WILPF Nuclear-Free Future Tour April 2 – September 24, 2017

July 27-31 - Chicago IL
Ellen Thomas filmed much of the WILPF-US 33rd Triennial Congress – program – news

* (Italicized links lead to videos )

[Mary Hanson Harrison, WILPF-US President; Chris Wilbeck, Congress Coordinator]

Thursday, July 27, 7-9 pm – Plenary, Chicago IL - “Peace, Protest and Policy: Women Waging Peace”

Phyllis Bennis – Director, New Internationalism Project, Institute for Policy Studies
Leah Bolger – Coordinating Committee Chair, World Beyond War
Kathy Kelly – Co-Coordinator, Voices for Creative Nonviolence
Ellen Thomas – Co-Chair, WILPF US Disarm/End Wars Committee

Nancy Price moderated. See Speakers for bios
- Friday, July 28, 2017
  – a.m. – “Next Steps after Ban the Bomb” Workshop
Leah Bolger proposed that WILPF-US endorse and attend the
Base Closure Coalition conference January 12-14, 2018 in Baltimore

- p.m. -Disarm/End Wars Program Committee had a second planning meeting,
  led by Robin Lloyd, where we agreed to support the
Campaign to Divest from the War Machine Summit on October 21-22 in DC,
and the No Foreign Bases Campaign January 12-14 in Baltimore.

At this workshop we approved the language of the new WILPF-US petition to the
US President and Senate supporting the UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty –
which is linked online and in paper format at the top of prop1.org
Friday Night Chicago Activist Panel: (too busy filming to photograph, sorry!)
Mary Dean
Olga Bautista
Jeanette Hernandez
Pam Smith

The pace of the conference was very intense, but we found a bit of time for sun!

The NC contingent: Along the way each a.m.:

- July 29 – Mary Hanson Harrison led the march to Hull House and dinner …
July 30 – Closing ceremonies
We collected signatures during the weekend on the petition supporting the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act –

Thank you to hostess Kathy Kelly, and to all the people who helped make this work!
FYI– Blank copies of the WILPF ban treaty petition are linked at the top of http://prop1.org, plus links to the online petition to the Senate, and online letter to the House

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