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JANUARY 18th REVEALS SURGE IN ANTI-WAR SENTIMENT

imply put, the protests, marches, demonstrations, and rallies that took place throughout the country on Janu ary 18th were nothing short of awesome. In cities and small towns alike, groups took to the streets to voice their opposition to a war in Iraq. Here in Oregon, there were twenty-seven



Peter Buckley leads more than 500 demonstrators on a twelve-mile march from Ashland to Medford. Marches, rallies and demonstrations were held nationwide on January 18th to protest an attack on Iraq and honor Dr. Martin Luther King's memory and his contribution to peace and justice.

separate marches in communities around the state. The following are some highlights from this impressive day of action:

- Over 500 people marched the twelve miles from Ashland to Medford, where a rally against the war was held in Alba Park. Over 1,000 attended the rally.
- In Grants Pass, 500 marched in defiance of an Iraq war.
- Klamath Falls had nearly 300 people attend their rally and Peace Forum, a teach-in held on the steps of the courthouse.

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INTERNATIONAL VIEW

ne of the problems of writing this column is the same one we have with the entire newsletter—we have no idea if by the time you read this, an attack on Iraq will have begun.

The protests across the country and around the world on January 18 were fantastic. With his approval ratings freefalling in recent polls and growing opposition from Germany, France and China, Mr. Bush is feeling the pinch right now. He can clearly see that he is running out of support and running out of time. By the time you read this, he might very well have lashed out in the belief that it is now or never.

I hope he hasn't, and I'm going to write this as if that is the case.

Outside of the official word from DC or the TV networks, everything you hear from around the country and around the world speaks of something remarkable starting to happen.

You know by now the number of protests that took place and are taking place in Japan and Australia and Europe and even Antarctica. You know of the protests that took place and are taking place throughout Oregon and the U.S. This is, as a speaker at the DC rally pointed out, the largest preemptive peace movement in history.

Again—something very important is happening right now. I'll put it as simply as this: during the campaign of 2000, Mr. Bush constantly said he is a uniter, not a divider. And he is right about that.

George Bush is uniting a worldwide force that is unlike anything that's ever been seen before. We never had the see "International View" pg. 3

 In Portland, 25,000 marched, while San Francisco had 350,000 demonstrators on the streets. Washington, DC saw more than 300,000 protesters descend on the city.

Thanks to all who participated. One plus one plus one—that's how we got there. You're continued involvement in this effort is needed; now is not the time to relent. On February 15th, mass actions will take place around the world. Stay tuned for more information on local events.

— Adrian Dorris



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From the Director

The Paradigm Shift



t is clear that paradigm shift has happened. The protests of January 18th showed us that the world is on the move!

What is paradigm shift? Those of you who know the story of The Hundredth Monkey know that when enough of the populace "gets it", most of the populace will shift. Marketing people know that 2 percent of the people sway 10 percent of the people. Once those 10 percent are on board, it's not long before the remaining 90 percent will follow. Today,

we are that 10 percent.

The shift that occurred in the 1960s was a big leap; however, without long-term support, much of the message was lost. However, I am wont to look back these days to see what we did accomplish in those times. Look around: we have a long way to go, and we don't have much time to get there. Nevertheless, much of what was worked for in those days is still there, in our psyches, if not our actions.

On February 1st, Peace House will hold a visioning forum. On this day, we will look at what we are achieving in the state of Jefferson—in Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Klamath Falls, Yreka, Mt. Shasta, Cave Junction, Medford/Phoenix/Talent. We will look at possibilities of action and change. Together, we can make a difference!

And in our personal lives, we can "shape up." We can use our cars as little as possible; we can trade for better mileage. We can reduce and reuse; recycling is only one piece of the puzzle. Why are paper products so acceptable to us? Where's the reusable cup and plate, not to mention the cloth napkin? We can watch packaging. We can do as much organic as possible.

We can make those calls, volunteer, and march again. All of these actions go to make the 2 percent for the 10 percent. Hang in there, check history, know that once we're on the move, we can and do change the world!

