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2919 8 Ave NW, Calgary, AB  
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*Thanks for supporting the cause of peace! May you have a peaceful spring and summer!*

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# Peace News

**JUNE 2012**



**We are located:**

**Parkdale United  
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**Office hours:**

**Mon Tues & Thurs  
10:30 am - 3 pm**

**Wed 2 - 6 pm**

**Project Ploughshares June Presentation  
Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 7:30 pm  
Parkdale United Church, 2919 - 8 Avenue NW  
Conflict Transformation and Inner Peace  
Project Ploughshares AGM (at end of meeting)**

**Martha McManus, M.A., MPhil, Rotary WORLD Peace Scholar**  
Martha has been involved with the Justice for Children project since September 2009. She has been a key player in the design of school-based life skills development and peace education curriculum, implemented in 42 primary, middle, and secondary schools and 13 youth centers throughout Iraq. Termed 'I LIVE! Hope, Help, and Healing', this school-based initiative has trained more than 20,000 children on life skills development and conflict mediation.



Martha's workshops help conflict resolution specialists expand their work to include the roles of preventing, resolving and containing conflict as provider, teacher, bridge-builder, mediator, arbiter, equalizer, healer, witness, referee and peacekeeper. Martha's light hearted, common sense approach and examples remind us of our own commitment to work toward peace and violence prevention.

**Project Ploughshares AGM will take place immediately after Martha's presentation.**



**Remembering Hiroshima, Visualizing Peace**

**Thursday June 28, 2012, 7:00 pm  
Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE**

**2nd floor, Theatre**

The Hon. Douglas Roche, former Senator, Member of Parliament, and Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, will speak about

past and present progress on nuclear disarmament at this event, in advance of Hiroshima Day, August 6th, and Nagasaki Day, August 9th. The evening will include excerpts from the film 'Countdown to Zero', a special exhibit brought in from Hiroshima and the opportunity to make paper cranes. Join us for this top level information and remembrance event.



**Thursday August 9, 2012**

A low-key event for Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days will take place at a location TBA. Stay posted. Word will be emailed and put on the Project Ploughshares website. If you would like to volunteer for this, call Sally at 403-247-1653.



**Monday April 30, 2012, 7:30 pm**  
**Parkdale United Church Auditorium**  
**2919—8 Avenue NW**

### **The Achuar and Big Oil: At the Crossroads of Conflict**

A delegation of four Achuar leaders, their lawyer, and Gregor Martenson, the Amazon Watch Peru Coordinator, did a riveting presentation on the current situation in the Peruvian Amazon. The film 'Chumpi', about the daily lives of the Achuar, was shown to an audience of approximately 60 Calgarians, and each of the delegates spoke about their perceptions and anguish over oil exploration on their traditional territories.

The Achuar came to Calgary after having visited Ottawa and Fort MacMurray. The purpose of their stop in Calgary was to attend the AGM of Talisman Energy and to speak to the CEO as well as the shareholders about their demands to end oil exploration on their lands. They received amazing support from Calgarians in their quest. In coming to Canada and particularly in visiting the oil sands, they are more determined than ever to see Talisman gone from their territory.

While in the Fort MacMurray region, Jiyukam Irar Miik looked out the window at the treeless, barren land and said with grim determination: "This will never happen to us."

"Talisman says they'll use the latest technology to drill in our rainforest," said Achuar leader Peas Peas Ayui. President of the National Achuar Federation of Peru (FENAP). "We came to Canada to see this technology and the way oil companies have operated in the north, and how they have treated indigenous peoples. What we saw is very sad. I'll leave here with great strength to demand Talisman leave our ancestral land for the future of our children.

The Achuar people live on both sides of the Peru-Ecuador border in the Amazon rainforest. Since 2004 Calgary-based Talisman Energy has been drilling exploratory wells in a remote watershed in the heart of Achuar territory in an important hunting and fishing grounds, despite strong opposition from the majority of Achuar people who live in Oil Block 64, which overlaps the majority of Achuar territory in Peru. Talisman is accused of creating divisions and provoking conflict in the region in efforts to get sign-off on their drilling in local communities. We await a positive response from Talisman in response to the Achuar leadership requesting them to leave their land.



The delegation left Calgary on May 3rd to visit Vancouver and the Haida Gwaii before returning to the Amazon. They hosted a going away party for all Calgarians who helped them out during their long journey the night before they left, which was a very uplifting and positive event for all who attended.



