“Nuclear weapons are illegal”

“World to U.S. – join the treaty”

“The choice today is nonviolence or nonexistence…” (MLK)

**Tri-Valley CAREs and Friends Mark Nuclear Baniversary at Livermore Lab**

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On Friday, January 21st, Tri-Valley CAREs went to the west gate of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, one of two locations that create every nuclear warhead and bomb in the U.S. stockpile.

On this particular morning, we brought eight-foot banners, bells and rattles of all sizes, and joyous noise to celebrate the historic first anniversary of the international entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Representatives from several Bay Area chapters of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom joined our members for the commemoration, and Mishaa DeGraw from ProBonoPhoto brought her camera to document the occasion.

At the gate of the weapons lab, we rang bells to thank by name each of the 59 states parties that have already ratified the TPNW, and we noted too the dozens more countries that are presently undergoing the ratification process.
We also performed a public reading of select portions of the TPNW, each person in turn taking a section of the treaty and a bullhorn for amplification.

The TPNW bans the development, testing, production, manufacture, acquisition, possession, stockpiling, transfer, stationing, installation, and use or threatened use of nuclear weapons. We also made note of the TPNW’s positive obligations to assist victims of nuclear testing and use (Hibakusha) and to contribute to remediation of contaminated sites.

We chanted, “United States sign the treaty!”

To conclude our program, we moved along the fence line to an appropriate place and zip-tied a banner containing the full text of the TPNW to the fence.

For more photos by Mishaa visit: https://www.probonophoto.org/2022/21Jan22LivermoreTPNW

For the full text of the treaty visit: www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/tpnw/

Leading up to the Celebration

Tri-Valley CAREs supported the first anniversary of the TPNW also with letters to the editor, appearances on radio shows, and more. Publicizing the TPNW in the U.S., where the government opposes it and the media largely ignores it, is an important step in accelerating its power to change social norms and lead to the global abolition of these terrible weapons.
Jan. 22 is a historic day. It’s the day that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force and became part of international law.

The Treaty bans the development, testing, manufacture, acquisition, stockpiling, transfer, stationing, or threatened use of nuclear weapons. It also contains positive provisions for cleanup and assistance to victims of nuclear weapons use or testing.

This year marks the TPNW’s first anniversary after coming into force. In cities and towns across the USA, there will be hundreds of celebrations to mark this momentous occasion.

In Livermore, there will be banners, bells and celebratory noisemakers, and a public reading of the Treaty’s key provisions, at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, near the Livermore Lab West Gate.

The Treaty is the aspiration of humanity and represents the future direction of our world. 122 states parties, the majority of the world’s countries, adopted this treaty. 59 have completed its ratification, with Peru being the most recent last month.

The TPNW is gathering momentum. While it binds countries that have ratified its provisions, it also contains a broader power to change global norms.

The United States opposes the TPNW. But history teaches us that the U.S. and other countries have come into compliance over time with international agreements they originally forswore.

It is to this outcome that I dedicate my time and my banner this Jan. 21.

Raiza Marciscano,

Tracy
Honoring Two Anniversaries

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Source: The Independent

On January 17th, I will commemorate the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On January 22nd, I will celebrate the first anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

These two events are more intertwined than they may appear on the surface.

King spoke often against nuclear weapons, calling them the most colossal of all evils. “The alternative to disarmament,” he said, “may well be a civilization plunged into the abyss of annihilation.” And, Dr. King’s prescription for humanity was clear: “The development and use of nuclear weapons should be banned.”

The ban is here. It is now part of international law. Dr. King would be pleased. Unfortunately, the United States has yet to sign the treaty, but it should. U.S. leadership could deliver the world from the threat of the abyss of which King spoke.

This is why I will go to the Livermore Lab on Friday, January 21. With colleagues I will hold banners celebrating the treaty's enactment, calling on the U.S. to join, and quoting our country’s most eloquent proponent of peace and justice, Dr. King.

This coming week I, and millions like me, will pause to reflect on King’s words, and we will act in communities across our country and around the world to bring to fruition our common aspiration for the abolition of nuclear weapons and war. I invite you to join me at Livermore Lab's, one of two US laboratories that design nuclear weapons. Information on our local action can be found at trivalleycares.org.

By Mary Perner,
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The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and Reflections of Dr. King on Nuclear Weapons Abolition

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Source: KZFR Radio

Interview with Tri-Valley CAREs’ Marylia Kelley on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the upcoming first anniversary of its entry into force.

Also, observance of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday and his writings opposing nuclear weapons.

30-minute interview by Chris Nelson, KZFR FM

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