# RESOURCE LIST FOR NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE ACTION TOUR

This is a condensed list of the resources prepared for the <u>WILPF Nuclear Free Future (NFF) Tour</u> which began on the US west coast January 21 to February 22, 2016.

### OUR TOURS FOCUS ON THE ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND HAVE TWO AIMS:

We seek co-sponsors for <u>HR 1976</u>, the only bill in Congress calling for global abolition of nuclear weapons. It also mandates US Administration leadership in that direction.

We urge all we meet to inform themselves about <u>news not reported in our mainline media</u> about current actions in support of nuclear weapons abolition by a supermajority of the world's national governments. All but Taiwan are also United Nations members.

II. BASIC DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN OUR PRESENTATIONS:

When the World Outlawed War by David Swanson. Paperback, 172 pages, 2011. The story of the Kellogg Briand Pact which was ratified by the US Senate in 1928. For purchase. About \$7 plus shipping.

<u>WILPF Centennial Manifesto</u> of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), published on our hundredth birthday. Free download.

<u>A Global Security System: An Alternative to War</u> is a publication of World Beyond War.org (WBW), an action coalition and think tank in which WILPF US is a partner. For purchase or free download.

III.THE NEO-CONSERVATIVE MANIFESTO, STAR WARS, AND PENTAGON REFORMATION

6) <u>Of Paradise and Power: America and Europe in the New World Order</u> by Robert Kagan (2003). This is a short version of the neo-conservative vision for US world domination. Available from Amazon.

7) <u>The Project for a New American Century</u> (PNAC) and <u>Rebuilding America's Defenses</u> was first published in 1998, conceived by Willian Kristol and Robert Kagan and primarily written by Kagan. It is now generally regarded as the Manifesto of NeoCons like Rumsfeld, Cheney, the Bush family, Wolfowitz etc.

8) <u>Vision 2020</u> is an early version of US NeoCon plans for <u>US space militarization</u> in hope of dominating space, earth and the solar system.

### IV. THE PRAGUE PROMISES AND THE NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

There was new hope for nuclear weapons abolition in 2000 when International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), WILPF and other organizations wrote a model nuclear weapons abolition treaty in hopes of getting negotiations started. It was introduced to the United Nations in 2007 by Costa Rica and Malaysia, and is now an official UN document.

We were also hopeful when we heard President Barack Obama's Prague speech April 5, 2009.

Unfortunately, to get Congressional support for the <u>New Start Treaty</u>, President Obama agreed to <u>modernization of the US nuclear arsenal</u> to the tune of \$1 trillion over the next 30 years, which has led to a new arms race. See the <u>2015 edition of "Assuring destruction forever</u>." This updated study, <u>first issued in 2012</u> by WILPF <u>Reaching Critical Will</u>, explores the ongoing and planned nuclear weapon modernization programs in China, France, India, Israel, Pakistan, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

## V. THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NEW HOPE FOR CHANGE

12) The <u>International Red Cross/Red Crescent Society</u> has opposed nuclear weapons as being against international humanitarian law since their first use in 1945 and has called for their complete elimination.

13) For the first time ever, all 193 United Nations member governments, UN agencies, international organizations and civil society were invited by Oslo, Norway March 4-5 2013 to attend the first of three <u>Conferences on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear War</u>. Representatives of 127 governments, UN agencies and civil society NGOs attended.

Nayarit, Mexico February 13-14, 2014, 146 governments attended a <u>second conference</u> along with representatives from UN agencies and civil society organizations. Mexican chair said there was no turning back.

Vienna, Austria December 8-9, 2014, 158 governments attended <u>a third conference</u>, along with UN agencies and civil society. The Austrian government issued the *Humanitarian Pledge* which 127 national governments have already signed indicating that they promise to participate in "closing the legal gaps" that nuclear nations claim allow them to produce and deploy nuclear weapons as deterrence. 158 national governments have indicated their strong determination to ban nuclear weapons and the United Nations as a whole continues to call for their complete elimination.

### Additional resources:

Mayors for Peace. WILPF regards Mayors as our best friends among elected officials in the United States and around the world.

<u>Global Day of Action on Military Spending</u> which annually coincides with the USA deadline for paying income taxes. In 2016 that day is April 18.

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