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Here we are, still reeling from Covid, and another war is drawing us all in, like a black hole. This issue will attempt to highlight just a few of the problems now demanding our attention. We will follow up on last newsletter's items, and point out a couple new ones.

We are grateful for the many dedicated groups who keep us informed, and facilitate the activities of the greater Peace and Disarmament movement of which we are a small part. You are encouraged to contact and follow them.

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility's Disarmament Coalition <https://www.wanwcoalition.org/>

Ground Zero Center for Non-Violence <https://www.gzcenter.org/>

Beyond The Bomb <https://beyondthebomb.org/>

Lilly Adam's Nuclear Voices <https://nuclear-voices.org/>

President Biden's Nuclear Posture Review has been completed, but not yet released to the public. Here is a link to Arms Control Today: <https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2022-04/news/biden-policy-allows-first-use-nuclear-weapons>

"According to press reports, Biden's NPR will cancel development of a new nuclear-armed, sea-launched cruise missile proposed by the Trump administration and a Cold War-era high-yield gravity bomb, the B-83. But it will green-light other nuclear weapons modernization and sustainment programs, including a new fleet of intercontinental ballistic missiles, a new strategic bomber, new air-launched cruise missiles, and the new Columbia-class strategic submarines." Daryl G Kimball, ACT April 2022.

No shift away from first use, high alert status and launch on warning of ICBMs, or any defunding of nuclear weapons.

ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, has announced

"The first Meeting of States Parties to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will take place at the Austria Center in Vienna, Austria from 21 to 23 June 2022. The President-designate of the meeting is Austria's Alexander Kmentt.

At this inaugural meeting, States parties to the TPNW will gather to commit to concrete actions to implement obligations under the Treaty, including on providing assistance to victims of nuclear weapon use and testing, beginning to remediate contaminated environments (Article 6) and universalising the treaty (Article 12). It will also be an opportunity for States to discuss some of the treaty's technical details, like setting a deadline for the elimination of nuclear weapons for nuclear-armed states that join (Article 4).

Other states not parties to the Treaty, as well as relevant UN agencies, other international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend the Meeting as observers.

An international conference on the humanitarian impacts of nuclear weapons will be hosted by Austria on 20 June 2022.

Originally scheduled in January 2022, the meeting of States parties was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

More Information here: https://www.icanw.org/tpnw_first_meeting_of_states_parties

This is monumental. For the first time ever, the world may have a real opportunity to begin to back away from the brink of nuclear devastation. We urge everyone to tune in and follow these meetings closely.

Nuke Watch New Mexico announced a recent settlement regarding cleanup processes at Los Alamos:

<https://nukewatch.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Cleanup-Settlement-PR-3-23-22.pdf>

Similar to the Hanford mess, DOE has long failed to contain or remediate nuclear waste products from the Manhattan Project's first A-Bomb factory there. Still too little too late, but Nuke Watch NM keeps up the work that must be done.

Glen Anderson has announced latest series of online classes for activists :

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgzGmvfgKQCdFnLzWWtVqBpBDpDw?projector=1&messagePartId=0.2>

These are timely, common sense presentations about how we can all be more effective in our PEACEWORK. As Glen says "We are always the underdogs in working for peace, but **these FREE online workshops really can strengthen our skills and strategies to make significant progress toward abolishing nuclear weapons!**

Nonviolent grassroots organizing has been proven to be effective, but people – even experienced activists – could make much more progress by strengthening our skills. This series of workshops (“Nonviolent Grassroots Organizing”) really can help!"

There has been talk among many proponents of green energy lately, that new "clean" nuclear power plants can help in transitioning away from fossil fuels. We should know better, after 80 years of messing around with radioactive metals, that nuclear waste never goes away. [This document produced by Columbia Riverkeepers](#) covers this topic very well, and I heartily recommend it. It explains the dangers of nuclear power plants much better than I can. Please read and share.

Here is a **small bit of good news** close to home: [As reported by Courtney Flatt, Northwest News Network](#), "The Navy SEALs won't be able to use Washington State Parks as training grounds. A judge on Friday ruled against an earlier decision to allow the training at up to 28 parks. On Friday, Thurston County Superior Court Judge James Dixon said the commission's decision was illegal and outside its purview, which includes the protection and enhancement of parks."

And here is what we are doing now



photo by Julia Hurd, Banner by Bud Anderson

I-5 / Blackburn Rd overpass, South Mount Vernon. We are entering week 4 of our 5 week trial run at bannering. 3 PM, Friday April 8 and 15. Please join us, and help us figure out future events.

Here is a question for anyone reading this, especially in our local Skagit area. If we set up an in person meeting soon, at the Anacortes Library, like we did before the pandemic, would you be more likely to come discuss our future as a group of dedicated peace activists, making plans for lobbying legislators and congresspeople, or watch a movie like Dr Strangelove? or both? **Seriously, we want to hear from you.**

Please contact any of our steering committee members: Bud Anderson, budathome2012@hotmail.com , Julia Hurd, hurdjulia@gmail.com , Wim Houppermans, wh5314b@gmail.com , Kathleen Flanagan, tomflanagan1@comcast.net , and me tracy@nomorebombs.org Call or text me at 360-840-3826. And also consider joining this committee. We welcome all your ideas, suggestions, complaints, and advice.

If you wish to be removed form our email list, also contact me. Thank you, Peace and Love, Tracy W Powell

"Aware that in the nuclear age the establishment of a lasting peace on Earth represents the primary condition for the preservation of human civilization and the survival of humankind, recognizing that the maintenance of a peaceful life for peoples is the sacred duty of each State....solemnly proclaims that the peoples of our planet have a sacred right to peace..."

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 39/11, Right of Peoples to Peace

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Mother Teresa (1910-1997), Yugoslav humanitarian and 1979 Nobel Peace Laureate

