

Reflections FOR NONVIOLENT COMMUNITY



A BOOK OF READINGS

.....
THE OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE ALLIANCE
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front cover:

OREPA members gathered with others at the Great Smoky Mountains Peace Pagoda in April to hear anti-nuclear activist Shoji Kihara talk about the post-Fukushima nuclear world in Japan. Translating is Steve Leeper who accompanied Shoji-san.

About this booklet

This booklet grows from an intentional exploration of nonviolent community embarked upon by members of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. It has since expanded to embrace many members of our peace community.

Our intention is to use the booklet to build spiritual community. Those who are using the book are asked to participate by contributing readings to it.‡

The common thread in these reflections is the struggle of human beings to improve the world. In OREPA, our struggle to end bomb production is part of that struggle. In these reflections, we join ourselves with the larger community that works to heal the world.

The reflection booklet has been provided free of charge to all who request it. We welcome donations—\$20 would cover the cost of paper, printing and mailing for one year—but they aren't required.

Each Thursday you will find the name of a member of the community who is using this booklet. This is an opportunity to think a little about that person and all those who work for peace on her/his day.

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sources

Readings for this reflection booklet were contributed by Linda Ewald, Lee Sessions, Greg Coleman and Mary Dennis Lentsch. Several poems from *Poetry for the Earth* edited by Sara Dunn.

Sunday, June 1

1996 : UKRAINE TURNS NUCLEAR ARSENAL OVER TO RUSSIA

A tyrant must put on the appearance of uncommon devotion to religion. Subjects are less apprehensive of illegal treatment from a ruler whom they consider god-fearing and pious. On the other hand, they do less easily move against him, believing that he has the gods on his side.

~ Aristotle

Monday, June 2

1863 : HARRIET TUBMAN BORN

1924 : CONGRESS GRANTS CITIZENSHIP TO NATIVE AMERICANS

One is called to live nonviolently, even if the change one works for seems impossible. It may or may not be possible to turn the US around through nonviolent revolution. But one thing favors such an attempt: the total inability of violence to change anything for the better.

~ Dan Berrigan

Tuesday, June 3

Individuals have international duties which transcend the national obligations of obedience. Therefore citizens have the duty to refuse to obey domestic laws to prevent crimes against peace and humanity from occurring.

~ Nuremberg War Crime Tribunal, 1950

Wednesday, June 4

1987 : NEW ZEALAND DECLARES ITSELF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

1989 : TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE, BEIJING, CHINA

The word think comes from the same root as the word thank, so thoughtfulness is a kind of thankfulness. Mindfulness is a kind of gratefulness. Grace, of course, is related to gratitude, and in a state of grace, thanking becomes thinking: to think is to give thanks, to say grace not just at the moments of splendor, but at the ordinary times.

~ Jay Griffiths

Thursday, June 5
Mary Ellen Hoen

1958 : GOLDEN RULE ACTIVISTS SENTENCED TO 90 DAYS FOR SAILING INTO
PACIFIC A-BOMB TEST SITE

I waded, deepening, into the dark water.
Evening, and the push
and swirl of the river as it closed
around my legs and held on.
Young grilse broke water.
Parr darted one way, smolt another.
Gravel turned under my boots as I edged out.
Watched by the furious eyes of king salmon.
Their immense heads turned slowly,
eyes burning with fury, as they hung
in the deep current.
They were there. I felt them there,
and my skin prickled. But
there was something else.
I braced with the wind on my neck.
Felt the hair rise
as something touched my boot.
Grew afraid at what I couldn't see.
Then of everything that filled my eyes—
that other shore heavy with branches,
the dark lip of the mountain range behind.
And this river that had suddenly
grown black and swift.
I drew breath and cast anyway.
Prayed nothing would strike.

~ Raymond Carver

Friday, June 6

Ours ought to be a society in which the weak are not preyed upon and the innocent have nothing to fear.

~ Ruben Navarette

Saturday, June 7

The mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size.

