

Ashland OR

2/10 – 11/16

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On 2/6/16, Herb Rothschild published an article supporting HR-1976 at <http://www.dailytidings.com/article/20160206/opinion/160209900/0/search#readerreaction>

Dinner 5 pm Umi Sushi Restaurant



Program 6 pm, Peace House - filmed by Brian Voeller - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CAoepplqg>



– Petition signatures 2/10/16, Ashland, for delivery to Representative Greg Walden, by:

Eileen Dunn, Bob Rowland, Mary Ann Jones, Paul Levins, Bob Morse, Estelle Voeller, Carola Lacy, Helena Sohl, Herbert Rothschild, Frances Petschek, Hideko Tamura Snider, Michael Niemann, Sean Gordon, Shira Mendes de Leon

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Carol Urner, *National DISARM/End Wars Issue Committee*

WILPF ASHLAND BRANCH

invites you
to a discussion with

Carol Urner and Ellen Thomas,
co-chairs of WILPF's National DISARM/End Wars Committee
as they begin their

2016 WILPF Nuclear Free Future Tour

The purposes of this tour are to promote the
Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act (H.R. 1976)
and to share resources from WILPF's Reaching Critical Will on exciting new forces
at work among the vast majority of nations, seeking an end to nuclear weapons and wars.
They also want to listen to WILPFers share their own concerns, projects and visions for a nuclear free
future.

H.R. 1976 would "provide for nuclear weapons abolition and economic conversion . . .
while ensuring environmental restoration and clean-energy conversion."

The bill is based in part on the promises much of the world thought President Obama was making in his
Prague speech in April 2009, to help lead the world step-by-step towards complete elimination of nuclear
weapons.

Wednesday, February 10th, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Peace House, 543 S. Mountain Ave., Ashland, OR

Founded in 1915, WILPF is the oldest and largest international women's peace and justice
organization. WILPF works to achieve through peaceful means: world disarmament, full rights
for women, racial and economic justice, an end to all forms of violence; and to establish those
political, social and psychological conditions which can assure peace, freedom, and justice for
all. WILPF is an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with national sections in
30 countries.

ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

RELOCATIONS

Herb Rothschild Jr.: Abolish nuclear weapons

Posted Feb. 6, 2016 at 12:01 AM

If you moved to this valley after 1982, you may not know that Ashland is a Nuclear Free Zone. In a hotly contested referendum that year, Ashland voters banned all activity within the city related to both nuclear weapons and nuclear power. It was the third U.S. city to do so; only Missoula, Mont., and Garrett Park, Md., preceded Ashland.

The grassroots nuclear disarmament movement rescued the world from the ambitions, fears and moral stupidity of the governments of the nuclear weapons states. Lawrence Wittner ends his monumental study "The Struggle Against the Bomb" with this assessment: "[T]his book indicates that most government officials — and particularly those of the major powers — had no intention of adopting nuclear arms control and disarmament policies. Instead, they grudgingly accepted such policies thanks to the emergence of popular pressure." That pressure is needed once again, especially in our own country.

In Barack Obama's April 5, 2009 speech in Prague, which helped him win his ill-deserved Nobel Peace Prize, he declared, "So today, I state clearly and with conviction America's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons." He fulfilled his pledge to negotiate with Russia a second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, but the reductions were modest and didn't hamper either side's capacity to destroy the world.

More tellingly, since he assumed office Obama has presided over continuous work to "modernize the nuclear weapons stockpile and infrastructure," as his annual budget requests express it. Over the next 10 years we will spend about \$1 trillion on new tritium and plutonium production as well as other aspects of nuclear war-making.

To his credit, Obama embraced diplomacy to end the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran. But given his support of Israel's nuclear arsenal by obstructing efforts to create a nuclear-weapons free zone in the Middle East, his 2010 reversal in the case of India of U.S. policy banning nuclear assistance to nations that acquire nuclear weapons, and especially his refusal to honor our own requirement under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to move rapidly to nuclear abolition, Obama's behavior toward Iran hardly reflects "America's commitment to seek ... a world without nuclear weapons." We merely declared a perceived enemy.

It is time to declaw the governments of all the nuclear-armed states. As long as they possess nuclear weapons, they all threaten our futures. We the people saved the world once, but these governments are still addicted to the illusion of power their arsenals provide. Dangerous in itself, that addiction symbolizes what is fundamentally wrong with our national government and many others: their *raison d'être* is power, not service.

Climate change now exceeds nuclear arms as a threat to humankind. But the two concerns are related. They're related inversely in the U.S. budget. In his FY2016 budget for the Department of Energy, Obama requested \$12.6 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, a year-over-year increase of \$1.2 billion. By comparison, he requested \$2.7 billion for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

The Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act (H.R. 1976), introduced in April 2015, would re-invert that relationship. It calls for nuclear weapons abolition and environmental clean-up while re-directing our nuclear labs and industries to research into and production of carbon-free, nuclear-free energy.

H.R. 1976 can become the organizing focus of renewed activism on nuclear abolition combined with efforts to slow global warming. Go to the Peace House Facebook page to express your support for it.

Herb Rothschild's column appears in the Tidings every Saturday.

<http://www.dailytidings.com/article/20160206/OPINION/160209900/0/SEARCH#ReaderReaction>

PETITION TO THE LEGISLATORS OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES AND TO THE AMBASSADORS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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We, human beings threatened with and burdened by nuclear weapons, HEREBY call upon the LEGISLATORS of
ALL NUCLEAR POWERS to jointly codify the following commitments:

- (1) Disable and dismantle all nuclear warheads, and refrain from replacing them with any weapons of mass destruction (such as biological, chemical, or depleted uranium) at any time;
- (2) Use recent levels of nuclear weapons program resources to
 - (a) convert all nuclear weapons industry employees, processes, plants, and programs smoothly to constructive, ecologically beneficial peacetime activities, including strict control of all fissile material and radioactive waste pursuant to international agreement, and
 - (b) redirect those resources into human needs such as developing carbon-free, nuclear-free energy sources, health care, education, housing, agriculture and environmental restoration (for example, build solar panels and windmills instead of missiles and bombs);
- (3) Undertake vigorous GOOD FAITH effort to eliminate war, armed conflict, and all military operations;
- (4) Actively promote policies intended to induce all nations on earth to join in these commitments for peace on earth.

UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADORS, U.N. Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA: PLEASE encourage ALL nuclear powers to PROMISE, "Yes, WE'LL GET RID OF ALL OUR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IF EVERYONE ELSE DOES." (Don't quit until the job is done!)

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