— Blessings, Justine

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Internet before as a tool of unity. And something is happening with this coming together against the lust for wealth, war and power that the Bush team represents. Something is happening with the use of this tool of the Internet, and as dark as it seems right now, the force that is gathering is not simply to stop Mr. Bush's war. It is growing much, much larger than that.

It is a force for peace, justice and progress for all people. All. The father in Iraq worried about his sons and the mother in Africa who can't feed her infant. The worker in Minnesota who can't find a job, and the worker in Mexico City who can't house his family. All people. Everywhere.

Mr. Bush is drawing very strong lines, and it could be that we should be thankful for that. People everywhere can see even more clearly now what is going on, and something remarkable is happening in reaction.

This could very well be the fight of our lifetimes being laid out in front of us. And from how it looks right now, a force for peace, justice and progress greater than any the world has ever seen is uniting to fight it. So-definitely and without a doubt-onward.

Peter Buckley



More than a thousand protesters rallied in Alba Park in Medford on January 18th.

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PEACE CONNECTIONS

www.digitaljournalist.org/issue0212/ pt intro.html: The Unseen Gulf War: Photographs by Peter Turnley. In 1991—as the first Gulf War ended—Peter Turnley was on the ground in Iraq, where he snapped photos along the "mile of death." Here, for the first time ever, are those images. Gruesome and compelling, these photographs speak louder against a second Gulf War than any of us could ever hope to shout.

www.peaceroots.org: Peace Roots Alliance. Seeking to create a peaceful, just, and sustainable world for future generations by emphasizing our common humanity, promoting non-violence, and working to remove the root causes of war. Currently, Peace Roots is in the middle of a nationwide billboard campaign, erecting billboards with the words "Peace is Patriotic" in red, white, and blue.

www.thedetroitproject.com: Americans for Fuel Efficient Cars. This organization—led by Arianna Huffington—is dedicated to convincing people not to buy SUVs and other gas-guzzling vehicles.

www.conversationcafe.org: encouraging communities to start conversation circles—non-judgmental, non-confrontational, and fun groups where issues of the day are discussed and ideas are exchanged.

www.infact.org: challenging corporate abuse and building grassroots power since 1977. A non-profit, national membership organization building an active, aware public and a core of well-trained organizers to lead the grassroots challenge to unwarranted corporate influence.

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Peaceful Actions and Words Make for a Peaceful World

enjoyed the "What Can I Do?" article in January's *Clear Actions*, listing 10 ways to make the world a more peaceful place. I have one more to add that is extremely important and often goes unrecognized:

11. I can commit to speaking and acting with love and compassion at all times, with all beings, including myself.

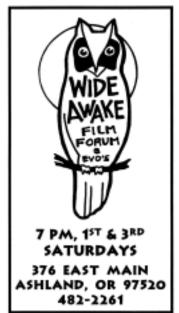
This is a big commitment, yet essential, because how we treat each other as groups or nations is an extension of how we treat members of our families and communities, and ourselves. It is also a reflection of how connected we are to the Oneness beyond the ego identity, to the love and peace that resides always within our hearts.

It is easy to sit in judgment of the hostile acts of others, without owning and taking responsibility for changing our own thoughts, words and actions that are less than peaceful and honoring. Although we are not shooting guns or building bombs, the underlying energy may be much the same.

Peace on Earth begins within. Everything we do or don't do—as aspects of humanity—affects the whole of humanity. And whatever we give our focus and life energy to is magnified and

grows—much like giving sunlight and water to a plant.

— Ellen Clephane





Good News Department

This column brings you examples of successes that people are having all around the world in making real change. I believe that a sense of hopelessness and apathy is our worst enemy now.

"Today, I am daring again to believe in possibilities. That change can happen. That people can unite to dismantle mighty forces of greed and corruption. That our joy and our faith will feed the work that needs to be done. Please may it be so."