~ Albert Einstein

Sunday, June 8

570 : MOHAMMED BORN

The acid of hate destroys the container.

~ Amish farmer

Monday, June 9

I postpone death by living, by suffering, by error, by risking, by giving, by losing.

~ Anais Nin

Tuesday, June 10

The search for truth is a lifelong pact with our inner lives that encompasses seeking the truth, speaking the truth, and living the truth—which is to say, letting our lives speak.

~ Robert L. Smith

Wednesday, June 11

1880 : JEANETTE RANKIN BORN

If you are contemplating a life of resistance, you must just get filled up with grace and that happens if you hang around the right people. But also, importantly, maintain a sense of humor. Do serious stuff but don't take yourself too seriously. And have a sense of history—how long it's been going on.

~ Mike Miles

Thursday, June 12
Alida Coughlin

1982 : ONE MILLION MARCH FOR DISARMAMENT IN NEW YORK CITY

The field is trampled over utterly.
No hidden corner remains unchurned.
Unusable henceforth for pasture:
Sheep and cattle must feed elsewhere.

The field was torn by battle, dull
Explosions, trenches dug for shelter,
Vehicles which wheeled, reversed,
Hunted down the last resistance.

The field is strewn with bones and metal.
Earth which had not felt the air
During millenia, is now revealed
To every element and influence.

The undersoil surprises by its richness.
In battle's lull, at night, the farmer crawls
To estimate what might be salvaged
Of his lone field's potentiality.

If he survives, the field holds promise
Of great abundance, a yield astonishing,
Unprecedented as all he hopes for.
The field is fertile. He must survive.

~ Ruth Fainlight

Friday, June 13

1985 : AID TO NICARAGUA'S CONTRAS PROTESTED IN 150 US CITIES; 1,756 ARRESTED

The most important thing in resistance is to make sure you have a community of support. That's number one. Number two is to know that you're not going on your own but are being sent—that a community feels and discerns with you and sends you to represent all of them. If it's just your own will, so to speak, there's too much ego in it.

~ Tom Karlin

Saturday, June 14

Students and the public generally need to be able to recall the Five Freedoms just as easily as they can count the five fingers on their hands. As they learn their rights, they come to expect them, both from one another and from their governments. What they expect today, they will demand tomorrow. The Five Freedoms are deeply held cultural values that lead to lasting results.

~ Kirk Boyd

Sunday, June 15

We grow up, are trained, and subsist in a “violence belief system.” Like every belief system, it requires our allegiance, fervor, and ongoing practices and rituals. Consciously or not, in our society we undergo a life-long formation process through a violence “catechesis” provided by the media, education, family training, and the nation’s values and policies and reinforced by regular “sacraments” of violence: destructive personal, interpersonal, and social attitudes, practices, and behavior.

~ Walter Wink

Monday, June 16

1976 : SOWETO UPRISING, 700 STUDENTS KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA

Imagination is the gift of vitality which enables the believing community to discern possibility and promise, to receive newness and healing where others only measure and count and analyze.

~ Walter Bruggemann

Tuesday, June 17

1925 : GENEVA GAS PROTOCOL OUTLAWES GERM WARFARE

It is not enough to point to widespread gun ownership and the political power it exercises to explain ongoing violence. We will never achieve the needed seismic shift in America's gun culture if we only focus here. These realities are themselves rooted in a larger, mesmerizing framework that makes such widespread ownership—as many as 300 million privately-owned guns exist in the U.S.—thinkable. Without this larger cultural worldview, the ubiquity of guns—or, for that matter, wars, economic inequality, human rights violations, and environmental destruction—would lack the requisite legitimacy, force, and commitment necessary to establish and maintain them

~ Ken Butigan

Wednesday, June 18

1982 : USSR RENOUNCES "FIRST USE" OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

I think we need to focus on the "minor" virtues: courtesy, kindness and gentleness. In the end, they will win the day.

