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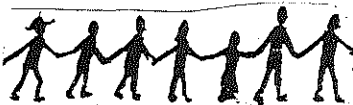
To the Brink of War

In early January, President Trump took us to the brink of war. After several days of street demonstrations in Iraq expressing opposition to both Iranian and U.S. interference in Iraqi affairs, our president ordered the assassination of top Iranian Gen. Soleimani by a drone missile strike. If Iran responded, Trump threatened to commit war crimes by destroying sites of Iranian cultural heritage. Iran did respond - but the salvo of ballistic missiles targeting two U.S. bases in Iraq was largely symbolic. Iran gave advance warning and the strikes produced no immediately announced casualties. An Iranian air defense system then mistakenly shot down a Ukrainian airliner causing the tragic death of 176 innocent civilians. Since then, both sides have stepped back from the brink, but the situation remains tense.

The U.S. administration issued a series of shifting and contradictory statements attempting to justify Soleimani's assassination. The strike was carried out without consulting Congress or our allies and in violation of international law. Thus far, the administration has produced no evidence for what it claims was the threat of an "imminent" attack on four U.S. embassies.

LEPOCO has played an important role in local and regional protests against the threat of war with Iran. LEPOCO members and friends should continue to watch for upcoming events and ways in which they can participate.

- Mick Baylor



Thank you to all who joined the hastily called peace vigil on Saturday, January 4th, at 3rd & Wyandotte Sts., Bethlehem, only hours after the U.S. attack that killed Gen. Soleimani and four others. Then on January 9, an energetic group gathered at the same corner, to say, "No War on Iran," as LEPOCO's monthly second-Thursday Peace Vigil joined MoveOn's national call for such protests.

On January 25, a local protest was called by Make the Road PA and Lehigh Valley Democratic Socialists of America. This gathering, part of another national day of protest, was held at 7th & Hamilton Sts., Allentown. There was heavy rain, but there was good media coverage and diverse participation with around 30 people attending.

LEPOCO Annual Dinner

An evening of great stories and music is in store as friends and member of LEPOCO gather once again for our annual dinner on March 21.

Our featured guest will be Reggie Harris, the much beloved singer/songwriter, storyteller, educator and cultural ambassador. For decades, he has been working on most of the same issues that concern LEPOCO: peace, social justice and the environment, to name a few.

A founding teaching artist in the Kennedy Center's CETA program (Changing Education through the Arts) for over 30 years, Reggie is also a Fellow in the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Scholars college lecture program. He presents hundreds of concerts and lectures each year.

Well known to many fans in the Lehigh Valley Reggie is renowned for songs of joy, stories of hope, and a message of unity. He will present what is sure to be a powerful message: "Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize: Holding On! Recommitting Ourselves to the Struggle!"

Reggie serves as the Director of Music Education and Co-Chair for the Living Legacy Project, a group that leads civil rights pilgrimages throughout the South. He is one of the foremost interpreters of the history of song in the Underground Railroad and of the role of music in the modern Civil Rights Movement and beyond. He is featured in the "Americans Who Tell the Truth" portrait series by Maine artist Rob Shetterly.

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LEPOCO Annual Dinner:

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Episcopal Cathedral Church of the Nativity

Third & Wyandotte Sts., Bethlehem

(Social at 6 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm)

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Return to: LEPOCO, 313 W. 4th St., Bethlehem, PA 18015
or call 610-691-8730 to confirm your reservation.

Externalities: The Biggest Problem We Face? _____

"Externalities" are extraordinarily important. "Externality" means the result of corporate or business activity that does not show up in the financial accounting. For example, a factory out of town, may upgrade the road that leads to the factory. Then everyone who lives nearby will benefit from the improved road but this benefit is not reflected in the company's finances. This is a positive externality. On the other hand, a factory which belches smoke may have a bad effect on the health of people in the area. This is a negative externality.