- General Motors, once so resistant, has responded to public pressure and will produce five hybrid electric car models in the next 4 years.
- Kenya elections: The people succeeded in peace fully overthrowing autocratic rule, with the election of Mwai Kibaki and with 11 women elected to parliament.
- Organic farming now is the fastest-growing sector of world agricultural economy.
- Production of ozone-depleting CFCs fell 81% in the 1990s with the efforts of environmental groups, slowing growth in the ozone hole.
- Henry Kissinger was forced to resign his position as director of the 9-11 truth commission.
- The Federal Ninth District Court found in favor of the environmentalist law suit, stopping
 the Bush Administration from overturning the
 Roadless Area Protection law passed under the
 last administration.
- Chicago's City Council voted 46-1 to oppose a pre-emptive military attack on Iraq unless the country is shown to be a real threat to the United States. The resolution makes Chicago the larggest U.S. city to speak out against war. At least 30 other cities have passed such resolutions so far.

— Kayla Starr



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RESISTING THE RHETORIC

February's Rhetoric: Collateral Damage

Oops, it's Just Collateral Damage

"Collateral damage"—that nice polite phrase that hides the names and faces of the people who are actually put in harm's way by modern warfare—may well be one of the most pernicious bits of spinspeak coming at us today.

- Collateral means accompanying, parallel, secondary.
- Damage means injury, harm, ruin.

Put them together and you have a fancy phrase for harmful side effects. Just as with your child's medication, you are meant to assume that collateral damage is unintended. After all, it's only secondary. Plus, you are supposed to believe that wars are still fought between military personnel. If bad things happen to anyone else, oops, sorry, we didn't mean that.

However. There was nothing secondary about the intention of the blitzes, fire bombings and atomic bombs of World War II. On-purpose collateral damage has clearly been standard operating procedure for more than 50 years. The higher the technology, it seems, the greater the shift of harm onto helpless civilian populations. These days,

- Only 7% of casualties involve military personnel;
- All the rest, 93%, are the result of collateral damage; of the 93%, 34% are children, 59% are adult civilians.

With numbers like these, can we still think in terms of unintended side effects? Or do we have to recognize that ordinary citizens are now acceptable targets? At the very least, we can no longer be satisfied with government-issue casualty predictions. We must count *all* of the human beings who will suffer from so-called collateral damage.

Oops again, there's more

As anyone who has seen their effects can testify, sanctions often cause more collateral damage than military action. Last December, a small group of American Catholic leaders traveled to Iraq to meet ordinary people. As they say, "*These* are the people our government is preparing to sacrifice as 'collateral damage' in an unconscionable war ..."

Brief excerpts from their daily email reports follow:

• December 15, visit to Basrah. Basrah is rubble. We thought we were prepared. We thought we could cope with the decay, the poor sanitation, the sludge that oozes through the canals—the effects of nearly two generations of war and sanctions that have devastated what was once a world-class resort city. We thought we were prepared; but then we met the children. We continued next column

looked into the eyes of the beautiful children of Basrah. Why did we ever think that we could cope?

- Basrah is a war zone. Children play in open sewers and garbage dumps. The canals, stitched to and fro with quaint footbridges reminiscent of Venice, are now a slough full of refuse, oil and waste ...
- We were welcomed warmly into the home of Abu Haider, the father of a young boy who was killed three years ago by a U.S. Tomahawk missile shot from a ship in the Gulf. Seven-year-old Haider and his younger brother Mustafa were playing in the street when the missile shattered the silence of a Sunday morning, killing Haider and 3 little girls, and injuring 11 others ...
- December 18, open letter. ... We implore you to look into the eyes of the people in Iraq. See the Jesuittrained doctor who can barely contain his despair and the Muslim mother who grieves for her dying son. Listen to the taxicab driver who fears for the safety of his family, the Catholic sister who cares for pregnant mothers, and the orphaned children who sleep fitfully at night waiting for the sound of bombs. These are the people of Iraq—people who share our hopes and dreams for a peaceful world. All they want is to live with dignity in this ancient land of arid beauty.
- But the Iraqi people have suffered for the past twelve years under the most comprehensive sanctions in modern history. Water and sewage treatment facilities are not functioning due to the lack of spare parts, and children die of water-born illnesses. Hospitals are crippled by old and broken-down machinery. Depleted uranium from U.S. munitions is linked to a 400% increase in the cancer rate in southern Iraq—and this at a time when sanctions deny the people critical medicines needed for treatment of cancer and other diseases. The Iraqi people ... ask us, "Why is this happening? Will sanctions end? Why can't we have peace?"