### **Upcoming Event - Fall 2012**

**Project Ploughshares Calgary's 30th Anniversary!**

**October 12 - Anniversary Dinner at the Danish Canadian Club**

**October 13 - Workshop with Ernie Regehr, O.C., founder of Project Ploughshares**

Save the date for this incredible weekend! Friday evening there is a dinner for Ploughshares members to commemorate our 30th Anniversary (\$50 per person), and on Saturday there will be a special workshop presented by Ernie Regehr at Parkdale United Church. More information to follow in the July-August newsletter.

# Ploughshares Calgary News



## Volunteers Needed!

Please look at our current Volunteer Opportunities on our website at [www.ploughsharescalgary.ca](http://www.ploughsharescalgary.ca). We can always use a helping hand!

Please email Karen at [office@ploughsharescalgary.ca](mailto:office@ploughsharescalgary.ca) or phone her at [403-270-7366](tel:403-270-7366).

## Donations Needed!

It's spring! That means the annual donation drive for Project Ploughshares! Please renew your commitment to our group at this time if you have not already done so. We are the group for Calgary who bring peace-centred commentary about military and nuclear weapon matters, and word on nonviolence work and peace education. We envision and are building a peaceful world. Please give generously! Thank you.



## Calgary Peace Run - A collaborative event organized by:

Project Ploughshares Calgary, The Consortium for Peace Studies, cdpeace in Makeni, Sierra Leone.

Sunday September 23, 2012

Race Starts at the Running Room in Eau Claire Market

8:30 am Zumba Warm-up / 9:00 am Race Start

5K and 10K run or walk - all timed events

Race Directors: Saima Jamal ([peaceuc@ucalgary.ca](mailto:peaceuc@ucalgary.ca), 403-220-2136)

Karen Huggins ([office@ploughsharescalgary.ca](mailto:office@ploughsharescalgary.ca), 403-270-7366)



## How Can You Help?

### *Be a Runner or Walker!*

The Calgary Peace Run is comprised of 5 k runs and walks, as well as 10 k runs and walks—all timed events. We welcome all Calgary runners and walkers. All money raised will be used to fund the programs of Project Ploughshares and the Consortium for Peace Studies, with 25% of all proceeds going to cdpeace in Sierra Leone. All participants are encouraged to ask their friends and families to sponsor their efforts in running or walking to make Calgary an innovative frontrunner in the quest for peaceful solutions to some of the world's problems. [Click here to register as a runner or walker for this event through the Running Room.](#)

### *Be a Sponsor!*

We are in need of sponsors for the Calgary Peace Run! Our total budget for expenses related to organizing and putting on the Peace Run comes to approximately \$17,500. To date, we have received sponsorships totalling \$500. If each of our members contributed just \$50 or \$100 to the Peace Run, that would make a huge difference! Please consider sending whatever you can to help us defray the costs associated with the run—any amount is most welcome! You can [pay for them online](#) or write a cheque to the University of Calgary or Project Ploughshares.

**Be a part of this exciting new event and help us in promoting peace and non-violence and in creating a better world for everyone!**



"I saw science as being in harmony with humanity. I did not imagine that the second half of my life would be spent on efforts to avert a mortal danger to humanity created by science. The practical release of nuclear energy was the outcome of many years of experimental and theoretical research. It had great potential for the common good. But the first the general public learned about the discovery was the news of the destruction of Hiroshima by the atom bomb. A splendid achievement of science and technology had turned malign ... Let me remind you that nuclear disarmament is not just an ardent desire of the people, as expressed in many resolutions of the United Nations. It is a legal commitment ... for the sake of humanity - we must get rid of all nuclear weapons." --- **Joseph Rotblat** (1908-2005), from his [1955 Nobel Prize Acceptance speech](#).

## Whither a Fissile Material Ban Treaty?

**The great majority of states, which support the negotiation of such a treaty, must move beyond paying lip service to this goal and agree to arrangements to get actual work underway.**

By [Paul Meyer](#), May, 09, 2012

Nations that are party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty are assembling at the preparatory committee in Vienna, which began April 30 and runs until May 11. They have repeatedly voiced their support for the immediate commencement of negotiations of a treaty to prohibit the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons. This comes as no surprise, given that such a ban has been an agreed goal of UN member states for over fifty years.