~ Robert Morneau



When Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz came to Knoxville in April to deliver a lecture, OREPA members were there to greet him with signs urging him to abandon plans for the UPF bomb plant.

Thursday, June 19
Claire McGowan

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATES LIBERATION OF SLAVES
1953 : EXECUTION OF JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG

And poor River Chiquito! Its disgrace
shames the whole country.

 Somoza's ways befouling its waters.
The River Chiquito of León, choked with sewage,
and effluent from soap and tanning factories,
its bed bestrewn with plastic junk,
 chamber pots and rusty iron.
That was Somoza's legacy.
(We must see it running clear and sweet again
 singing its way to the sea.

All Mangua's filthy water in Lake Managua
and chemical waste
 And over in Solentiname
on the isle of La Sanata a big white heap
of stinking sawfish bones.

But now the sawfish and the freshwater shark
can breathe again.
Once more Tismas's waters mirror many herons.
It has lots of little grackles,
garganeys, tree ducks, kiskadees.

And flowers are flourishing.
Armadillos are very happy with this government.
We are recovering forests, streams, lagoons.
We are going to decontaminate Lake Managua.

Not only humans longed for liberation.
All ecology groaned. The revolution
is also for animals, rivers, lakes and trees.

~ Ernesto Cardenal
translated by Dinah Livingstone

Friday, June 20

As a country, we are fearful and anxious and live under persistent stressful conditions—racial economic, and health disparities. Despite being one of the wealthiest countries, the U.S. has lower life expectancy, math and literacy rates, levels of trust in others, and social mobility and also has higher rates of homicides, imprisonment, mental illness, teenage births, infant mortality, and obesity. As a nation, we are exposed to violence domestically and globally. We are perpetrators, victims, and bystanders. Violence has taken a toll on us all.

~ Mary Fabri

Saturday, June 21

1964 : MURDER OF JAMES CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, AND MICHAEL SCHWERNER IN MISSISSIPPI

It is never my custom to use words lightly. If twenty-seven years in prison have done anything to us, it was to use the silence of solitude to make us understand how precious words are and how real speech is in its impact on the way people live and die.

~ Nelson Mandela

Sunday, June 22

It takes a genuine discipline of heart and mind to see beyond the ugliness and violence of our world and behold its core beauty. The media does not help. We hear and see so much bad news happening around us. To seek the good at the heart of all and to focus on acts of love and kindness rather than on negative stories and emphases, is a daily choosing of life rather than death.

~ Madeline Duckett

Monday, June 23

A long, lonely journey, with sadness in the heart; away from the familiar to the strange; that is a hard and dreary thing even to the rich, the strong, the instructed; a hard thing, even when we are called by duty, not urged by dread.

~ George Eliot

Tuesday, June 24

Where the philosopher guesses and argues, the mystic lives and looks; and speaks, consequently, the disconcerting language of firsthand experience, not the neat dialect of the schools.

~ Evelyn Underhill

Wednesday, June 25

1876 : MASSACRE AT LITTLE BIG HORN

We will be alienated from the universe until we have a story, an adequate story of the universe that tells the story of the human as well as the story of everything else because it is part of one single process that has been going through a sequence of transformative episodes.

~ Thomas Berry



No task is too lowly for the President of OREPA's Board of Directors. It wasn't in the job description when she agreed to serve, but when duty called Carol Green took up her paintbrush and went to work on the baseboards at the Peace House.

Thursday, June 26
Mary Brigid Gregory

1818 : EUGENE DEBS ARRESTED FOR ANTI-WAR SPEECH

1945 : UNITED NATIONS CHARTER SIGNED

Two girls discover
the secret of life
in a sudden line of poetry.

I who don't know the secret
wrote the line.
They told me

(through a third person)
they had found it
but not what it was
not even

what line it was. No doubt
by now, more than a week
later, they have forgotten
the secret,

the line, the name of
the poem. I love them
for finding what I can't find,

and for loving me
for the line I wrote,
and for forgetting it
so that

a thousand times, till death
finds them, they may
discover it again, in other lines,
in other happenings.
And for wanting to know it,
for

assuming there is such a secret, yes,
for that
most of all.

