. We are not passive: we are engaged in making peace and justice. We do not seek distractions from the world that so urgently needs our help; and anyway our society like no other in history offers escape 24-7. We have something else to do.

Newsletters cover the fields of peace, justice, and ecology.
There is also an Index.
Blogs are the newsletters that relate to US empire, militarism, Pentagon, and peacemaking
and peacemakers: War Department/Peace Department; that is, most of my newsletters are also my blogs.

I am also occasionally filming “Short Takes” on war and warmongers and peace, peacemaking, and peacemakers on Community TV, shown also on my Blog.

Blog: The War Department and Peace Heroes
http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/

Newsletters on Peace, Justice, and Ecology:
http://www.omnicenter.org/newsletter-archive/ For an informed citizenry.
Index:
http://www.omnicenter.org/omni-newsletter-general-index/

“WELL-INFORMED FUTILITY” SYNDROME?

I heard a speaker refer to this state of mind to explain why she was so determined to work for peace, justice, and the environment. She said it was a widespread mentality among educated and inquiring people. Many gave up on their liberal ideals regarding the government (bi-partisan empire and permanent war, corporate/money/war party takeover of Congress and many state legislators by narrow, callous Tea Party faithful), and devoted their lives to play or to local betterment. May be true. Recently two friends who had spent much of their lives helping national and international projects said they were working locally in the future.

What does this mean? The Platonic/Socratic tradition through the Renaissance and modern Humanism trusted knowledge as the foundation for right direction in the pursuit of the Good. Is the “well-informed futility” syndrome a repudiation of this tradition of education, knowledge, reason? We should embrace the alternative: intensity, passion, violence?

A Call to the People by George Monbiot:

From: Robert McAfee <robertimca1@gmail.com>
Date: September 19, 2013, 5:36:29 AM CDT
To: Robert McAfee <robertjmca1@gmail.com>

After more than a quarter of a century of environmental campaigning I’ve come to see that the only thing that really works is public mobilisation: the electorate putting so much pressure on governments that they are obliged to take a stand against powerful interests. It doesn’t matter what weapons governments use to confront these interests: what counts is their willingness to use them. A system which undermines public involvement, boosts the power of the financial markets and reduces love and passion and delight to a column of figures is unlikely to

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YES! Magazine (Summer 2014)

David Hoffman, Citizens Rising on Independent Journalism

Moyers & Co., One Example 4-27-14: Versus Fossil Fuel
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Peter Dreier Reports

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  - Heroes (Book)

Bruce Dancis, Vietnam War Protest (Book)

World

Australia: Iain McIntyre, How to Make Trouble and Influence People

YES!Magazine SUMMER 2014

In each number, YES! focuses on a different theme. The Summer 2014 number
examines the power of storytelling, in which who tells the story, who controls the story, matters. Those who decide which stories most of us hear define the culture and therefore the future—whether of war or peace, or destruction or not of our civilization because of warming, or justice for workers and women. Some of the articles:

“Why Net Neutrality Is Worth Fighting For”
“Storytellers of an Emerging World”
“Books That Opened My World”
“Silent Spring Still Echoes”
“Voices Raised: Who’s Telling a Different Story”
(8 sections from low-power FM Radio to My Name Is Rachel Corrie).

Citizens Rising
Independent Journalism and the Spread of Democracy
by David Hoffman. CUNY

Synopsis

Read the first chapter here
“Citizens Rising” is a riveting, exhilarating exploration of how new media and old are changing the world. Beautifully written and a must-read for anyone concerned about not just the ‘tech’ but the broader context of journalism today.”

–Andrea Mitchell, NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent
“David Hoffman has written a stirring book. He shows how digital technology grants a voice to citizens, threatens the most brutal dictators, and, however unevenly, promises a better tomorrow.”

–Ken Auletta, Media Columnist, The New Yorker
“David Hoffman has written a sweeping history of media and citizen power. It makes a compelling case for independent media and access to information for all. A must read for those who care about information.”
Tara Sonenshine, former Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy

“Citizen Rising is a series of fascinating dispatches from the frontlines of efforts to establish independent media around the world. David Hoffman is a true visionary; a radical thinker with an uncanny ability to see into the future, a knack for skewering conventional wisdom, and a passion for spreading the gospel that access to free, fair and accurate information is as essential to human progress.

Chris Turpin, Executive Producer, NPR’s “All Things Considered”

From the fall of the Soviet Union to the Arab Spring to today's continuing conflicts, media have played a decisive role in political affairs across the globe—driving the revolutionary changes shaping today’s new world. This is the first book presenting a comprehensive look at the emergence of media as a primary actor, and not merely an observer, of global affairs.