In statements and submissions, frequent references have also been made to Action 15 from the 2010 NPT Review Conference's action plan, which stated that "the Conference on Disarmament should, within the context of an agreed, comprehensive and balanced programme of work, immediately begin negotiations of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for use in nuclear weapons or other explosive devices in accordance with the report of the Special Coordinator of 1995...and the mandate contained therein."

The formula is an old and respected one. The only problem with it is that it has proved impossible to put into effect. Not since a couple of weeks in the summer of 1998 has the Conference on Disarmament been able to undertake official work on a fissile material ban. Fourteen years of idleness on this, as all the while certain states continue to add to their stockpiles of fissile material and the nuclear weapons fashioned from them.

It doesn't take a deep student of diplomatic affairs to discern the link between the consensus-based conference's inability to agree on a programme of work including a fissile material ban, and the fact that amongst its member states it counts those still actively producing this essential nuclear weapon material. The more puzzling question is why has the vast majority of states supporting a fissile material ban put up with this situation for as long as they have?

Normally in the realm of international nuclear security affairs, one might expect the leading nuclear powers under the NPT to take the initiative to overcome the impasse and ensure that negotiations begin. This would seem relatively easy for them to do so, given that none of the NPT nuclear weapon states currently are producing fissile material for nuclear weapons. Regrettably, as shown in their group statement to this so-called PrepCom, the five permanent members of the Security Council have not been able to move beyond the threadbare formula of supporting the initiation of immediate negotiations of a fissile material ban at the conference. To be repeating this formula in the face of almost fifteen years of inaction would seem to represent the triumph of hope over experience—or to put it more bluntly, of convenience over commitment.

In diplomacy, as in any other area of human endeavor, if your preferred approach to achieving a given objective is not possible, you try another approach. Applying another approach to get work underway on a fissile material ban is overdue. The effort made to identify other options will be a reflection of the seriousness in which states hold the goal of such a treaty.

More encouraging is the position adopted by the ten non-nuclear weapon states forming the Non Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative grouping. In their working paper introduced at this PrepCom the NPDI states declared that in light of the failure of the conference to agree on a programme of work that included a fissile material cut-off treaty, "we are currently consulting on options for such negotiations, taking into account the venues of past treaties."

These states are signaling their refusal to take the conference's failure to commence negotiations as the last word on the subject. They are supporting both further scientific experts' meetings being organized by the Netherlands and Germany in May and June as well as laying the groundwork for initiating negotiations under other diplomatic auspices.

As suggested by the Canadian-led resolution at last fall's UN General Assembly that body, with its decision-making based on majority vote rather than consensus, could play a role in ensuring that work on a fissile material ban actually gets underway. Other forums for launching such a negotiation could also be envisaged.

The key point is that the great majority of states, which support the negotiation of a fissile material ban treaty, must move beyond paying lip service to this goal and agree to arrangements to get actual work underway. To a considerable extent, the credibility of the multilateral nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament enterprise centered on the NPT depends on this being done.



*Paul Meyer is a former Canadian ambassador for disarmament and currently a senior fellow at the Simons Foundation and a fellow in international security at Simon Fraser University.*

## New study finds regional nuclear exchange would lead to mass global starvation

Available online at [www.ippnw.org/nuclear-famine.html](http://www.ippnw.org/nuclear-famine.html)

Somerville, MA A nuclear war anywhere in the world, using as few as 100 weapons, would disrupt the global climate and agricultural production so severely that the lives of more than a billion people would be at risk, according to research findings released today by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) and its US affiliate, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Dr. Ira Helfand, the author of *Nuclear Famine: A Billion People at Risk Global Impacts of Limited Nuclear War on Agriculture, Food Supplies, and Human Nutrition*, said the new evidence that even the relatively small nuclear arsenals of countries such as India and Pakistan could cause long lasting, global damage to the Earth's ecosystems requires a fundamental change in our thinking about nuclear weapons.

Working with data produced by scientists who have studied the climate effects of a hypothetical nuclear war between India and Pakistan, Dr. Helfand and a team of experts in agriculture and nutrition determined that plunging temperatures and reduced precipitation in critical farming regions, caused by soot and smoke lofted into the atmosphere by multiple nuclear explosions, would interfere with crop production and affect food availability and prices worldwide.

The research was funded by a grant from the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The findings and the methodology on which the study is based will be published in a forthcoming issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Climatic Change*.

