

Reflections FOR NONVIOLENT COMMUNITY



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a book of readings

the oak ridge environmental peace alliance

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front cover:

The distinguished lineup on the front cover is the DC Days planning committee, responsible for organizing the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability's four days of training and advocacy work in Washington, DC. From left, Becky Rafter, Atlanta, GA; Scott Kovac, Santa Fe, NM; Dennie Kelley, Knoxville, TN; Don Hancock, Albuquerque, NM; Bob Schaeffer, Sanibel, FL; Beatrice Brailsford, Pocatello, ID; Emily Peterson, Seattle, WA; and Scott Yundt, Oakland, CA. Not pictured here is stellar DC Days staff person Joseph Rodgers.

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.

sources

This reflection booklet features readings from Reflection Booklets from 2001-2003 with the exception of Thursday readings taken from various collections of writings, prayers, poetry, interviews and reflections of Dan Berrigan.



Marylia Kelley of Tri-Valley CAREs in Livermore, California, talks with OREPA's Cindy, Will and Kevin Collins at the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability's DC Days in April as they coordinate meeting appointments.

Wednesday, June 1

1996 : UKRAINE TURNS NUCLEAR ARSENAL OVER TO RUSSIA

War is necrophilia. And this necrophilia is central to soldiering, just as it is central to the makeup of suicide bombers and terrorists. The necrophilia is hidden under platitudes about duty and comradeship. It waits, especially in moments when we seem to have little to live for and no hope, or in moments when the intoxication of war is at its pitch, to be unleashed. When we spend long enough in war, it comes to us as a kind of release, a fatal and seductive embrace that can consummate the long flirtation in war with our own destruction.

~ Chris Hedges

Thursday, June 2 Judith Mohling

1863 : HARRIET TUBMAN BORN

1924 : CONGRESS GRANTS CITIZENSHIP TO NATIVE AMERICANS

Bring the big guardian
angels or devils in black
jackets and white casques
into the act at last. *Love, love at the end.*

The landholders withholding
no more; the jails springing
black and white Easter men;
truncheons like lilies, hoses
gentle as baby pee. *Love, love at the end.*

Bishops down in the ranks
mayors making it too.
Sheriff meek as a shorn lamb
smelling like daisies, drinking dew.
Love, love at the end.

~ Dan Berrigan
Prayer from a picket line

Friday, June 3

As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold that person down, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might.

~ Marian Anderson

Saturday, June 4

1987 : NEW ZEALAND DECLARES ITSELF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

1989 : TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE, BEIJING, CHINA

If one were to compare the effect of a single stroke of the pick-axe, or of one impression of the spade with the final result, one would be overwhelmed by the sense of their disproportion; yet those petty operations, incessantly continue, in time surmount the greatest difficulties, and mountains are leveled and oceans bounded, by the slender force of human beings.

~ Samuel Johnson

Sunday, June 5

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

At the very time when my studies were most successful, there cut across this plan which I had a scientist a red ray which could not be ignored. I remember when it first, as it were, startled me to my feet. The news met me: Sam Hose had been lynched, and they said that his knuckles were on exhibition at a grocery store. I began to turn from my work. One could not be a calm, cool and detached scientist while Negroes were lynched, murdered and starved.

~ W E B DuBois

Monday, June 6

A nation's hope of lasting peace cannot be firmly based upon any race in armaments, but rather upon just relations and honest understanding with all other nations.

~ Dwight David Eisenhower

Tuesday, June 7

While the seat of government is in Washington, the seat of conscience is in me. It can not be voted out of office by one or by a million others.

~ Juanita Nelson

Wednesday, June 8

570 : MUHAMMAD BORN

We can choose to use our lives for others to bring about a better and more just world for our children. People who make that choice will know hardship and sacrifice. But if you give yourself totally to the nonviolent struggle for peace and justice, you also find that people give you their hearts and you will never go hungry and never be alone. And in giving of yourself, you will discover a whole new life full of meaning and love.