As founder of Internews, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to information access and independent media, David Hoffman has had a backstage pass to many of the seminal world political upheavals in recent years. In these pages we see how media have been used for good and bad—to trigger genocide, but also to effectively prevent conflict, facilitate free elections, expose corruption, promote nation-building, provide critical information amid natural disasters, and bring about massive social change such as free education and women’s rights. With the rise of digital technology, the power of media to intervene in global affairs is in the hands of everyone—including you. This book examines media’s historic impact and offers a roadmap to the future.

Read the first chapter of Citizens Rising.

See more at: http://press.journalism.cuny.edu/book/citizens-rising/#sthash.jlA0Rz3g.dpuf

MOYERS & Co., APRIL 27, 2014
CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY MOVEMENT
DIVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUELS
TOM VAN DYCK, Wealth Management
ELLEN DORSEY, Wallace Global Fund

Made a strong case for the advantages of divestment from socially and environmentally harmful corporations, and against gov't./public subsidies to fossil fuel companies ($1.9 trillion).

Corporations should be custodians/stewards of God's creation, but since they are not the public should push for divestment, ending subsidies, and a tax on carbon of $25/ton. Dick
RECENT ACTIONS

Fighting for the Right to Free Speech
April 17, 2014 | Activism

As powerful media organizations and the government threaten to stifle free speech, a coalition of activists is fighting for your right to connect and communicate.

What You Can Do to Make Your Voice Heard on ‘McCutcheon’ Right Now
Updated April 4, 2014 | Activism

Groups like Public Citizen, Common Cause, Rootstrikers and many, many others are working to combat corruption and protect our right to vote.

What You Can Do to Support Public Schools
March 28, 2014 | Blog

We asked education historian Diane Ravitch what she hopes people will do after watching this week’s show. Here’s what she had to say.

Five Groups Fighting Climate Change
February 7, 2014 | Activism

These groups are part of a global movement to stop climate change and save the planet.

The Keystone XL Pipeline’s ‘Accidental Activists’
January 22, 2014 | Activism

The Southern leg of the controversial pipeline opened for business today, but landowners like Michael Bishop and others in its 485-mile path through Oklahoma and Texas aren’t happy about it.

10 Groups That Are Building a Movement for Economic Justice from the Grassroots Up
January 22, 2014 | Blog

These organizations are all worth watching as they fight for a fairer economy.

Peter Dreier
MOYERS & Co.

Peter Dreier on a New Generation of Activists
October 25, 2013

In his interview with Bill this week, historian Peter Dreier shares why he’s optimistic about America’s future, shining a spotlight on grass-roots initiatives around the country that remind us of our collective capacity to make a real difference. Dreier,

@PeterDreier

ALL POSTS BY PETER DREIER

Labor Board Sides With Workers: Wal-Mart Can’t Silence Employees Any Longer
November 22, 2013 | Blog

A landmark ruling by the National Labor Relations Board says Wal-Mart unlawfully harassed and fired employees for protesting.

19 Young Activists Changing America
October 25, 2013

Meet the up-and-coming activists who are leading the grass-roots movements for economic, social and environmental justice.

Activists to Watch: Sarita Gupta
October 25, 2013

Historian Peter Dreier explains why Gupta is a part of a new wave of grassroots activists changing America.

Activists to Watch: Teresa Cheng
October 25, 2013

Historian Peter Dreier explains why Cheng is a part of a new wave of grassroots activists changing America.

Activists to Watch: Patricia Castellanos
October 25, 2013

Historian Peter Dreier explains why Castellanos is a part of a new wave of grassroots activists changing America.

Activists to Watch: Amy Schur
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Historian Peter Dreier explains why Schur is a part of a new wave of grassroots activists changing America.

Activists to Watch: Angelica Salas
October 24, 2013

Historian Peter Dreier explains why Schlademan is a part of a new wave of grassroots activists changing America.
Social Action Heroes: Unitarian Universalists Who Are Changing the World
Author: Michelle Bates Deakin
Publisher: Skinner House Books
Publication Date: 10/14/11
Pages: 144
Size: 5.5" X 8.5" Inches
Binding Information: Paperback

Description:
Unitarian Universalists are committed to acting on important issues of social justice throughout the world. Award-winning journalist Michelle Bates Deakin explores the actions of eleven individuals and the impact their actions have had on their communities and their souls. Compelling and inspiring, Social Action Heroes illuminates the potential for deep change inherent in each of us, and in Unitarian Universalism as a whole.

