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OMNI’S NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL DAYS PROJECT. Affirming days supporting nonviolence, world peace, human rights, social and economic justice, democracy, and environmental stewardship; providing alternatives to the days approving violence (for example, Indigenous People of the Americas Day instead of Columbus Day). John Rodwan, Holidays & Other Disasters discusses the various issues U.S. holidays raise. Link to Peace, Justice, Ecology Birthdays: http://www.omnicenter.org/leaders-for-peace-justice-and/

Remember, this is simply one niche of thousands in resistance to the US Imperial Warfare State. Achieving world peace and justice and a check on climate change for all species necessitates changing the political system USA—the Capitalism-Corporation-Money-Pentagon-Militarism-Congress-White House-Corporate Media-Secrecy-Surveillance-National Security Complex. About time we got to work with all the other people told about in this and previous newsletters.

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Mother’s Day for Peace: A Dramatic Reading of Julia Ward Howe’s Mother’s Day Proclamation

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Excerpt of Mother’s Day for Peace, featuring a dramatic reading of Julia Ward Howe’s "Mother’s Day Proclamation."

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Ahead of Mother's Day, we play an excerpt of Robert Greenwald's short film Mother’s Day for Peace. It features a dramatic reading of Julia Ward Howe's "Mother’s Day Proclamation" by Felicity Huffman, Christine Lahti, Fatma Saleh, Ashraf Salimian, Vanessa Williams and Alfre Woodard. [includes rush transcript]

AMY GOODMAN: As we wrap right now on Mother’s Day, Sunday, I'll be joined in a minute by Susan Galleymore, the author of a new book on [mothers] speaking out about war and terror. First I want to play an excerpt of a short film by Robert Greenwald called Mother’s Day for Peace. It features a dramatic reading of Julia Ward Howe’s “Mother’s Day Proclamation,”
which was written in 1870 protesting the carnage of the Civil War, with readings featuring Felicity Huffman, Christine Lahti, Fatma Saleh, Ashraf Salimian, Vanessa Williams, Alfre Woodard. It begins with Gloria Steinem.

**GLORIA STEINEM:** Mother’s Day really was in its origin an antiwar day, an antiwar statement. Julia Ward Howe was sickened by what had happened during the Civil War, the loss of life, the carnage, and she created Mother’s Day as a call for women all over the world to come together and create ways of protesting war, of making a kind of alternate government that could finally do away with war as an acceptable way of solving conflict.

**VANESSA WILLIAMS:** Arise then…women of this day!
Arise, all women who have hearts!
Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!

**FELICITY HUFFMAN:**
Say firmly:
“We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies,
Our husbands will not come to us, reeking of carnage,
For caresses and applause.

**FATMA SALEH:**
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.
We

**FELICITY HUFFMAN:**
We

**ALFRE WOODARD:** We, the women of one country,
Are too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”
>From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice goes up with
Our own. It says: "Disarm!

**VANESSA WILLIAMS:** Disarm!

**FATMA SALEH:**
Disarm!
The sword of murder is not the balance of justice.”

ASHRAF SALIMIAN: Blood does not wipe out dishonor,
Nor violence indicate possession.

CHRISTINE LAHTI: As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil
At the summons of war,
Let women now leave all that may be left of home
For a great and earnest day of counsel.

FELICITY HUFFMAN:
Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

ALFRE WOODARD: Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means
Whereby the great human family can live in peace…

FATMA SALEH:
Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar,

VANESSA WILLIAMS: But of God —
In the name of womanhood and humanity,

ASHRAF SALIMIAN: I earnestly ask
That a general congress of women without limit of nationality,

ALFRE WOODARD: May be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient

FELICITY HUFFMAN:
And at the earliest period consistent with its objects,

VANESSA WILLIAMS: To promote the alliance of the different nationalities,

CHRISTINE LAHTI: The amicable settlement of international questions,

FATMA SALEH:
The great and general interests of peace.
AMY GOODMAN: A dramatic reading of Julia Ward Howe's “Mother’s Day Proclamation.”

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More news for Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day for Peace

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May 7, 2014 - **Julia Ward Howe**, the original advocate for the holiday we know today as **Mother's Day**, worked to establish a **Mother's Peace Day**.

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**THE FOLLOWING Two Items arrived after I had mailed 2014 Newsletter:**

Planned Parenthood

The Philippines: Release All Political Prisoners

**WE CAN** make the world we want a reality for women and girls

Dear James,

My mom taught me so much. She taught me that the world we live in can be unjust; it can be cold; it can be full of suffering — and none of that stops being true if we close our eyes and ignore it. But her biggest lesson was this: we can create change. We have the power to build the world we want to live in.
This Mother's Day, stand with Planned Parenthood Global, the international division of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, in the fight to make the world we want a reality for women and girls across the globe by signing the pledge — just click to add your name today.