~ Cesar Chavez



Linda Ewald crafts her message for OREPA's Tax Day rally at the April 10 Sunday vigil at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge.

Thursday, June 9
Sue Ablao

MERCIFULLY GRANT PEACE IN OUR DAYS. THROUGH YOUR HELP MAY WE BE FREED FROM PRESENT DISTRESS...HAVE MERCY ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN HOMELESS IN FOUL WEATHER, RANTING LIKE BEES AMONG GUTTED BARNS AND STILES. HAVE MERCY ON THOSE (LIKE US) CLINGING ONE TO ANOTHER UNDER FIRE, TERROR ON TERROR, GRAPES THE GRAPES SHOT STRIKES. HAVE MERCY ON THE DEAD, BEFOULED, TRODDEN LIKE SNOW IN HEDGES AND THICKETS. HAVE MERCY, DEAD MAN, WHOSE GRANDIOSE GENTLE HOPE DIED ON THE WING, WHOSE BODY STOOD LIKE A TREE BETWEEN STRIKE AND FALL, STOOD LIKE A CRIPPLE ON HIS WOODEN CRUTCH. WE CRY: HALT! WE CRY: PASSWORD! DISHONORED HEART, REMEMBER AND REMIND, THE OPEN SESAME: FROM THERE TO HERE, FROM INNOCENCE TO US: HIROSHIMA DRESDEN GUERNICA SELMA SHARPEVILLE COVENTRY DACHAU. INTO OUR HISTORY, PASS! SEED HOPE. FLOWER PEACE.

~ Dan Berrigan

Friday, June 10

What if we, who are nothing alone, are the difference between the way the world is now and the coming of peace on earth? What if we are the difference between darkness pervading the world or light coming into the world?

~ Megan McKenna

Saturday, June 11

1880 : JEANNETTE RANKIN BORN

There can be no compromise with war; it cannot be reformed or controlled; cannot be disciplined into decency or codified into common sense; for war is the slaughter of human beings, temporarily regarded as enemies, on as large a scale as possible.

~ Jeannette Rankin

Sunday, June 12

1982 : ONE MILLION MARCH FOR DISARMAMENT IN NEW YORK CITY

If you are trying to transform a brutalized society into one where people live in dignity and hope, you begin with the empowering of the most powerless. You build from the ground up.

~ Adrienne Rich

Monday, June 13

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

Let us choose our enemy well, for it is who we will become. Therefore, let us pray not for vengeance; only darkness and despair are the gods of such idolatry. Rather, let us pray for justice, and that we may become worthy of the long promised blessing reserved for the merciful.

~ Martin Sheen

Tuesday, June 14

We seem bent on dividing all things into a contest of Win and Lose, and declaring that the Losers are losers. Nearly half of us are routinely asked to disappear while the slim majority works its will. But the playing field is the planet earth, and I for one have no other place to go.

~ Barbara Kingsolver

Wednesday, June 15

I have seen with my own eyes memorials to the Jews in Warsaw, the panic caused by the bomb, the disintegration that war causes to human beings and all that is born of them. But I have also seen what love can do, what the strength of a person who is happy can achieve. Because of all this, and because above all I desire peace, I need the wood and strings of my guitar to give vent to the sadness or happiness, some verse which opens up the heart like a wound, some line which helps us all to turn from inside ourselves to look out and see the world with new eyes.

~ Victor Jara



Libby Johnson chats with OREPA board members Caroline Best (l) and Dennie Kelley (r) while Linda Brown looks on at the Community Shares Circle of Change awards celebration in April in Knoxville.

Thursday, June 16 Harry Rothwell

1976 : SOWETO UPRISING, 700 STUDENTS KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA

I am a statue in a church, dusted by a crazy warden.
He prays to me, he lights candles before me. And you do
not know what it means; the dead at the mercy of the living.
Every day they come to ask for virtues I know nothing of. And
who ever conferred on others a life he never lived, a gift he
never possessed Magic, magic, a blank check. "Please make
me better, please bring my lover back, please get me off the
hook, please take me off the bottle."