Michelle Bates Deakin is an award-winning journalist and author of Gay Marriage, Real Life: Ten Stories of Love and Family from Skinner House Books. Deakin's work has been featured in regional and national media, including the Boston Globe, Boston Magazine and UU World, Inc. Magazine, where she is senior editor. She lives in the Boston area with her family.
Bruce Dancis


Hardcover - $29.95

Bruce Dancis

Bruce Dancis had a long career as a pop culture critic and editor, including sixteen years as the arts and entertainment editor of the Sacramento Bee, before his recent retirement. He lives in Orangevale, California, and Putnam Valley, New York.
Iain McIntyre is a Melbourne-based author, musician and community radio broadcaster who has written a variety of books on activism, history and music. Recent publications include *Wild About You: The Sixties Beat Explosion in Australia and New Zealand*, and *Tomorrow Is Today: Australia In The Psychedelic Era, 1966-70*.


**Purchasing Links**

**How To Make Trouble and Influence People: Pranks, Protests, Graffiti & Political Mischief-Making from across Australia**

Author: Iain McIntyre  
Foreword by Andrew Hansen  
Publisher: PM Press  
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Published March 2013  
Format: Paperback  
Size: 8.25 by 8.25  
Page count: 288 Pages  
Subjects: Politics–Activism/History–Australia

$24.95

This book reveals **Australia’s radical past through more than 500 tales** of Indigenous resistance, convict revolts and escapes, picket line hijinks, student occupations, creative direct action, street art, media pranks, urban interventions, squatting, blockades, banner drops, guerilla theatre, and billboard liberation. Twelve key Australian activists and pranksters are interviewed regarding their opposition to racism, nuclear power, war, economic exploitation, and religious conservatism via humor and creativity. Featuring more than 300 spectacular images *How to Make Trouble and Influence People* is an inspiring, and at times hilarious, record of resistance that will appeal to readers everywhere.

**Praise:**

“I noticed clear back on my first visit in ’83 that radical Aussies fighting back seem to be far more tenacious and creative than most Americans—Roxby Downs, that damned Franklin dam in Tasmania, Operation Titstorm, etc. A far better way to heat up the planet than your lovely mining companies. So keep up the good work! A prank a day keeps the dog leash away.”

—Jello Biafra

“A fascinating recovery of Australia’s neglected past and a worthy inspiration to today’s would-be troublemakers.”

—Sean Scalmer, author of *Dissent Events: Protest, The Media and the Political Gimmick in Australia*

“The perfect book for enlightened coffee tables.”

—Rachel Evans, *Green Left Weekly*

“If you’ve ever thought of speaking out about an issue or have idly wondered what you could do to make the world a better place, this is the book for you! Fascinating interviews, quirky historical snippets and stunning photos chronicling all the Australians who have made a difference and who have done so with courage, audacity and a lot of humour! Keep it on your desk at work for all those moments when you need some inspiration, a bit of hope or just a good laugh.”

—Jill Sparrow, co-author *Radical Melbourne 1 & 2*

“Fascinating interviews with Australia’s best troublemakers make for a riotous scrapbook covering our radical history of revolts and resistance.”
“McIntyre has amassed hundreds of tales alongside dramatic photographs in what is unashamedly a songbook for Australia’s future culture-jammers and mischief makers.”
—Katherine Wilson, *The Age*

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• *How to Make Trouble and Influence People: Socialist Party Australia*

• *How to Make Trouble and Influence People: Green Left Weekly*

How to Make Trouble and Influence People: A Review

By Meredith Jacka
*Socialist Party Australia*

November 4th, 2013

‘*How to make trouble and influence people – Pranks, protests, graffiti and political mischief making*’ provides a brief yet diverse historical account of Australian radical politics over the last 225 years.

But unlike many other history books, this one is delightfully easy to read, you can pick it up and open it to any page and you’ll learn something. It could be about a convict uprising in 1798 or anti nuclear activists in 1986.

There’s no need to sift through dry, academic, text book style stuff, Iain McIntyre has done that for us, with the result being an aesthetically pleasing and easily accessible resource book for anyone interested in progressive activism.

How to Make Trouble and Influence People: Recommended Summer Reading

By Rachel Evans
*Green Left Weekly*

In this beautifully-designed book, Melbourne-based author Iain McIntyre reveals the vital history of creative resistance in Australia. It is told through stories of Indigenous resistance, convict escapes, picket-line high-jinks, student occupations, creative direct action, media pranks, urban interventions, squatting, blockades, banner drops, street theatre and billboard liberation...

For more from Iain...

• www.facebook.com/howtomaketrouble

• www.howtomaketroubleandinfluencepeople.org

• australianmuseumofsquatting.org

Also see review in *YES! Magazine* (Summer 2014) by Madeline Ostrander. [-- Dick]
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(BillMoyers.com)
Reverend Billy (a Billy in every town?)

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