

THE CALL FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

The continued possession, further development, and manufacture of nuclear weapons by the United States undermines the ethical basis of our society, breaks treaties our nation has signed, wastes our nation's wealth, and permanently contaminates our environment, while providing no real contribution to U.S. national security.

In fact, implicit and explicit nuclear threats by the U.S. undermine global efforts to halt proliferation of not just nuclear weapons, but all weapons of mass destruction. Meanwhile our own nuclear facilities can never be made fully secure from accident, sabotage, theft, or attack.

New Mexico's two nuclear weapons labs lead the world in spending for weapons of mass destruction. But as the labs have grown, our state's relative economic standing has declined and now trails almost all other states.

We urge your organization to join ours in endorsing this call by returning the form on this brochure or by signing the on-line form at www.lasg.org. We will publicize your endorsement of disarmament along with that of the hundreds of New Mexico organizations and businesses already recruited. Join us and let your voice heard!

We therefore call upon our elected leaders to:

- Stop the design and manufacture of all nuclear weapons, including plutonium bomb cores ("pits") at Los Alamos and elsewhere.
- Dismantle our nuclear arsenal in concert with other nuclear powers, pursuant to Article VI of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. As the most powerful nation on earth, the U.S. must take the first steps in this process.
- Halt disposal of nuclear waste at Los Alamos, as thousands of citizens and dozens of environmental organizations have already requested.

We demand quite different priorities:

- affordable health care for everyone
- better education
- renewable energy
- economic opportunity for those who have none.

We call for investment in our people and families, in our economy and environment, instead of in preparation for nuclear war.

WHY LOS ALAMOS?

Los Alamos laboratory designed and assembled the bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Today, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is the largest facility for weapons of mass destruction in the world in dollar terms.

Almost half (49%) of all U.S. nuclear warhead spending occurs within just 60 miles of Los Alamos, and more nuclear weapons are kept in nearby Albuquerque than any other single place in the world.

For the next 15 years if not for longer, LANL will be the only place in the U.S. where plutonium bomb cores ("pits") are manufactured, a mission we hope to make impossible. LANL also has the largest active nuclear disposal site in the Southwest, where millions of drums and boxes of nuclear waste are planned to be disposed over the coming decades.



To effectively work for peace in New Mexico we must publicly confront the reality of our role in preparing for nuclear war.

WORLDWIDE SOLIDARITY

We are working in solidarity with organizations hosting similar events at other U.S. nuclear weapons facilities, including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, the Nevada Test Site, the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the Pantex nuclear weapons plant in Amarillo, Texas. A worldwide network of scholars, activists, and civic leaders are mobilizing to stop nuclear proliferation—join us!



"Noncooperation with evil is as much a duty as cooperation with good."

—MOHANDAS GANDHI

GET INVOLVED

Participating organizations will be able to powerfully express their desire for nuclear disarmament and their rejection of the militarism deforming U.S. society today while promoting their own important political and social causes.

Benefits to participating groups include:

- Joining with others to speak out firmly against war and the idolatry of military might;
- Doing so where it matters most—Los Alamos;
- Working on a common political agenda together;
- Networking with colleague organizations;
- Relating your issues to the themes of August 6th in a workshop;
- Distributing your group's outreach products and information;
- Recruiting new members; and
- Learning more about related issues.

CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY

If you would like to lend financial support to *Hiroshima 60 Years*, the lead up events, or other programs, we need your help. You can reach us at the address below and there is a secure credit card portal at our website.

CONTACT US

For further information on how you can become a co-sponsor of this event, help in its development, or contribute financially please contact the Study Group or email Claire Long at clong@lasg.org.

We look forward to working with you!

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HIROSHIMA 60 YEARS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2005
9 AM - 9 PM
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

It started here.
Let's stop it here.

Join us!

Endorsing organizations
(See enclosed sheet and website for current list.
Please consider endorsing this event --
build unity and power!)

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Join us in endorsing and participating in this important event!

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION

On Saturday, August 6, 2005, the Los Alamos Study Group and co-sponsoring organizations will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings with an all-day conference and teach-in at Ashley Pond Park in Los Alamos.

