

Take a Stand for Peace

During the Vietnam War, Martin Luther King called our government “the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today.” That was true then—and is even more so today.

A few years before that, in 1964, Mario Savio made his great speech at Berkeley; “There is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part; you can't even passively take part, and you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own it, that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working at all!”

There are children being orphaned, maimed, or killed every day, in our name, with our tax dollars; there are soldiers and civilians dying or maimed for life in order to generate profits for the most odious imperialistic corporate war machine ever, again in our name. How long are we going to let this go on? Until it is too late, until this destructive machine destroys all of us and the planet to boot?

WikiLeaks has revealed the documented horror of U.S. war-making, beyond what any of us imagined. It's time veterans and others express our resistance directly and powerfully by putting ourselves on the line, once again—honestly, courageously and without one drop of apology for doing so. It is not we who are the murderers, torturers, or pillagers of the earth.

In the early thirties, WWI vets descended on Washington, D.C., to demand their promised bonuses, it being the depths of the Depression. General Douglas MacArthur and his sidekick Dwight Eisenhower disregarded President Herbert Hoover's order and burned their encampment down and drove the vets out of town at bayonet point.

We are today's bonus marchers, and we've come to claim our bonus—PEACE.

Join activist veterans marching in solidarity to the White House, refusing to move, demanding the end of U.S. wars, which includes U.S. support—financial and tactical—for the Israeli war machine as well.

If we can gather enough courageous souls, nonviolently refusing to leave the White House, willing to be dragged away and arrested, we will send a message that will be seen world-wide. We will carry forward a flame of resistance to the war machine that will not diminish as we effectively place ourselves, as Mario Savio said, “upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus.” And we will make it stop.

We believe that the power of courageous, committed people is greater than that of the corporate warmongers. But we will only see our power when we use it collectively, when we stand together.

With courage, persistence and numbers, we can eventually make this monstrous war machine grind to a halt, so that our children and all children everywhere can grow up in a peaceful world.

The action will take place on December 16, 2010. To join what will be the largest veteran-led civil resistance to the wars in recent history, please email StopTheseWars@gmail.com or sign up at StopTheseWars.org, and we'll keep you posted.

Veterans For Peace



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**Not Another Day! Not Another Dollar! Not Another Life!
Peace on Earth?**

**Mr. Obama: End These Wars!
Not tomorrow. Not next year. Now!**

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