~ Denise Levertov

Friday, June 27

1876 : EMMA GOLDMAN BORN

1880 : HELEN KELLER BORN

Conceit, arrogance and egotism are the essentials of patriotism. Patriotism assumes that our globe is divided into little spots, each one surrounded by an iron gate. Those who had the fortune of being born on some particular spot, consider themselves better, nobler, grander and more intelligent than the living beings inhabiting any other spot. It is, therefore, the duty of everyone living on that chosen spot to fight, kill, and die in the attempt to impose his superiority upon all others.

~ Emma Goldman

Saturday, June 28

1969 : STONEWALL REBELLION IN NEW YORK CITY

The project of the conservative throughout the ages is the search for a higher moral justification for selfishness. This is still worth every word of political philosophy written since the war, as well as being a damn good explanation of why self-styled "Libertarians" and traditional conservatives stick together.

~ John Kenneth Galbraith

Sunday, June 29

Wars throughout history have been waged for conquest and plunder. It is the ruling class that declares the wars, and it is the working class who fights all the battles and furnishes the corpses. The ruling class continually talks about "patriotic duty," but it is not their duty but your patriotic duty that they are concerned about. There is a decided difference. Their patriotic duty never takes them to the firing line or chucks them into the trenches.

~ Eugene V. Debs

Monday, June 30

When will we learn to say: "Enough!?" When will we direct our focus away from what we want to what the world needs? When will we understand how important it is to leave as light a footprint as possible on this planet for the sake of future generations? We must choose to care.

~ Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I

Tuesday, July 1

1968 : UNITED STATES SIGNS NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY

Globalization is but another name for colonization—nothing has changed but the name. And, just as the East India Company was the instrument for colonization, today's corporation is the instrument for globalization. Corporatization is but another name for Fascism.

~ Urban Kohlern

Wednesday, July 2

The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle, pleasure without conscience, wealth without work, knowledge without character, business without morality, science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice.

~ Mohandas Gandhi



The first day of the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability's DC Days is spent in a training that includes information about key nuclear issues like the Uranium Processing Facility in Oak Ridge. It also includes role playing meetings with key staff people in the Senate and House. Here, OREPA members Caroline Best and Mary Dennis Lentsch (center) listen as Meredith Crafton from Richland, Washington, makes a point. Also visible is Tom Carpenter (left foreground), director of Hanford Challenge. More than sixty activists held nearly 100 meetings in three days in DC in mid-April 2014.

Thursday, July 3
Rose Marie Cummins

1835 : CHILDREN STRIKE IN PATERSON, NJ FOR 11 HOUR WORK DAY, 6 DAY WEEK

The world is
not with us enough.
O taste and see

The subway Bible poster said,
meaning the Lord, meaning
if anything all that lives
to the imagination's tongue,

grief, mercy, language,
tangerine, weather, to
breathe them, bite,
savor, chew, swallow, transform

into our flesh our
deaths, crossing the street, plum, quince,
living in the orchard and being
hungry, and plucking
the fruit.

~ Denise Levertov

Friday, July 4

I do not hesitate to declare, with all my soul, that the character and conduct of this nation never looked blacker to me than on this 4th of July! Whether we turn to the declarations of the past, or to the professions of the present, the conduct of the nation seems equally hideous and revolting. America is false to the past, false to the present, and solemnly binds herself to be false to the future.

~ Frederick Douglass

Saturday, July 5

He [sic] who joyfully marches to music in rank and file has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would fully suffice. Heroism at command, senseless brutality, deplorable love-of-country stance—how violently I hate all this; how despicable and ignoble war is. I would rather be torn to shreds than be part of so base an action. It is my conviction that killing under the cloak of war is nothing but an act of murder

~ Albert Einstein

Sunday, July 6

Few of us can easily surrender our belief that society must somehow make sense. The thought that the State has lost its mind and is punishing so many innocent people is intolerable. And so the evidence has to be internally denied.

