

NUCLEAR WEAPONS SEPTEMBER 2016 UPDATES POSTED ON "NUCLEAR WEAPONS" PART OF www.olympiafor.org

Support an October 2016 vote in the United Nations for a 2017 conference and negotiations for a treaty banning nuclear weapons worldwide: Now

is the time to urge President Obama to have the U.S.'s ambassador to the U.N. vote for this, for a world free from nuclear weapons. Already in August 2016, 106 nations from all parts of the world have expressed support for convening a conference in 2017 to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination. Info: www.tinyurl.com/zzkknlj

More info from the International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons about these proposed negotiations for a worldwide treaty to ban nuclear weapons: This info came out in August 2016 at www.tinyurl.com/h6l3ueg

The "Open-Ended Working Group" (OEWG) made great progress with especially strong joint statements delivered by Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and some individual European nations. It is now up to the October 2016 meeting of the UN General Assembly First Committee to bring forward this process by issuing a mandate to start the negotiating process. Read the OEWG's 15-page report at www.tinyurl.com/jtuhkk4 More info: www.icanw.org/oewg-2016/

September 26 was the annual International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, but we must organize activities now and into the future (so we will HAVE a future!):

Is anyone surprised that the corporate-owned mainstream news media ignored this? **Nuclear weapons are a real and present danger to all life on earth. If an accident, miscalculation or computer error were to happen right now, you could be dead 30 minutes from now!** But the U.S., Russia, and a few other nations pretend that nuclear weapons protect us. They cannot be used for fighting any war without seriously provoking global destruction. **How could we help the American people – and our media and our government – understand the utter recklessness and cruelty of nuclear weapons?**

Let's eliminate land-based missiles (ICBMS). They are dangerous, useless, and expensive:

John LaForge, coordinator of Nukewatch (www.nukewatchinfo.org), will present information from his book *Nuclear Heartland: Revised, A Guide to the 450 Land-Based Missiles of the United States* on Friday, October 21, 2016, at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action (www.gzcenter.org) in Kitsap County WA, 60 miles north of Olympia. Arrive early to meet John and share a potluck supper beginning at 5:00 pm before John's 6:30 presentation. Yes, John literally wrote (co-edited) the

book on ICBMs! He not only knows where each one is located, but he will share his thoughts on why it's a really bad idea to keep deploying them on alert status 24/7. Please join us for this enlightening event.

Organize regionally against nuclear weapons: Attend the Sun. Nov. 13 Annual Meeting of the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action:

This is when we decide Ground Zero's future. It is a time for reflection and renewal, and for new proposals for peace and justice. Everyone is invited to participate in some way in their work for peace without nuclear weapons. The potluck lunch starts at 12:00 noon at the Ground Zero Center near Poulsbo and the Trident nuclear submarine base. The meeting will start promptly at 1:00 pm and run to 5 pm. See www.gzcenter.org for location and directions, and that website's Events Calendar for more info.

DOCUMENTARY FILM "Command and Control" exposes serious dangers of accidents with nuclear weapons:

Screenings of "Command and Control" will occur in various places. It's a new "American Experience" film from director Robert Kenner ("Food, Inc." and "Merchants of Doubt"). This hour-long documentary, based on Eric Schlosser's best-selling book (www.psr.org/resources/psr-bookshelf/command-and-control-nuclear.html) reenacts the dramatic experience of Air Force personnel grappling with a major nuclear accident involving an Arkansas-based Titan II missile and its 9-megaton warhead in 1980. A worker accidentally dropped a socket, puncturing the fuel tank of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) carrying the most powerful nuclear warhead in our arsenal. This accident ignited a series of feverish efforts to avoid a nuclear catastrophe. This documentary film is a minute-by-minute account of this long-hidden story. Putting a camera where there was no camera that night, Kenner brings this nonfiction thriller to life with stunning original footage shot in a decommissioned Titan II missile silo. Eyewitness accounts – from the man who dropped the socket, to the man who designed the warhead, to the Secretary of Defense – chronicle nine hours of terror that prevented an explosion 600 times more powerful than Hiroshima. See more info at www.com-mandandcontrolfilm.com and www.tinyurl.com/j6tl4ws

"The taproot of violence in our society today is our intent to use nuclear weapons. Once we have agreed to that possibility, all other evil is minor in comparison. Until we squarely face the question of our consent to the use of nuclear weapons, any hope of a large scale improvement of public morality is doomed to failure." -- Father Richard McSorley, a Jesuit priest