The problem is how to deal with negative externalities. For example a company which dumps its waste into a river, killing the fish and causing problems for the towns downstream, may make bigger profits by doing that than it would by treating its waste in a way that does no harm. However the costs of the cleanup fall on taxpayers and those who live downstream and who got none of the wealth. This is not the way things should be.

Some externalities happen at once. If a factory makes a horrendous noise that disturbs the neighbors, the effect is immediate. On the other hand some externalities come into play long after the economic activity. If water is pumped out of the ground, a sink-hole may form years later.

So what do we do, or what should we do, about all of this? Consider the example of a company dumping waste in the river. We might say that the company should behave ethically and treat its waste safely. And if the company has a monopoly, this may be enough. But if several companies are in competition, it will only take one of them to dump its waste for all the others to be forced to do the same in order to remain competitive. We cannot rely on good behavior. It just won't work.

We know of only one way to handle this: government action is needed to control or avoid the externalities. We need to have regulation. There must be a law to forbid dumping and a system of enforcement to see that the law is obeyed. We need regulations or we will all live inside a garbage dump. People and political factions saying that all regulation is bad are sorely misguided.

But even regulation has limits. Regulations are effective when the externalities happen at once. Regulation to control noise will reduce the harm to factory neighbors. But if the bad results of an economic activity occur many years later, regulation is an inadequate means of control. The passenger pigeon went extinct as a result of human activity a hundred years ago. No amount of subsequent regulation can undo that. We must look ahead. When it became possible to anticipate that overfishing would, if continued unchanged, reduce certain fish stocks to the point of extermination,

International agreements set out to control fishing -- and fish numbers have stopped their decline or even recovered. Sadly such effective collaboration is rare and we continue to cause damage.

If we can foresee a future negative externality we should collaborate to regulate the economic activity in question - though we do not have a very good record in doing so. We now face perhaps the most serious negative externality there has ever been and we are failing to deal with it. I refer, in case you have not guessed, to the destruction resulting from our economic activity known as the climate crisis.

- Alwyn Eades

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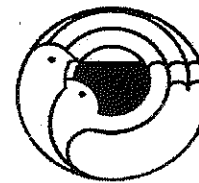
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The dinner will take place at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 pm, with dinner to be served at 6:30 pm.

Make your reservation for the dinner today by returning the coupon on page 1 of this newsletter, by calling the LEPOCO at 610-691-8730, or by email to lepoco@fast.net.

- Janet Ney

For more information about Reggie Harris, go to: www.reggieharrismusic.com; www.uulivinglegacy.org; or www.americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/reggie-harris.



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Popcorn & Politics / Potluck & Politics

Friday, February 7th, 7 pm

"I Am Not Your Negro"

A Popcorn & Politics Film projected on the big screen
at the LEPOCO Peace Center, 313 W. 4th St., (south) Bethlehem.

This documentary film is based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript "Remember This House." The film explores the history of racism in the U.S. through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr.

Directed by Raoul Peck. 93 minutes. 2016.

Please bring a snack or beverage to share.

Sunday, February 23rd, 4 pm

Rev. Beth Reed

"The Poor People's Campaign: Heading Toward the June 20th Moral March on D.C."

A Potluck & Politics program at the
LEPOCO Peace Center, 313 W. 4th St., (south) Bethlehem.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. William Barber, the Poor People's Campaign has been breaking organizing ground across the country. Rev. Beth Reed serves as the faith leader for the Pennsylvania Poor People's Campaign. Rev. Reed is an Episcopal priest in the diocese of Bethlehem. She is a supply pastor with Lutherans and Episcopalians, and has served as a solo pastor in downtown Allentown and as a hospital and hospice chaplain. This will be an opportunity to learn more about how we can be involved with the Poor People's Campaign.

Please bring food to share for the Potluck Dinner at 4:00 pm.

The discussion will start around 4:30 pm.