~ Henry Miller

Monday, July 7

Certified lunatics are shut up because of their proneness to violence when their pretensions are questioned; the uncertified variety are given the control of powerful armies, and can inflict death and disaster upon all sane men within their reach.

~ Bertrand Russell



The audience at the Great Smoky Mountains Peace Pagoda was attentive as they listened to Shoji Kihara talk about nuclear power's prospects in Japan and Ralph Hutchison talk about OREPA's work in opposition to the UPE.

Tuesday, July 8

1869 : KATHE KOLLWITZ BORN

1996 : WORLD COURT RULES USE OR THREAT OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW

“Security policy” has led us into the most dire insecurity the world has ever faced. The politics of nuclear confrontation imposes a brand of insanity upon us that says, “In order to defend freedom, we must be prepared to destroy life itself.” The system is bankrupt when humanity shrinks from recognizing that it is in the process of destroying itself. The enormous expenditure of energy, scientific sophistication and wealth on the military is the main cause of poverty, inflation and despair in the world.

~ Petra Kelly

Wednesday, July 9

1936 : JUNE JORDAN BORN

My aim is to agitate & disturb people. I'm not selling bread, I'm selling yeast.

~ graffiti in Paris, 1968

Thursday, July 10
Jim and Helen McGonagle

1985 : FRENCH BOMB RAINBOW WARRIOR IN NEW ZEALAND, FERNANDO PEREIRA KILLED

Deep within the backlands I walked along the road,
the coffee plantation was far away.
It was then I heard your song
sounding like the endless sobbing of distance...

The longing for all that is tall like palm trees.
The yearning for all that is long like rivers...
The lament for all that is purple like dusk...
The weeping of all that weeps because it is far away...
very far away.

~ Cassiano Ricardo
The Song of the Wild Dove
translated by Jean Longland

Friday, July 11

In nonviolence the masses have a weapon that enables a child, a woman, or even a decrepit old man to resist the mightiest government successfully. If your spirit is strong, mere lack of physical strength ceases to be a handicap.

~ Gandhi

Saturday, July 12

1817 : HENRY DAVID THOREAU BORN

A common and natural result of an undue respect for law is that you may see a file of soldiers, colonel, captain, corporal, privates, powder-monkeys, and all marching in admirable order over hill and dale to the wars, against their wills, aye, against their common sense and consciences, which makes it very steep marching indeed, and produces a palpitation of the heart. They have no doubt that it is a damnable business in which they are concerned; they are all peaceably inclined. Now, what are they? Men? Or small movable forts and magazines, at the service of some unscrupulous man in power?

~ Henry David Thoreau

Sunday, July 13

1942 : MANHATTAN PROJECT BEGINS

The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism—ownership of government by an individual, by a group or by any controlling power.

~ Franklin Roosevelt

Monday, July 14

1912 : HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WOODY GUTHRIE!

Military power is as corrupting to the man who possesses it as it is pitiless to its victims. Violence is just as devastating to the soul of the perpetrator as it is to the body and souls of those who are victims of it

~ American Friends Service Committee



The Collins family's many creative efforts for justice and peace were recognized with the 2014 Artists of Change award by Community Shares. They received the award with—what else?—a performance! From left, Cindy, Kevin, Will (in the back) and Kayce.

Tuesday, July 15

1994 : AIR FORCE GENERAL HORNER CALLS FOR US ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

I believe that there will ultimately be a clash between the oppressed and those that do the oppressing. I believe that there will be a clash between those who want freedom, justice and equality for everyone and those who want to continue the systems of exploitation.

~ Malcolm X

Wednesday, July 16

1863 : IDA B WELLS BORN

1945 : US TESTS FIRST ATOMIC BOMB — "TRINITY"

As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is a twilight when everything remains seemingly unchanged. And it is in such twilight that we all must be most aware of change in the air—however slight—lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness.