Death-ridden people, the cure of the world lies
within the world; only life is the healer of life. Let me tell you
of my pain; it is not to be what you are, it is not to suffer what
you endure.

I offer one solution, to your quandry and mine. Burn
the bones of the dead. Remember us by forgetting us. There
is one gift, life itself; morning and evening, foul weather and
good, the cry of childbirth, the last breath of the dying. Love,
love life. Die, loving life.

~ Dan Berrigan

Friday, June 17

1925 : GENEVA GAS PROTOCOL OUTLAWES GERM WARFARE

Every challenge is an opportunity for you to overcome, a chance to wrestle the best out of the worst, and a chance to turn hopeless into hopeful.

~ Estella Kincaid Harvey

Saturday, June 18

1982 : USSR RENOUNCES "FIRST USE" OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Each of us has dealt with our share of abandonment, pain and loss, and this is not the time to guard our hearts.

~ Yvonne Atwell

Sunday, June 19

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATES LIBERATION OF SLAVES

Racism is a silent, insidious killer that binds the soul and stifles ambition.

~ Jane E. Smith

Monday, June 20

Write your name onto the hearts of humanity through acts of love.

~ Diane Olney-Campbell

Tuesday, June 21

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

Never be caught without a dream. Those who fail to dream will fail in other areas of life also.

~ Clara Jones

Wednesday, June 22

As Booker T. Washington told my class when he visited our campus in 1918: "It is more important to live out your values than to teach them."

~ Rosalie Andrews

Thursday, June 23
JoAnne Lingle

Want nothing small about men—except perhaps their words, modest and thoughtful and almost inaudible before their deeds. For the rest, bigness; heart, brain. Imagination, too; let it take the world in two hands and show us what it's like to BE! Tell us about it, we're hungry. Doesn't the Bible call truth BREAD? We're starved, our smile has lost out, we crawl on a thin margin—a life, maybe, but so what? Where's the person who says *yes*, says *no*, like a thunderclap? Where's the person whose *no* turns to *yes* in his mouth—who can't deny life, who acts like a new flower or a new day or a hero even: What more is there to love than I have loved?

When I hear bread breaking, I see something else; it seems almost as though God never meant us to do anything else. So beautiful a sound, the crust breaks up like manna and falls all over everything, and then we EAT; bread gets inside humans. It turned into what the experts call “formal glory of God.” But don't let that worry you. Sometime in your life, hope you might see one starved man, the look on his face when the bread finally arrives. Hope you might have baked it or bought it—or even needed it yourself. For that look on his face, for your hands meeting across a piece of bread, you might be willing to lose a lot, or suffer a lot—or die a little, even.

~ Dan Berrigan

Friday, June 24

What we need is engaged people, people who are involved in their communities, who have commitments and passions and stand up for things.

~ Henry Norr

Saturday, June 25

1876 : MASSACRE AT LITTLE BIG HORN

For war is always about betrayal, betrayal of the young by the old, of soldiers by politicians, and of idealists by cynics.

~ Chris Hedges

Sunday, June 26

1818 : EUGENE DEBS ARRESTED FOR ANTI-WAR SPEECH

1945 : UNITED NATIONS CHARTER SIGNED

There are, at most, a few things worth dying for. Find out what yours are, and you will really be able to live.

~ Korine Hudson

Monday, June 27

1876 : EMMA GOLDMAN BORN

1880 : HELEN KELLER BORN

The reign of American kings of capitalism and authority holds humankind in slavery, perpetuates poverty and disease, fetters the spirit of liberty, throttles the voice of justice, and degrades humanity.

~ Emma Goldman

Tuesday, June 28

1969 : STONEWALL REBELLION IN NEW YORK CITY

Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby.

~ Ruth Renkel

Wednesday, June 29

The first blow dealt to the enemy's children will sign the death warrant for our own.