Friday, March 6th, 7 pm

"Holly Near: Singing For Our Lives"

A Popcorn & Politics Film projected on the big screen
at the LEPOCO Peace Center, 313 W. 4th St., (south) Bethlehem.

Singer, songwriter, and social activist Holly Near has been performing for well over 50 years and in the process has created a unique soundtrack for the feminist, peace, and justice community. Besides her concerts and performances at important marches, the film features interviews with Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda,

the late Ronnie Gilbert, and the late Tom Hayden.

Directed by Jim Brown. 93 minutes. 2019.

Please bring a snack or beverage to share.

Update on LEPOCO's "Home"

Progress is being made on determining where LEPOCO's office will be for the next five years. Five possible new locations, all in Bethlehem, were found in addition to exploring the option to remain in the current space. These locations were visited by LEPOCO members (including some of the Steering Committee). Two meetings in January reviewed price, size and layout of space, parking, accessibility, visibility, ease of moving stuff in and out for fairs and other events, storage space, and proximity to public transportation for each location, including the current office. Each of the options scored

high on some items and low on others. The discussions narrowed the options from six (five new locations plus the current space) to three, and ranked those three in order of preference. Final negotiations are underway on the preferred option. There will be more to come once all is settled.

Much gratitude is due to those who helped us get this far, especially Diane Dilendik who followed up on leads and, working with a Realtor, visited additional offices that didn't make the cut.

- Margot Hillman



Discussing the Elite Charade

Anand Giridharadas has had the good fortune to have met and interacted with many wealthy people, including billionaires. Based on this experience, he has written a book: *“Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World.”* It is clear that despite the blandishments of the famous, he has succeeded in retaining his critical faculties. The book is full of anecdotes of when and where he met the rich and famous but he has serious points to make. Billionaires frequently make a great show of their charitable work. Giridharadas makes clear that many of the problems that this philanthropy aims to address are precisely the result of the activities that led to their wealth. Billionaires become rich by, for example, doing all they can to pay as little as possible to their employees, by doing everything they can to retain monopoly status so that they can overcharge those to whom they sell their products and services. The wealthy know best what would be good for the poor; it makes no sense to listen to the poor. The charitable giving of the rich has the aim of making the rich look good but their activities are designed to resist, using everything at their disposal, any meaningful change in the system.

“Winners Take All” was the LEPOCO Book Club book for December. The discussion was (it seemed to me) more lively and more coherent than usual. This is a very strong recommendation for a fascinating book; stronger even, I think, than the fact that *The Economist* named it a book of the year.

Those who have access to Netflix might want to watch the December 1 edition of “Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj,” which is an entertaining program on this topic and which includes an amusing interview with Anand Giridharadas. Giridharadas’ article, “How America’s Elites Lost Their Grip,” was the cover story for “Time” magazine’s November 21, 2019, issue.

- Alwyn Eades

Editor’s Note: Please see the 2020 reading list for the First Tuesday Book Group on page 5 of this newsletter. You are welcome to join for any one, some, or all meetings. Call LEPOCO for the location as that is presently in flux.

Learning from the King Witness

About 40 people gathered at Godfrey Daniels on January 15, to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his actual birthday. (The birthday holiday was January 20th this year.) The spirited music from the Peace Singers included, “We can end war...” and “Singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom...” There was a spirited talk by Melba Tolliver, a journalist formerly from New York City and now of Bangor. She presented her personal experience with activism and how Dr. King’s peace and justice witness inspired her. There were meaningful poems and reports about the

“walls” dividing us, the lies about Afghanistan, the powerful witness of the King’s Bay Plowshares, and the sad news about the recent close brush with war with Iran. Thank you to Godfrey Daniels, and all those who made the program possible. A collection of \$130 from the program was donated to the peace work of Voices for Creative Nonviolence in Afghanistan, and postcards signed by the 40 who gathered have been sent to Congress for No War on Iran.