~ William O. Douglas

Thursday, July 17
Roseann Strazinsky

It will soon be twelve years that I have been in Guantanamo. I arrived on the day my youngest child, Faris, was born, February 14th, 2002. Even then, I had already spent some two months in US captivity, undergoing terrible mistreatment. Those are twelve years that are lost to me forever. What I have missed most has been the opportunity to do my part to fill up my four children's reservoir of love. The early years of a child's life are a parent's best chance to show them what love is, before they become more distant with approaching adulthood. Losing this, my opportunity and obligation, is my greatest regret.

~ Shaker Aamer

Friday, July 18

1918 : NELSON MANDELA BORN

My kind of loyalty was to one's country, not to its institutions or its office holders. The country is the real thing, the substantial thing, the eternal thing; it is the thing to watch over, and care for, and be loyal to; institutions are extraneous, they are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out, become ragged, cease to be comfortable, cease to protect the body from winter, disease and death

~ Samuel Clemens

Saturday, July 19

1979 : NICARAGUA OVERTHROWS SOMOZA DICTATORSHIP

What the world expects of Christians is that Christians should speak out, loud and clear, and that they should voice their condemnation in such a way that never a doubt, never the slightest doubt, could rise in the heart of the simplest man. That they should get away from abstraction and confront the blood-stained face history has taken on today.

~ Albert Camus

Sunday, July 20

Justice is to work out what belongs to whom, and to return it to them. Such an understanding implies that there is a right distribution of goods and access to the sources of life. There are certain entitlements which cannot be mocked. Yet through uneven working of the historical process, some come to have access to or control of what belongs to others. If we control what rightly belongs to others long enough, we come to think of it as rightly ours, and to forget it belongs to someone else. And so the work of liberation, redemption, salvation is giving things back.

~ Walter Brueggeman

Monday, July 21

During the next month give three things to the poor: something you don't need, something that you just purchased or received as a gift, and something that is most precious to you.

~ Jose Hobday

Tuesday, July 22

In the desert of the heart,
Let the healing fountain start;
In the prison of his days,
Teach the free man how to praise.

~ W. H. Auden

Wednesday, July 23

Is it possible to make a living by simply watching light? Monet did. Vermeer did. I believe Vincent did too. Perhaps that is what I desire most, to sit and watch the shifting shadows cross the cliff face of sandstone or simply to walk parallel with a path of liquid light called the Colorado River. This living would include becoming a caretaker of silence, a connoisseur of stillness, a listener of wind where each dialect is not only heard but understood.

~ Terry Tempest Williams



Guy and Candie Carawan were recipients of the 2014 “Danny Mayfield Champions of Change” award. Candie and Gaye Evans pause in their conversation for a picture at the Community Shares Circle of Change Awards banquet..

Thursday, July 24
Robin Cuany

“White phosphorus, white phosphorus,
mechanical snow,
where are you falling?”

“I am falling impartially on roads and roofs,
on bamboo thickets, on people.
My name recalls rich seas on rainy nights,
each drop that hits the surface eliciting
luminous response from a million algae.
My name is a whisper of sequins. Ha!
Each of them is a disk of fire.
I am the snow that burns.

I fall
wherever men send me to fall—
but I prefer flesh, so smooth, so dense:
I decorate it in black, and seek
the bone.”

~ Denise Levertov
Overheard over Southeast Asia

Friday, July 25

1898 : US INVADES PUERTO RICO

1963 : ATMOSPHERIC TEST BAN TREATY SIGNED

Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know.

~ William Saroyan

Saturday, July 26

People are too heavy for you? Do not carry them on your shoulders, hold them in your heart.

~ Dom Helder Camara

Sunday, July 27

We must be constantly aware that the culture of nihilism surrounds us and we breathe its air. We need the oxygen tanks of truth, goodness and beauty to sustain us and keep our dreams alive—that dream of peace and oneness, the dream of redemption, the restoration of unity.