Among the specific findings:

- ◆ Corn production in the US would decline by an average of 10% for an entire decade, with the most severe decline (20%) in year 5. Soybean production would decline by about 7%, with the most severe loss, more than 20%, in year 5.
- ◆ There would be a significant decline in middle season rice production in China. During the first 4 years, rice production would decline by an average of 21%; over the next 6 years the decline would average 10%.
- ◆ Increases in food prices would make food inaccessible to hundreds of millions of the world's poorest. Even if agricultural markets continued to function normally, 215 million people would be added to the rolls of the malnourished over the course of a decade.
- ◆ Significant agricultural shortfalls over an extended period would almost certainly lead to panic and hoarding on an international scale, further reducing accessible food.
- ◆ The 925 million people in the world who are already chronically malnourished (with a baseline consumption of 1,750 calories or less per day), would be put at risk by a 10% decline in their food consumption.

While the IPPNW report calls for further research into the effects on additional crops in additional agricultural regions, Dr. Helfand said this preliminary study "raises a giant red flag" about the danger of nuclear weapons and the urgency of their elimination. "The death of one billion people over a decade would be a disaster unprecedented in human history," he said. "It would not cause the extinction of the human race, but it would bring an end to modern civilization as we know it."

The danger identified in this report requires a fundamental change in our thinking about nuclear weapons. We must now recognize that it is not just the arsenals of the nuclear super powers that threaten all humanity. Even the smaller arsenals of emerging nuclear powers like India and Pakistan pose a global threat..

Noting, however, that even one US Trident submarine has the ability to destroy 100 cities and create a global famine, Dr. Helfand said "Even the most ambitious current proposals for nuclear arms reductions would leave the US and Russia with many times the nuclear fire power needed to create a global disaster on the scale described in this study."

Former Soviet president and founding chairman of Green Cross International, Mikhail Gorbachev, who received an advance briefing on the findings, said he is convinced that nuclear weapons must be abolished. Their use in a military conflict is unthinkable; using them to achieve political objectives is immoral. Over twenty-five years ago, President Ronald Reagan and I ended our summit meeting in Geneva with a joint statement that 'nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought,' and this new study underscores in stunning and disturbing detail why this is the case and why we must discard Cold War-style plans for the possible use of these weapons and move rapidly to eliminating them from the world's arsenals."



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## Calgary Peace Events

### Iran-Israel Nuclear Problem

SUNDAY JUNE 3, 4-6PM

John Dutton Theatre, Central Public Library

616 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary



"The prospect of a high-profile military conflict looms again in the Middle East. National security analysts believe Israel's government is giving serious consideration to an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities in the coming months, an action that would trigger a cascade of unpredictable military, political and economic reactions in the region and around the world." -- Huffington Post

#### Panelists:

Dr Arthur Clark, Consortium for Peace Studies member & founder of Calgary Centre for Global Community

Jorg Ostrowski, maverick environmental graduate architect & peace/ justice activist

Shahab Moieni, Natural Resources Specialist

Dr Jim Keeley Centre for Military & Strategic Studies, U of C

### Summer Institute in Peacebuilding and Social Justice

Consortium for Peace Studies, University of Calgary

Location: Professional Faculties Building 3208

July 9 - 13, 2012

The third annual Summer Institute is housed in the Faculty of Social Work and open to students from any faculty registered in Graduate and Undergraduate degree programs, as well as members of the general public. The focus will be on understanding and analyzing selected theories and practice methods of peacebuilding/conflict resolution as seen through a social justice lens. Participants will be given a cross-disciplinary perspective on processes that lead toward progressive, non-violent change as it relates to the individual, society (local/global) and the environment. [Click here](#) for public registration (CAD\$500). For course details and for student registration option, [click here](#).



### Young Women Peace Makers Camp

Mir Centre for Peace, Selkirk College, Castlegar

B.C./Gaia Shifts Retreat Centre, Nelson, B.C.

July 6 - 8, 2012

Are you interested in a career or activism in reducing violence, peace studies, or conflict resolution? This 3-day camp offers you workshops, skill building and networking with others involved in creating nonviolent models of security and protection services and a culture of peace. For more info, contact [madelynmackay@hotmail.com](mailto:madelynmackay@hotmail.com) or 250-352-2660.



### Project Ploughshares Annual Peace Fair

Saturday November 3, 2012 at St. David's United Church

Save the Date!

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