Partying for Peace

25 young people were joined by 18 parents and other significant adults for the Peace Camp Party on January 25, at First Presbyterian Church, Allentown. It was both a reunion for meeting friends from peace camps past and a build-up for Peace Camp 2020, July 27-31. Singing, crafts, games, discussion, yoga and delicious snacks were enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the 25 volunteers who made the successful party possible for young people, their families and friends.

Flyers and registration forms for this July’s Peace Camp are now available for posting, sharing, and signing up early. Contact LEPOCO at 610-691-8730 or stop by the office to pick up a few.

Some DC Activism

January 10, 2020: The Fire Drill Fridays initiated in October by Jane Fonda ended as planned with an action that saw 140 people arrested in nonviolent civil disobedience. The 140 and their supporters were calling for a mass uprising and swift political action to thwart the climate crisis. Those arrested included Martin Sheen, Naomi Klein, and Tara Houska, an Ojibwe activist and attorney. The same day 10 people, including Bill McKibben, were arrested at a Chase Bank branch launching the “Stop the Money Pipeline” campaign to halt the flow of cash from banks, investment firms, and insurance companies to the fossil fuel industry.

January 11, 2020: Witness Against Torture and others rallied outside the White House to solemnly mark 18 years since the first men were brought to the U.S. detention camp at Guantanamo Bay. Some participants dressed in orange jump suits and wore black hoods like the uniforms the U.S. gave to the people being tortured. Those in the jump suits and hoods lined up with ten coffins in a procession from the White House to the Trump Hotel. Nine of the coffins represented the nine men that have already died at Guantanamo, the tenth coffin was a reminder of the 40 men still held at Guantanamo – most of the 40 remain without charge or trial. For more information see witnessagainstitorture.com.

LEPOCO's First Tuesday Book Group 2020 Reading List

- February 4: **How to Be an Antiracist**
6 pm *by Ibram X. Kendi* (Bill Thomas)
- March 3: **The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea**
6 pm *by Jack E. Davis* (George Tessaro)
- April 7: **On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal**
6 pm *by Naomi Klein* (Bob Riggs)
- May 5: **Lost Child Archive**
6 pm *by Valaria Luiselli* (Martricia McLaughlin)
- June 2: **Until We Reckon: Violence, Mass Incarceration & A Road to Repair**
6 pm *by Danielle Sered* (Alwyn Eades)
- July 7: **Men We Reaped: A Memoir**
6 pm *by Jesmyn Ward* (Tom Pietrzak)
- September 1: **Freedom & Despair: Notes from the South Hebron Hills**
6 pm *by David Dean Shulman* (Addison Bross)
- October 6: **The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe Trotting Botanist
Who Transformed What America Eats**
6 pm *by Daniel Stone* (Diane Dilendik)
- November 3: **1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus**
6 pm *by Charles C. Mann* (Ed Kay)
- December 1: **Erosion: Essays on Undoing**
6 pm *by Terry Tempest Williams* (Nancy Tate)

You are invited to read one, some, all of these books
& join this lively discussion group.

Members of the group facilitate the discussion.

The group does not meet in January and August.

For more information & the group meeting location, contact:
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610-691-8730 / lepoco@fast.net / www.lepoco.org.

Watching the Doomsday Clock

Rachel Bronson, president and CEO of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists said, "It is 100 seconds to midnight. We are now expressing how close the world is to catastrophe in seconds – not hours, or even minutes." Her statement on January 23, 2020, was part of the press conference announcing that the Doomsday Clock was moved from two minutes to midnight to 100 seconds to midnight, the closest it has been to midnight since the Clock's inception in 1947.

The statement from the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists explains: "Humanity continues to face two simultaneous existential dangers – nuclear war and climate change – that are compounded by a threat multiplier, cyber-enabled warfare, that undercuts society's ability to respond. The international security situation is dire, not just because these threats exist, but because world leaders have allowed the international political infrastructure for managing them to erode."