(Full text of the daily reports is online at www.paxchristiusa.org.)

- Nancy Golden



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FRIENDS MEETING/PEACE HOUSE NEEDS FA-CILITIES MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS. Building a peaceful society requires it all—even the occasional bathroom cleaning. The Friends Meeting/Peace House is busy place and volunteers are needed to help with kitchen and bathroom cleaning, yard work, and general maintenance. If you would like to help, please contact Alisa at 488-5226 or astucky@jeffnet.org.

JUNE AND MERRILL BARNABY: You Are Missed!!! Ashland's loss is Grants Pass's gain. Again, many many thanks for your years of devotion to Peace House.

BEA NEWBY has passed. A compassionate spirit, Bea's life was devoted to peace works. She will be missed by all.

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POTENT QUOTABLES

"In the days ahead we must not consider it unpatriotic to raise certain basic questions about our national character. We must begin to ask, 'Why are there forty million poor people in a nation overflowing with such unbelievable affluence? Why has our nation placed itself in the position of being God's military agent on earth? ... Why have we substituted the arrogant undertaking of policing the whole world for the high task of putting our own house in order?'"

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Again and again some people in the crowd wake up, They have no ground in the crowd, And they emerge according to much broader laws. They carry strange customs with them And demand room for bold gestures, The future speaks ruthlessly through them."

— Rainer Maria Rilke

"The day you see the truth and cease to speak is the day you start to die."

— Former U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders, quoting her mother

"We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated."

- Maya Angelou



Demonstrators take to an overpass along I-5 as part of the nationwide anti-war activities on January 18th.

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Peace Through The Pocket Book

The December "Just Alternatives to War" forum explored the topic "Voting with Your Dollars" and we would like to pass the ideas on so that our choices can be conscious and congruent with peacekeeping. We invite you to work with us to research and gather the momentum that is needed to move ourselves, our community, and our country in healthy directions. The greater Ashland community is unique in that there is "above average" amounts of investment capital in our neighborhood. We have a relatively small population of folks who by and large value education and a healthy planet. We therefore have an enormous opportunity in this time of crisis to redirect our dollars, to invest in peace and justice. Please review the following queries to see if your money is where your heart is.

- 1. Are your investments in sustainable socially responsible companies? Sarah Swales of our local Raymond James Financial Services is an activist with a mission to research companies and educate investors to make conscious choices. She is available to review your portfolio as are Brian Frink and Greg Layton of "A" Street Financial Advisors.
- 2. Is your retirement plan, union dues, or PERS fund invested in socially responsible funds? Consider requesting information from your employer and forming a committee at work to make sure your collective investments are congruent with your values. Wes Brain, Becky Hale, and Allen Hallmark are initiating the study of the local OPEU, State, County, and Federal employee investments.
- 3. Are you buying products that are made by companies that support peace and justice? Coop America is a resource, as well as Internet sites such as INFACT to research corporate ethics and product concerns. There is a networking effort to boycott Lilly Pharmaceuticals since the Homeland Security bill was passed with the rider exempting this corporation from financial liability.
- 4. Are you spending your dollars to support local businesses to keep capital and jobs in southern Oregon? We hope to spread the word regarding who owns the companies in our area so that we can encourage local businesses and farmers ... so that we really can think globally and act locally. Do you want to help to create this catalog of green local businesses?
- 5. Are you able to contribute or invest in local lending projects? Helen Wallace of SOWAC, Southern Oregon Women Access to Credit, serves men and women who need start up or expansion loans for local businesses. This relatively new private nonprofit is beginning to explore new ways investors as well as benefactors can support local companies. We are also looking into the local banks who invest primarily in the local economy for support.

