

4. We remember the need for forgiveness and humility, and always seek to understand each other's actions, and the actions of our opposition.

5. We shall ensure that all our events and meetings are transparent, inclusive, and democratic.

For more info, visit

<http://www.democracynow.org/article.pl?sid=07/11/19/150228> or

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Three Arrested as 300 Protest Torture – Nov. 11, 2007

More than three hundred people rallied against torture today outside the gates of Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and school for interrogation. Three people were arrested during the rally as they tried to enter the base and meet with enlisted personnel and officers to continue a dialogue begun three days earlier about the interrogation techniques taught there.

Before the three entered the Fort, Betsy Lamb, who is 66 and holds a Masters degree in Theology, explained the concern for the soldiers that she shares with Riseley and Zawada:

"Torture is inhuman. It is too 'up close and personal' for either victim or perpetrator to escape unharmed. For me, it represents an

ultimate hardening of its perpetrators, leaving little left they couldn't be talked into doing. It is a morally bereft act capable of creating morally bereft people."

For more info, visit

<http://www.indymedia.ie/article/85124>

ACTIONS

1. Share and discuss this leaflet with your family, friends, coworkers and your faith community.
2. Contact your elected representatives and say "Hands Off Iran", "Close the School of the Americas" and "End U.S. Torture Now."

Call the Congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for them by name. If you don't know who they are, tell the operator your zip code and s/he will connect you to the appropriate persons.

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PEACE ACTIONS

NOT FOUND IN THE MAINSTREAM NEWS

8th Day Center Staff Joins Thousands at Protest of U.S. Army School of the Americas – 14 Arrested

In the early hours of Nov. 16th. 1989, El Salvadoran graduates of the School of the Americas, Ft. Benning Georgia assassinated 6 Jesuits and 2 Salvadoran women co-workers at the San Salvador university. These were a few of tens of thousands of Latin Americans killed by graduates of the SOA. Their anniversary has become a time for nonviolent resistance to close the SOA.



Nine members of the staff of 8th Day Center for Justice joined over 25,000 persons gathered at the SOA this last weekend at Ft. Benning Georgia. Fourteen were arrested. All participants engaged in nonviolent protest of the School of the Americas which trains soldiers from Central and South America (and for all we

know, also at Guantanamo and Iraq) to implement torture and "disappearance" or outright murder of their own people. The message over these last 18 years of protest is simple: Close the SOA! The School of Assassins.

But this was not the only demand being screamed by the thousands who find their way here each November. "End the War," "Impeach Bush," "Stop Blackwater" and "Don't Forget Darfur" are not only bumper stickers, but the impetus that drove protesters here from California to Maine.

Rep. Jim McGovern, who led the charge in the House of Representatives to close down the school that narrowly failed by a 214-203 vote, was clearly the most popular of Saturday's long lineup of speakers and protesters.

"This school symbolizes everything the rest of America is not," said McGovern, who toured the institute Saturday and spoke to its commandant, Col. Gilbert Perez. "I knew some of the priests that graduates of this school murdered."

U.S. presidential candidates Dennis Kucinich and Cynthia McKinney, Sister Mary Waskowiak; President of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and Rabbi Michael Lerner addressed the crowd.

Adriana Portillo Bartow paid tribute to Rufina Amaya, the sole survivor of the El Mozote massacre of over 900 men, women and children in El Salvador. In 1999, Rufina

traveled from El Salvador to the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia, where 19 of the 26 people later found responsible for the massacre were trained at the School of the Americas. She told the story of the massacre and worked for justice until her death of a heart illness earlier this year. Rufina Amaya – Presente!

While it certainly may not get national media attention, this weekend's event might just be one of the country's largest anti-war protests.

For more info, visit www.soaw.org

The Bush administration is moving toward an illegal and immoral attack against Iran following the same game of deception, lies and half truths it used to gain support for its illegal and immoral invasion of Iraq.

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. - Chinese proverb

66 Arrested in Washington State Blocking War Shipments to Iraq - Nov. 19, 2007

More than four hundred antiwar demonstrators marched through Olympia, Washington Saturday to protest the war in Iraq and the police brutality aimed at demonstrators in the past two weeks.

Since November 7th, at least 66 people have been arrested and 150 others injured for trying to prevent military equipment from leaving the Port of Olympia for Iraq. Police beat back and repeatedly used pepper spray on peaceful demonstrators.

On Saturday, demonstrators used nonviolent direct action to block military equipment for 17 hours and force a convoy back into the port.

Olympia Port Militarization Resistance is a group formed in 2006 by community peace activists. They wanted to "end their participation in the illegal occupation of Iraq by stopping the military use of the port of Olympia."

Here are their principles:

We, the members of Port Militarization Resistance (PMR), believe that non-violent social change is a means for people to discover their own power through the peaceful resolution of conflicts, the creation of democratic structures, and the realization of justice – not mere victory. While working in this group we commit ourselves to the following principles:

- 1. We seek to win over our opposition by changing their minds rather than through degradation and humiliation.*
- 2. We are willing to make personal sacrifices in order ensure freedom and justice for all people – even our opponents.*
- 3. We shall refrain from physical assaults, verbal harassment, and malicious sabotage.*