~ Margaret Mead

Thursday, June 30
Tom Boyle

I am sure no one sits with ordinary people, either in Israel or in the camps, and says, "This is what we propose; we want to do this. This is what will happen as a result of it. You will be bombed, for instance. Do you agree?" Nobody asks the people. They are never consulted about whether they wish to die. They just die. And so, the roots of the community are cut by a leadership that is utterly indifferent to the fate of the community, and which makes decisions entirely on its own. A kind of hardnosed fatalism is the rule—some must die, some are expendable. We are at a loss for words to describe the spiritual degradation of such actions.

And yet, of course, the acts of terrorism and reprisal are very different. This is something that is seldom considered. The technology on the Israeli side is an extension of American technology and is used no differently than the Americans used it in Vietnam. This is what is called "clean killing." It's killing which is laundered. Neither the people who commit the killing nor the people at home ever see the dead and wounded. The killing is rendered abstract; the sin is an abstract sin. A double standard is always exercised when the technological world meets the world of immediate violence.

~ Daniel Berrigan

Friday, July 1

1968 : UNITED STATES SIGNS NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY

Each of the Parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.

~ Article 6, Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty

Saturday, July 2

If we can agree on anything in difficult times, it must be that we have the resources to behave more generously than we do, and that we are brave enough to rise from the ashes of loss as better citizens of the world than we have ever been. What a vast inheritance for our children that would be, if we were to become a nation humble before our birthright, whose graciousness makes us beloved.

~ Barbara Kingsolver

Sunday, July 3

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

We soldiers of all nations who lie killed
Ask little: that you never in our name
Dare say we died that men might be fulfilled
The earth should vomit us against that shame.

~ James Agee

Monday, July 4

God is peace, says Islam: God is one, says Judaism. God is love, says Christianity; one love, says Rastifarianism. You are That says Advaita Vedanta; There's nothing to it, says Zen. It's shining right there in your eyes, say I. Say Aye. Say Amen.

~ Ellen Setteducati



The Community Shares Circle of Change celebration in Knoxville in April gave us a chance to reunite with Erik and Libby Johnson who moved to Durham, NC last fall; the Johnsons were honored as this year's Champions of Change.

Tuesday, July 5

The natural laws we have believed in and taught our children have sometimes been found to be not natural laws at all, but rather fearsome constructs of our own making, undermined by the evidence. And among those mistakes there is this: All of the promises of politicians, generals, madmen and crusaders that war can create peace have yet to be borne out.

~ Barbara Kingsolver

Wednesday, July 6

Organizing is a right, and in times like these, it is also a duty. Because social and political demands cannot be made by individuals, they must be made by the strength of a people who together clamor for their just rights. Joining an organization is not a sin; sin is losing sight of God.

~ Oscar Romero

Thursday, July 7
Jim Sessions and Fran Ansley

It is part of the wisdom, I think, of the religious tradition always to be skeptical of what governments are doing. If their acts are done in secrecy, all one can do is to draw into that darkness the light of one's own nonviolence, plus the lessons of their past conduct. Mr. Kissinger did what he did in Southeast Asia; he's not going to be terribly different in the Middle East. One has to keep reminding oneself and other people that an exalted contempt for human life lies at the basis of diplomacy; and that one had better think of the unprotected and innocent, and be prepared for bad news when the leaders meet. And at the same time, keep one's own soul tranquil and modest, in order to be useful.

~ Dan Berrigan

Friday, July 8

1869 : KATHE KOLLWITZ BORN

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

Nuclear weapons are not an unfortunate and accidental blot on our civilization. They are a deadly symptom of where we are going, and we seem unable to stop the momentum.

~ Katherine Temple

Saturday, July 9

1936 : JUNE JORDAN BORN

The faces and tactics of the leaders may change every four years, or two, or one, but the people go on forever. The people—beaten down today, yet rising tomorrow; losing the road one minute, but finding it the next; their eyes always fixed upon a star or true brotherhood and sisterhood, equality and dignity—the *people* are the real guardians of our hopes and dreams.