The Doomsday Clock statement calls for many actions by world leaders to "pull humanity back from the brink." These actions might be described in simple language thus: stop trashing hard-won treaties and negotiation processes; vigorously renew these negotiating processes; initiate negotiations to diminish nuclear weapons; stop funding the war profiteers desire for all manner of nuclear weapons build-up; take serious, meaningful action to meet the temperature goal of the Paris climate agreement (in Pennsylvania that would minimally mean curtailing fracking and its pipeline and cracking plant infrastructure expansions); initiate negotiations and research to discourage fake news and cyber warfare and to encourage public trust in the public's institutions, the media, and the existence of objective reality.

This year, 2020, will mark the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the 25th anniversary of the UN Climate Change Conference. But we have this deeply troubling assessment from the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. We are again called to decide what we can/will do in response.

One place to start is to join the Stop the Wars committee of LEPOCO as they plan actions locally.

One can join the Monthly Peace Vigil on the second Thursday of the month (February 13, 4-5 pm; March 12, 4:30-5:30 pm) at Third & Wyandotte Sts., Bethlehem.

Have you written a letter to the editor or to your members of Congress on these issues recently?

The United Nations will convene the 10th Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference (marking 50 years of this Treaty) in April and May. This is one of those important agreements that needs to be honored and expanded. There will be a conference, rally and march in New York City, April 24-26, on the eve of the Review Conference. These gatherings are joined by international disarmament, climate, justice and peace

organizations. For more information see worldconference2020.org.

The Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA), Nukewatch and the Nuclear Resister are organizing a Stop the Nuclear Arms Race Conference at Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, May 22-25. The conference will culminate with a nonviolent demonstration at the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex in nearby Oak Ridge. OREPA has sustained a nonviolent campaign at Oak Ridge for 30 years. For more information see www.orepa.org.

World Beyond War is organizing a NoWar2020 gathering in Ottawa, Canada, May 29-30. A focus of the gathering will be saying No to CANSEC, Canada's largest weapons expo. For more information see worldbeyondwar.org.

The Poor People's Campaign is calling people to a Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington, DC, June 20. There is local organizing to build for this march. (See the Potluck & Politics article on page 3 for more information.)

It is important to continue support for the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 as they make their powerful witness against nuclear weapons. The Kings Bay Plowshares remind us that "by their mere existence" nuclear weapons "do immeasurable harm every day."

Several major U.S. cities have passed resolutions supporting the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. In November, Honolulu and Portland, Oregon, joined the list of cities passing resolutions.

The New York City Council is moving closer to a multi-faceted action that would support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, divest pension funds for NYC public employees from companies that profit from nuclear weapons, and reaffirm the City as a nuclear free zone.

In another deeply troubling study published in *Advances in Atmospheric Studies*, "Record-Setting Ocean Warmth Continued in 2019," one of the authors of the study, John Abraham, said, "We are now at five to six Hiroshima bombs of heat each second" to describe the impact of global warming on the oceans in a way that helps us understand how fast things are changing. Our crises intersect in reality and in explanation over and over.

- Nancy C. Tate

Check out the LEPOCO website at www.lepoco.org for a Calendar of Events, Newsletter Archive, & More.

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Bits & Pieces

☺ "Here's the Truth: Trump's Economy Is an Absolute Disaster for People and the Planet. It is becoming conventional wisdom that US President Donald Trump will be tough to beat in November, because whatever reservations about him voters may have, he has been good for the American economy. Nothing could be further from the truth." This excellent article by Joseph Stiglitz was published on commondreams.org on January 17. Stiglitz clearly spells out on every level - from life expectancy to the trade wars to manufacturing jobs and more - that the Trump administration is not good for anyone but the top 1%.

☺ If you would like a succinct analysis of why the near war with Iran in early January was terribly dangerous, read "10 Ways Trump's Actions Against Iran Hurt the U.S., the Region and the World: We the American people must rise up to overcome the power of the military-industrial complex and take our country's destiny out of the hands of warmongers and monsters," by Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J.S. Davies, published on January 10, at commondreams.org.