The World We Want

I believe in a world where every girl can go to school without fear. A world where access to health care doesn't depend on where you live, or who you love. A world where reproductive rights are basic human rights.

That's the world I want. And that's the world I'm fighting for.

Planned Parenthood Global works in countries across the globe to make the world we want a reality. In Nigeria, we're working with local organizations to expand access to sexual and reproductive health care by training nurses, pharmacists, and even hairdressers to provide birth control options to women in their communities. In Peru, we're helping traditional midwives incorporate modern contraceptive techniques into their work. In Ecuador, Planned Parenthood programs are training young people to counsel their peers on birth control methods and reproductive health.

Every day, we're seeing the world we want move one step closer for millions of women and families. In every mother who delivers a baby safely, every young woman who can access birth control, every family who can plan their own futures, we can see the world we're fighting for.

But there's still so much work to do. Are you with us? Celebrate Mother's Day by standing with mothers around the world — add your name to our pledge today and share it with your friends.

Together, we can make the world we want a reality. Thanks for standing with us, and of course, happy Mother's Day to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Cecile Richards, President
Planned Parenthood Federation of America

PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

May 10, 2014

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Rjei Manalo, Spokesperson, Free Andrea Rosal Movement
(0930-9276289)

Cristina Palabay, Convenor, Tanggol Bayi (0917-3162831)
Release Andrea Rosal, Wilma Austria Tiamzon, Loida Magpatoc and all political prisoners!

Children and relatives of women political prisoners, and human rights advocates today commemorated Mothers’ Day, through a tribute-program to call for their immediate release of women political prisoners and all political prisoners.

“We are inspired by the courage of these women who, though handcuffed and incarcerated, continue to profess their stand for the cause of the oppressed and exploited children and women,” said Rjei Manalo, spokesperson of the Free Andrea Rosal Movement.

Rosal, who is expected to give birth this month to her first child, was arrested March 27, 2014 based on false charges of murder. She is the eldest daughter of the late Ka Roger Rosal, former spokesperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

“Perhaps her only crime, if that can be considered a crime, is being her father’s daughter. Andrea should give birth in an environment where she can nurture her baby, in the best possible way. That environment is outside the cramped confines of prison cells, where she is unjustly detained and persecuted for crimes she did not commit,” Manalo said.

Human rights group Karapatan documented 41 women political prisoners out of the 489 political prisoners in the Philippines.

The organizers also paid tribute to two women peace consultants Wilma Austria Tiamzon and Loida Magpatoc of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, who are protected under the GPH-NDFP Joint Agreement on Safety and immunity Guarantees (JASIG). Tiamzon has two children, while Magpatoc has three.

“Tiamzon and Magpatoc are one with the Filipino mothers in their aspirations for just and lasting peace, which is why they strive, in their capacity as peace consultants, to work for the just resolution of the armed conflict in the country. They advocate for nationalist industrialization, genuine agrarian reform, and a country that is free from foreign domination and control,” said Cristina Palabay, convenor of Tanggol Bayi.
In a statement, Tiamzon said “Nakakawing ang kinabukasan ng mga anak ng bayan sa pagtataguyod ng masang ina ng sambayanang Pilipino sa adhikaing pambansa at demokratiko. Ang makainang pagmamahal at pagkalinga, ang kahandaang proteksyon ang mga anak at pamilya sa lahat ng uri ng kapahamakan at ang katapangan ang magtanggol laban sa pagsasamantal at pang-aapi ay hindi lamang sa loob ng sariling mga tahanan. Ang tahanan ng mga ina ng bayan ay ang buong bayan at ang lahat ng anak ng sambayanang Pilipino ay kanya ring mga anak.”

Former political prisoners Angie Ipong and women health workers from the detained 43 health workers also participated in the program. A mural of a mother and her child was completed by the participants during the program, depicting the rights advocates’ tribute to women political prisoners. The activity was held at the University of the Philippines in Diliman and was sponsored by the Free Andrea Rosal Movement, Tanggol Bayi, Congress of Teachers and Educators for Nationalism and Democracy, and the All-UP Workers’ Alliance.

“We call for the immediate release of Andrea Rosal, Wilma Austria Tiamzon, Loida Magpatoc and all women political prisoners. Great mothers like them should be honored and treasured, not imprisoned and persecuted,” Manalo said. ###

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