We will be firm on the basic questions of nuclear weapons and disarmament, which are moral and legal in nature and not just matters of policy. We will develop and present positive alternatives to current (in)security policies and positive alternatives for economic and social development in New Mexico. We will not be personally confrontational and we will be nonviolent in both word and deed. We ask that all participating organizations agree to this core principle of nonviolence and more generally to the broad purposes of the event as stated in this brochure.

AUGUST 6TH SCHEDULE

The day's events will begin at 10:00 am and continue all day at Ashley Pond Park and in adjacent public buildings.

In the morning we will have our keynote speaker, other talks, and music. At noon we will stage a symbolic pageant with thousands of sunflowers, the international emblem of nuclear disarmament. (Sunflowers became the symbol of disarmament after they were ritually sown into the earth at a Russian missile silo destroyed after the Cold War.) Lunch will be available at the park and local restaurants. After lunch there will be more music and workshops led by participating groups. We'll break for dinner then return to the park to set hundreds of candle lanterns afloat on the pond.

We will be adding sponsors and filling in the schedule with speakers, performers, and workshops as time goes by. Look for updates at www.lasg.org!

LEAD UP EVENTS

Prior to the August 6th events we will host a series of educational, artistic, and community-building public events, announced by email and at www.lasg.org. Make sure you give us your email address or check our web site often! August 6th is not just an isolated day of action! Let us know if you want to help with these very important events, which will contribute to the impact of events on August 6th.



First lead up event: David Barsamian speaking in Santa Fe, NM

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT

In addition to commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings we will also make visible the strong support that polls show is now present in the U.S. for nuclear disarmament—84% in one large recent poll (www.pipa.org; see April 15, 2004).

We want to bridge issues and we aim to build bridges between organizations as well. We want to assist in the emergence of a political culture based on the dignity of the human person, as opposed to an ever more pervasive politics of fear, hatred, greed, and war. Any such political movement and platform must include from the outset the vigorous rejection of weapons of mass destruction as instruments of state power.

This event as well as the organizing involved in it are intimately tied to the *Call for Nuclear Disarmament* (see reverse). We are just beginning the “Call” campaign but it has already been endorsed by some 200 regional businesses, organizations, and political leaders. We will publicly link this growing groundswell with related international efforts.

We are concerned with more than just nuclear weapons. In Iraq, the U.S. is engaged in a bloody war of occupation responsible for the deaths of more than 100,000 people so far. And now, U.S. military units are operating in Iran in preparation for a possible attack on that country. The primary justification offered for these adventures is “counterproliferation”—yet right here in New Mexico, designing and building nuclear weapons is considered “normal.” We are at risk of becoming, in E. L. Doctorow’s phrase, “the people of the bomb.”

New Mexico’s nuclear labs, and especially Los Alamos, provide a uniquely symbolic and persuasive context from which to effectively condemn the hypocritical folly of recent U.S. “security” policy. Join us here on August 6 and help strengthen the community of active resistance in New Mexico.

Humanity now faces an unprecedented combination of challenges involving climate, security, poverty, environment, energy, and health. We understand that we need a breakthrough—that we need new thinking, inspired career choices, and a deeper personal commitment to be part of the solution rather than the problem. If our social and political commitment to nuclear weapons and all they imply remains intact, no breakthrough will be possible, and the torch of humanity may dim or even fall. Especially in New Mexico, we will regress unless we free ourselves from the stranglehold of militarization and embrace policies which are just, humane, secure, and sustainable.

Yosuke Yamahata



Nakasaki, August 10, 1945

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Please check all that apply, detach this form and return it to the Study Group.

- Our organization would like to publicly endorse *The Call for Nuclear Disarmament* (see reverse).
- Having endorsed *The Call* and read the purposes of the Hiroshima Day event, our organization would like to join those endorsing this event. (*No financial or work obligation is implied.*)
- In addition, I/we would like to join planning committee(s) and help organize this event.
- I/my group/business can't join the planning but we want to be there on August 6th. Please contact us with more details. We endorse *The Call* and agree to the purposes of the event.
- We plan to be there and can contribute on August 6th by conducting a workshop, hosting an information table, or in another way. Please contact us.
- I/my group/business would like to contribute financially.
- Please send me occasional email updates.

PRINTED NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

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