

The World March for Peace and Nonviolence



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Footprints

Bi-Weekly Bulletin with News on the World March from the US and Abroad

US NEWS

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To publicize the World March, Nancy Nolan of San Clemente, CA staged a bed-in at the San Clemente pier on May 31, one of many worldwide events commemorating the 40th anniversary of John Lennon and

Yoko Ono's famous 1969 "bed-ins for peace." Press interviews were staged and passers-by engaged. The story appeared on the front page of the *Orange County Register*.

22 States Coordinators Now on Board

We are happy to welcome state coordinators in Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin in organizing activities for the World March. These new supporters join California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, as well as Washington DC and Puerto Rico.

Upcoming Initiatives:

Peace Poem Project

The Peace Poem Project will have a booth at the Marin County Fair, July 1 through July 5. Special attention will be given to encourage young people to express themselves. Fair Visitors will be invited to write a "Poem For Peace". All poems will be folded into origami paper cranes to be delivered to The Peace Park in Hiroshima, Japan. For more information, contact Charselle at Charselle@aol.com.

Women Business Owners

The organization Women Business Owners is hosting a National Business Convention on October 22-24, 2009 in Houston, TX and will be donating an 8 x 8 expo space on Saturday, October 24, 2009, for the World March. More than 5,000 attendees are expected at the convention. Anyone interested in volunteering on that day should contact Anna Campbell at anna@womenbizowners.org.

RECENT USA ENDORSEMENTS

- Lafayette Peace and Justice Center (San Francisco)
- War Resisters' League (New York)
- The People Speak Radio (Los Angeles)
- Buddhist Peace Fellowship (Chicago)

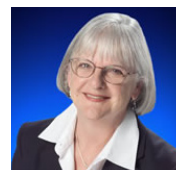


Edward James Olmos, Mexican-American director and actor appearing in *Blade Runner*, *Stand and Deliver* (Oscar nominee) and the *Miami Vice* and *Battlestar Galactica* TV series, among others.



Dr. Edgar Mitchell, scientist, naval officer, author, and, as a US astronaut, the sixth man to walk on the moon.

He is best known for his life-changing experience seeing the planet Earth from space on his Apollo XIV mission in 1971. Dr. Mitchell is the founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, sponsoring research on the nature of consciousness.



Kitty Piercy,
Mayor of Eugene, OR

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Colombian Congress endorses the World March

On May 27th, the Colombian Congress endorsed the World March in a vote taken by the upper chamber. The legislature also agreed to send three senators and three representatives of Congress to the start of the World March in New Zealand on October 2 and committed to support a national mobilization for the March when the international team passes through Bogotá on December 15th.

The proposal was introduced by Senator Yolanda Pinto, widow of Guillermo Gaviria, who as Governor of Antioquia was assassinated by FARC forces several years ago, along with his peace envoy, former Minister of Defense Gilberto Echeverri, a proponent of nonviolence.

Abolition Flame initiative to join the March



At the annual general meeting of Abolition 2000, a global network of over 2000 international organizations, it was decided that the Abolition 2000 Nuclear Abolition Flame initiative would join the March. Inspired in part by the "Hiroshima Flame" kindled 57 years ago from embers of the atomic bombing of Japan, the Abolition Flame can be spread physically by torches or candles. The World March plans to light a torch from the Hiroshima Flame in the Hiroshima peace park and then carry it around the world on the march. It will then be carried to New York in time for a presentation to the 2010 Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference in May — a major intergovernmental event for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.

Military spending sets new record

Global military spending rose 4% in 2008 to a record \$1.46 trillion, up 45% since 1999, as announced by The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). "The global financial crisis has yet to have an impact on major arms companies' revenues, profits and order backlogs," SIPRI said. The US remains the biggest spender, accounting for 58% of the total global spending increase during the past decade.

Top 10 arms producers (2007 Sales/Billions of US \$):

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| 1. Boeing (US) — 30.5 | 3. Lockheed Martin (US) — 29.4 |
| 2. BAE Systems (UK) — 29.9 | 4. Northrop Grumman (US) — 24.6 |

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| 5. General Dynamics (US) — 21.5 | 8. L-3 Communications (US) — 11.2 |
| 6. Raytheon (US) — 19.5 | 9. Finmeccanica (Italy) — 9.9 |
| 7. EADS (West Europe) — 13.1 | 10. Thales (France) — 9.4 |

Presidents Morales, Correa and Vazquez vow support for the World March



Evo Morales,
President of
Bolivia



Rafael Correa,
President of
Ecuador



Tabare Vazquez,
President of
Uruguay

Demonstrating South America's growing support for the World March, Presidents Evo Morales of Bolivia, Rafael Correa of Ecuador and Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay have each endorsed the March in the last two weeks, committing government resources to help make the initiative a success. In his letter to organizers in Uruguay, President Vazquez wrote: "Please count on my endorsement and that of the Government over which I preside because there is no room for doubts or delays with this initiative. Peace is everyone's right and nonviolence is also a shared and permanent responsibility."

RECENT INTERNATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS



Queen Rania al-Abdullah of Jordan, the wife of King Abdullah II. Palestinian-born, Rania continues to play a significant role both at home and abroad in reaching out to the global community to foster values of tolerance and inter-cultural dialogue.



Penélope Cruz, Spanish actress and 2008 Oscar-winner for Best Supporting Actress in *Vicky, Cristina, Barcelona*.

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