~ Paul Robeson

Sunday, July 10

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

You must not hold back! You who have entered the shells in which society, state, church, school, business, public opinion and your own arrogance have put you, not directly connected with anyone or anything else, break through your shell, become direct, and as a human being, touch other human beings!

~ Martin Buber

Monday, July 11

So this is Empire. This greatly increased distance between those who make decisions and those who have to suffer them. Our fight, our goal, our vision of another world must be to eliminate that distance.

~ Arundhati Roy

Tuesday, July 12

1817 : HENRY DAVID THOREAU BORN

If we really want to do something for freedom and justice, then it is best if we do this without rage and hostility. With inner tranquility, and an honest readiness we can work hard for thirty, forty years.

~ The Dalai Lama XV

Wednesday, July 13

1942 : MANHATTAN PROJECT BEGINS

When your ship, long moored in harbor, gives you the illusion of being a house; when your ship begins to put down roots in the stagnant waters of the Quay: put out to sea! Save your boat's journeying soul, cost what it may.

~ Dom Helder Camara



Preparing for OREPA's tax day rally, OREPA members created posters at the Sunday vigil at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex on April 10.

Thursday, July 14
Larry Osborne

1912 : HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WOODY GUTHRIE!

I think that coping with the fear they try to inspire is one of the largest tasks of all. And helping people to live by other means than their fear, whether it's fear of one another, fear of the enemy, fear of the authorities, fear of prison, fear of disgrace, or fear of separation from families. In the last decade, it was a great project for us in communities to try to cope with this. Because the realities were never as gruesome as one's fear of the realities. It was that inflation of reality that the government was able to play on until people could no longer recognize the difference between their own fear of what might happen and what was actually happening

~ Dan Berrigan

Friday, July 15

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

We may petition the government, we may agitate for our rights, but for a real awakening of the people, the more important thing is activities directed inward.

~ Gandhi

Saturday, July 16

1863 : IDA B WELLS BORN

1945 : US TEST FIRST ATOMIC BOMB — “TRINITY”

Whoever speaks today about the social market economy without mentioning the death market economy and the weapons economy veils reality.

~ Dorothee Soelle

Sunday, July 17

The only devils running around are those within our own hearts, and it is there our battles must be fought.

~ Gandhi

Monday, July 18

1918 : NELSON MANDELA BORN

None of us acting alone can achieve success. We must therefore act together as a united people, for reconciliation, for nation building, for the birth of a new world.

~ Nelson Mandela

Tuesday, July 19

1979 : NICARAGUA OVERTHROWS SOMOZA DICTATORSHIP

The point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answers.

~ Rainer Maria Rilke

Wednesday, July 20

When people turn their back to power and start to feel the pulse and pain of society, they become powerful.

~ Vandana Shiva

Thursday, July 21
Maren Ortmeier

But our experience has been that if one can achieve that calm, that self-possession, then many things happen independently of one's own powerlessness. I remember feeling this so often when I was captured and in jail, and then again was indicted at Harrisburg. You must get through those first weeks, days, hours, nights of black, black panic and despair. Then all kinds of things begin to occur, because there are many things that the government cannot stop. There are many human movements over which they have no control, many things friends can do, things that other people are drawn into, even the media. Such things alter the whole situation to the point where another very interesting struggle for peace follows.

That of course is not what they want at all. They find they've made a great mistake in indicting or capturing or trying you. But it takes a great deal of self-possession to allow things to happen, a great deal of patience to be able to ride with that tidal wave of fear which they stir up.

~ Dan Berrigan

Friday, July 22

Often people say, "It I don't do it, someone else will." To this line, A J Muste and C Wright Mills responded: "I you do not do it, you are at least not responsible for it being done. If you refuse to do it out loud, others may quietly refrain from doing it, and those who still do it may then only do it with hesitation and with guilt. To refuse to do it is an act affirming yourself as a moral center of responsible decisions. It is the act of a person who rejects 'fate' for it reveals the resolution of one human being to take at least his or her fate into his or her own hands."