 Becky Hale

(Editor's Note: Becky leads the monthly Just Alternative to War forums at Peace House. The next JAW forum will be Feb. 19.)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Feb. 7th, 6-10 p.m.: Mazama Forest Defense is hosting a benefit at the "A" Street Marketplace, during and after the First Friday Art Walk. There will be live music by Craig Wright and Friends, as well as a raffle, a screening of the Peak campaign video, and vegan baked and raw treats.

Feb. 13, 7-8 p.m.: Headwaters' Science Seminar. Join Nancy Weiss, Western Director of Species Conservation for Defenders of Wildlife, for a discussion on wolves and wolf recovery in Oregon. Nancy will address the recent removal of the wolf from the *Endangered Species Act* list. For more information, contact Derek at 482-4459.

Feb. 23: The Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center leads a hike through the burned forest left behind by the Timbered Rock fire. Moments after this 27,000 acre fire subsided, industrial timber companies began logging the area, on soils made fragile by the fire. The guided hike will be leaving Ashland at 9:30 a.m. from Evo's Coffee Shop. For more info, call 488-5789 or email *gs@kswild.org*.

Feb. 26th, 7-9:30 p.m.: The Body Tells the Truth: An Evening of Healing, Humor and Heart with Ilana Rubenfeld. Introduction by Jean Houston, author of *Jump Time & Passion for the Possible*. This evening's workshop will introduce participants to the Rubenfeld Synergy Method which utilizes talk, awareness, imagination, humor and gentle listening touch as gateways for contacting and melting frozen tensions and emotions stored in the body. Price: \$10 in advance at Soundpeace & Paddington Station in downtown Ashland. Location: Windmill Inn, Ashland. Proceeds benefit Community Works: Dunn House, Mediation Works and The Rubenfeld Center, Inc.

Feb. 26, 6 p.m.: The Oregon Campaign for Economic Justice, a statewide coalition of grassroots organizations working to advance progressive economic policies through education and organizing, is hosting a meeting on the campaign's 2003 legislative agenda. Location: 33 N. Central Ave., Medford (in the community room).

Mar. 9, 12 p.m.: Mediation Works' Imagine Awards Ceremony. Ross G. Davis, Kim Elmer, Meagan Lescher, Agnes Baker Pilgrim and Rabbi David Zaslow have been named recipients of the first annual Imagine Awards for Community Peacemaking. The Award Ceremony will take place at the Rogue Valley Country Club. Tickets are \$35 per person.

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 7 p.m.: Wide Awake Film Forum at Evo's. For more information and film titles, call 482-2261.

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Peace House Events

Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m. at the Ashland Congregational Church (717 Siskiyou Blvd.) **AND 7-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Fellowship** (87 Fourth Street): Community Forum: "Who Are the Terrorists?—the US, Iraq, and Cuba." Speakers: Gloria LaRiva, former candidate for Governor of California & staff member, International Action Center; and Richard Becker, organizer, San Francisco International Action Center. Sponsors: Peace House & Southern Oregon ANSWER; For more information, call 482-8915 or 482-6543.

Feb. 15: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST THE WAR. May be even bigger than the enormous protests of Jan. 18. Local action planned. Call Peace House for more information.

Feb. 19th, **7 p.m.:** Just Alternatives to War Forum. Topic: declaring Ashland a "Peace City." The forum will host the Compassionate Listening Project, and we will be inviting the Mayor and Ashland City Council. Location: Peace House. For more information, contact Becky Hale at 512-8823.

Feb. 21st & 22nd: Second Annual Native American Ecological Education Symposium. The focus of this symposium will be bridging Native American ecological practices—past, present and future—with educational development and contemporary action for Earth restoration and stewardship. Location: SOU Stevenson Union. For more information, contact symposium staff at *NAEES2003@hotmail.com* or call ECOS at 552-8512. This is a free event.