☺ Two op-eds in The Morning Call recently are of special interest. The first, "Our personal choices can affect global warming," by Arup SenGupta, published January 11, describes how the surge in the size of new homes has an environmental impact and he suggests actions we can take to address this impact.

The second, "Edwards would provide needed voice on ANIZDA board," by Power Lehigh Valley Coordinating Committee, published January 26, questions the actions by some Allentown officials to keep a community leader from becoming a member of the board overseeing the ANIZDA (the Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority Board).

☺ Easton City Council is expected to vote on a local resolution in support of Medicare for All at their meeting on Wednesday, February 12, at 6 pm. The meeting will be on the third floor of Easton City Hall, 123 S. Third St. Before this meeting Easton residents especially, are encouraged to email Easton City Council members at www.easton-pa.com/city-council. You are also encouraged to attend that meeting. Public comment will be allowed for this agenda item. This information comes from Lehigh Valley Medicare for All.

☺ March on Harrisburg is planning another march. They are taking to the streets again to demand a democracy that represents the people, May 1-3. The "March to Make Corruption Illegal" will cover 31 miles from York to Harrisburg.

Ten states do not have any gift limitations for public officials, Pennsylvania is one of the ten. The focus of this march will be on limiting gift-giving to public officials in Pennsylvania.

For more information see www.mohpa.org.

☺ A letter to the editor from the Lehigh Valley Quaker Meeting said they join with other faith communities "in condemning the United States' dangerous aggression toward

Iran, including the assassination of Gen. Qassem Soleimani and the deployment of additional troops to the region. We know that violent conflict is a path of mutual destruction. War does not produce real peace." Their letter was published on February 4 in The Morning Call.

☺ School of Americas Watch is working with several others groups in planning a Training Day & Action Convergence to End the Root Causes of Migration, in Tucson, Arizona, March 27-29. This gathering is for people seeking concrete tools and information to challenge border imperialism, the weapons trade, other root causes of migration, and to support migrants forced to flee their homelands. For more information see www.soaw.org.

☺ CODEPINK gives you the opportunity to sign a statement to Congress urging them to condemn the so-called peace plan for Israel/Palestine. Rep. Mark Pocan wrote that, "A peace plan without Palestinian voices is no plan at all. It's a unilateral attempt to continue on a path towards instability in the Middle East." You can sign the statement at www.codepink.org



MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS... ETC.

Mondays, February 10 & March 9, 7 pm: LEPOCO Monthly Action Meetings at the Peace Center. All members & friends are welcome at this monthly business meeting where the organization's activities are discussed & planned.

Thursdays, February 13, 4-5 pm & March 12, 4:30-5:30 pm: Monthly Peace Vigils, Third & Wyandotte Sts., Bethlehem

Sundays, February 16 & March 1, 6 pm: LEPOCO Peace Singers Rehearsals, at home of Barbara Wurth, Bethlehem. Call 610-691-8730 for more info.

Saturday, February 22, 5 pm: Annual Dinner Trial Dinner, for those preparing the meal at a home in Bethlehem. Call 610-691-8730 to volunteer or for more information.

Monday, February 24, 1 pm: Biking & Walking for Peace 2020 Planning Committee Meeting, LEPOCO Peace Center, Bethlehem.

Tuesday, March 3, 6 pm: First Tuesday LEPOCO Book Group, call LEPOCO, 610-691-8730 for directions to meeting location in a home.

Please join in the meetings and work of these groups as you are able. If you want more information about these meetings or the meetings of the Peace Camp Planning Committee, Stop the Wars Committee, Americas Solidarity Group, Newsletter Planning Group, the Popcorn/Potluck & Politics Planning Committee, or any other committees, please call LEPOCO at 610-691-8730. For a regularly updated calendar of events and meetings, see www.lepoco.org.



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