~ Howard Zinn

Saturday, July 23

Let us forgive the worst among us, because the worst is in ourselves, the worst lives in each of us, along with the best. Let us forgive the worst in each of us and all of us so that the best in each of us and all of us may be free.

~ Leonard Peltier

Sunday, July 24

When law does not uncompromisingly uphold human life as sacred, when it makes no provision for conscience and love of enemies, when it does not protect and rescue the weak and helpless, then it is social and political sin, a subtle but deviant curse, deserving only to be resisted and broken.

~ Phil Berrigan

Monday, July 25

1898 : US INVADES PUERTO RICO

1963 : ATMOSPHERIC TEST BAN TREATY SIGNED

Our minds are full of junk. They should be full of winds and silence, of God's breath, of corn, cattle, crowded trains, rust on bridges, moonlight and lamplight and light.

~ Mary Margaret Nussbaum

Tuesday, July 26

It's not just one million soldiers on the border who are living on hair-trigger alert. It's all of us. That's what nuclear bombs do. Whether they are used or not, they violate all that is humane.

~ Arundhati Roy

Wednesday, July 27

The images of peace are ephemeral. The language of peace is subtle. The reasons for peace, the definitions of peace, the very idea of peace have to be invented, and invented again. Children, everybody, here's what to do during war: Create something. A poem. A parade. A community. A school. A vow. A moral principle. One peaceful moment.

~ Maxine Hong Kingston



Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center founder Bill Nickle greets long-time friend Erik Johnson at the Community Shares Circle of Change banquet in Knoxville, TN, in April 2016.

Thursday, July 28
Ron Rocz

1915 : US INVADES HAITI

I saw a mother
mourning her sick child
the hundredth time that day
or any day or night
equally wearying, equally hopeless.
She sees death stand at the end of days.

And saw a young husband;
his wife, suddenly dead, borne to the church door,
he, serving at Mass
impassive, cold at wrist and heart
to match her cold, one ice laid on one flesh.

The exemplary world moves us to tears
that in their falling, purify
eye's glance, impure world, both.

I know the world now, if world has face.
It beats steadily as a child's heart.
It is the moon's rhythm
that like a woman's long
unutterable glance of love
draws the bridegroom after.

~ Dan Berrigan

Friday, July 29

Empower me to be a bold participant, rather than a timid saint in waiting, in the difficult ordinariness of now; to exercise the authority of honesty rather than to defy power, or deceive to get it; to influence someone for justice, rather than impress anyone for gain; and, by grace, to find treasures of joy, of friendship, of peace hidden in the fields of the daily you give me to plow.

~ Ted Loder

Saturday, July 30

1996 : CHINA ANNOUNCES MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING

Are all three Jewish attempts to humanize humanity dead? Moses, who deciphered “You shall not murder” as the message of the mysterious God? Jesus, with his absurd idea not to prepare to kill or bomb away one’s enemies but to love them? Karl Marx, who wanted to overturn “all conditions in which people are degraded, abandoned, or held in contempt?”

~ Dorothee Soelle

Sunday, July 31

1991 : START I TREATY SIGNED

We seem quite competent to do the most intricate planning and to carry out the most stupendous operations when it comes to war. Why should one assume in advance that these things cannot be done in order to carry out a decision to cease from war-making?

~ A J Muste



DC Days: OREPA members joined activists from around the country in Washington, DC for the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability's 28th annual DC Days. Above: ANA members enjoy a part of the Sunday training. Below: OREPA's Dennie Kelley (center) prepares a "delegation" for a visit to a Senate office during the role-play scenario of the training.





Tax Day 2016: OREPA members gathered outside the IRS office in downtown Knoxville in mid-April to protest spending on militarism and the Uranium Processing Facility bomb plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At right, News-Sentinel reporter Frank Munger stopped by to chat with Dennie Kelley and Kevin Collins.