~ Robert Morneau

Monday, July 28

1915 : US INVADES HAITI

Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.

~ Voltaire

Tuesday, July 29

Anyone who has proclaimed violence his method inexorably must choose lying as his principle.

~ Mikhail Gorbachev

Wednesday, July 30

1996 : CHINA ANNOUNCES MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING

War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.

~ John F Kennedy

Thursday, July 31
Woods Nash

1991 : START | TREATY SIGNED

With numbing regularity good people were seen to knuckle under the demands of authority and perform actions that were callous and severe. Those who are in everyday life responsible and decent were seduced by the trappings of authority, by the control of their perceptions, and by the uncritical acceptance of the experimenter's definition of the situation, into performing harsh acts. A substantial proportion of people do what they are told to do, irrespective of the content of the act and without limitations of conscience, so long as they perceive that the command comes from a legitimate authority

~ Stanley Milgram

HIROSHIMA DAY - *Names and Remembrance*

OREPA will commemorate Hiroshima Day 2014 in Oak Ridge with a *Names and Remembrance Ceremony* at the East Bear Creek Road entrance to the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex. The ceremony will begin at 6:00AM on Wednesday, August 6, and will continue until 9:00AM with a moment of silence at 8:15AM to mark the time of day the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The Names and Remembrance Ceremony centers on the reading of names of those who died in Hiroshima and includes first-hand accounts of the destruction of Hiroshima in prose, poetry, official documents and journalistic reports. It is intended to be a non-confrontational witness to our determination that Hiroshima never happen again. Everyone is welcome to participate. As with all OREPA events, we strive to be nonviolent in tone as well as action, and drugs and alcohol are prohibited.

NAGASAKI DAY - *Peace Lantern Ceremony*

OREPA's annual commemoration of the destruction of Nagasaki will be held at 8:00PM at the far west end of Sequoya Hills Park (near the west end of Cherokee Drive) on Saturday, August 9, 2014. The program will include music, reading, traditional Japanese dancing, traditional shadow puppets, and closes with the launching of Peace Lanterns carrying hopes and prayers for peace. Everyone is welcome to participate.

TRANSFORM NOW PLOWSHARES *Update*

Megan Rice, Michael Walli and Greg Boertje-Obed are serving their sentences for the Transform Now Plowshares action (July 2012) in federal prison. You can write to them at the addresses below. Include your full return address, handwritten (no labels), on your letter. Books or magazines have to be sent direct from a publisher or bookstore. Do not include stapled material or paperclips.

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The Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance is working hard to avoid our steep annual summer drop in income; we want to be able to pay our staff and continue the work to stop the UPF in Oak Ridge. It has been a couple of years since we sought contributions through the Reflection Booklet.

This does not mean we are charging for the Reflection Booklet or expect you to pay for it! We have always provided it for free and will continue to do so. We realize a number of readers are on fixed or limited incomes; if you are one of them, please, please, please enjoy this resource without the slightest trace of remorse.

If you are a reader with means, though, we would be grateful for any contribution you might choose to make. Our work to stop the Uranium Processing Facility Bomb Plant to Nowhere is entering a critical phase—the NNSA has had to abandon its expensive “big box” plan, but all indications are they intend to push forward with an “alternative” plan, hatched in secret through the Red Team, to do the same job—manufacture as many as 80 thermonuclear warhead cores every year for new or modified bombs and missiles.

Our members and supporters give to OREPA in a variety of ways. You can send a check to P O Box 5743, Oak Ridge, TN 37831—that’s probably the easiest way. We can also accept credit card donations through our web site. Some people give at work through Community Shares, others use their company’s matching gifts program to double their gift (OREPA is a registered non-profit, so it’s fairly easy). Finally, we occasionally receive gifts from those who planned ahead and included OREPA in their planned giving.

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