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# Peace News

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**FEBRUARY 2007**



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**VISIT US:**

**MON, TUE, THURS**

**10:30-2:30**

**WED 2-6PM**

**February 21 7:30pm Parkdale United Church:**

## A Federal Department of Peace

The Working Group for a Federal Department of Peace is part of a growing international movement to establish Departments of Peace and Ministries for Peace within national governments.

The fundamental aim of the Department of Peace would be to reduce violence at home and abroad by implementing a culture of peace.

The Minister for Peace would address domestic and foreign issues from the perspective of non-violent conflict resolution, human rights and peacebuilding. She or he would advance an agenda of individual and collective security by supporting and establishing activities that promote a culture of peace and assertive non-violence.

Come and meet representatives from the Working Group for a Federal Department of Peace and learn more about this growing international initiative.



## Poets for Peace

**Monday March 19th 6:30pm Ironwood Stage & Grill**

To mark the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq Ploughshares presents

Poets for Peace with Sheri-D Wilson and a great line-up of poets speaking out against war.

Join us for an evening of music and poetry.

Be inspired, be moved.

Be a part of the change you wish to see.

Admission is by donation.



## A new way to Donate to Peace

Project Ploughshares Calgary has a new way to donate to our peace work!

Please consider signing up to donate by pre-authorized remittance. Instead of having to remember to send us a cheque every year, simply sign up once to give a donation once a month.

It's easy for you and it helps Ploughshares to plan our activities year by year, ensuring a steady and reliable income for our projects. Fill in the back of the newsletter to join.

A special thanks to all our supporters for another successful year.



## Puppets for Peace

Puppets for Peace has 28 shows booked for February! We will also do a joint session with Dr Tanya Beran entitled "Bullying: Old and New" at the Calgary area Teachers' Convention, February 16. There has been much script updating activity, but, at time of writing, positions for a puppeteer, and the promotion committee are still open. Come and join us! Phone Sally at 247-1653.

## Ploughshares Calgary News

### Thank you Volunteers!

A special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers of 2006. We couldn't do it without you. The Holiday Peace Fair was another wonderful success raising over \$4000 for Ploughshares and thousands of dollars for the thirty organizations who attended. Our volunteers made it happen! Overseen by Nancy Hetherington-Peirce with volunteers organized by Helen Ngrave, Food provided by the kitchen crew (with Karen Dickson), sales by the Ploughshares table (with Larry Kennard), including the Admission table, money changers, set-up and take down crews and many many more. Your work is peace in action!

### January Monthly Meeting

We had great attendance by Ploughshares and community members at our January meeting to listen to Dr. Clark offer his proposal for the Calgary Centre for Global Community. Organizations seeking to be involved in the creation of this proposal are encouraged to contact Jamie at 220-2136

## Ploughshares National News



### New on the Ploughshares Website

[How the West undermines nuclear non-proliferation](#) *Ernie Regehr* Briefing 06/7

Also posted is [The Ploughshares Monitor](#), Winter 2006

Ernie makes ongoing contributions to his blog on disarming conflict. His most recent post concerns the violence in Somalia and is available at [http://www.igloo.org/disarmingconflict/#\\_ednref6](http://www.igloo.org/disarmingconflict/#_ednref6)

# Global News

## Talks with North Korea End without Resolution

On 22 December 2006, six-party talks aimed at convincing North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program ended without any progress. The negotiations have been mired in distrust. The US and North Korea have each blamed the other nation for betraying expectations. US representatives wanted to rehash a 2005 agreement in which North Korea would receive aid and security assurances in exchange for nuclear disarmament, while North Korea wanted to focus on lifting US financial curbs. **Source:** Buckley, Chris, "North Korea nuclear talks end without deal," *Reuters*, 22 Dec 2006.

## Bush Signs US-India Nuclear Deal Legislation

On 18 December 2006, President George Bush signed legislation allowing for a nuclear cooperation between India and the United States. The piece of legislation carves out an exception for India to existing US nuclear laws. It allows for the transfer of nuclear materials and technology from the United States to India. In exchange, India is required to place 14 of its 22 nuclear reactors under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). **Source:** Baker, Peter, "Bush signs India nuclear law: Critics say deal to share civilian technology could spark arms race," *Washington Post*, 19 December 2006.

## IRAQ: In Baghdad, Concerns About a Violent Year

Skepticism among Iraqis was readily apparent just hours after President Bush spelled out plans to bolster US and Iraqi forces to retake control of Baghdad. "No hope, habibi (my dear)," says one Iraqi Shiite contacted in the capital. This professional is trying to leave Iraq - along with the 3,000 Iraqis each day the UN estimates to be fleeing the violence. The exodus underscores the magnitude of the challenge, as the White House seeks to avoid leaving Iraq as a failed state. Mr. Bush said that the insurgent and sectarian violence - which left 60 Iraqis dead in Baghdad Wednesday morning - can be quelled by an infusion of 17,500 more US soldiers in the capital and 4,000 in Anbar Province. The Bush plan is to deploy one US battalion (400 to 600 US troops) in each of nine Baghdad districts, alongside substantially boosted Iraqi units. The fulcrum of the plan is the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, which has shown little inclination to take on Shiite militias and death squads - even encouraging sectarian divisions - since coming to power last spring. Washington has identified the Mahdi Army, a militia loyal to cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, as the biggest threat to security. But the government of Mr. Maliki, dependent on Mr. Sadr's political movement for support, has struggled to rein it in. **Source:** Christian Science Monitor

## Canadian Pressure Helps to Stop Laying of Landmines on Afghan-Pakistan Border

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf has agreed to hold off on expanding landmine use at the Afghanistan border until after further talks. "He essentially said they would not make any decision around the use of landmines until Canadian officials and perhaps other NATO officials got together with them to have a substantive discussion on control at the border." Peter MacKay said after meeting with the President. Many Afghans oppose Pakistan's plans to secure the border. "Mining and fencing the border will not prevent terrorism but it will divide the two nations." Karzai said. **Source:** CTV News Jan. 14 '07



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“And they shall beat their swords into  
ploughshares and their spears into pruning  
hooks” - Isaiah 2:41

Special thanks to Sylvia Hawkins, Tracey  
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and editing this issue!

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# Ploughshares Peace Library

Did you know Project Ploughshares Calgary has a peace library? It's true! Our library includes resources on peace education for parents and educators who want to know how to teach their children about peace, non-violence, reconciliation and our global family. We also have books on the philosophy of peace, nuclear abolition and nuclear waste, children and war and much more. We have videos, books and curriculum materials. We recently acquired Mary Wynn-Ashford's new book— Enough Blood Shed. It is available for circulation. Visit the office Mon, Tues & Thurs 10:30am-2:30pm or Wed. 2-6pm or call 270-7366

We are seeking to expand our library and are requesting specified monetary donations to the library. Or perhaps you have a book you think everyone should read. Please bring them down to share. Or you can buy and donate books directly. We are currently seeking copies of Ursula Franklin's new book Pacifism as a Map.

