



# Sacramento Area Peace Action March 2020 Newsletter

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## Trump's Latest Assault on the Palestinian People

Donald Trump outsourced the U.S.'s Palestine/Israel portfolio to his son-in-law. And in simplest terms, the 181- page plan developed by Jared Kushner is the current "unsustainable" Israeli occupation made permanent. Israel would keep all its illegal settlements -- including the fertile Jordan Valley -- would keep all of Jerusalem. And would control every Palestinian's movement; control what can be imported or exported; control who can come to visit.

The Palestinian "state," which might be allowed some time in the distant future, if the Palestinians prove able to govern themselves, would be unconnected land morsels. In some instances there would be "transportation contiguity" via underground tunnels. Now and in the future, it would be prohibited from having an army; would be landlocked inside Israel with no access to any international borders; could not control its radio waves; would be reliant on Israel for water; etc.

And, a single paragraph among those 181 pages, proposes an effective "deportation" of approximately 350,000 Palestinian citizens of Israel, via a redrawing of the map to "move" their 10 Palestinian-Israeli towns, "the Triangle," into the future Palestinian statelet.

The proposal belongs in the Middle Ages.

## Doomsday Clock at 100 Seconds to Midnight

The United States has a three-pronged nuclear war capability, i.e., it is able to launch from land, from the sea and from the air. And the U.S. now has submarines equipped with "low-yield" Trident nuclear warheads.

The rationale stated such for "low-yield" nukes is "deterrence." Quick reaction. Prompt, even first-use. Just the kind of weapons some leader could be tempted to use. Of course, that's what makes them so dangerous. An article in *Newsweek* magazine was titled: "With a New Weapon in Donald Trump's Hands, the Iran Crisis Risks Going Nuclear."

On January 23, 2020, the atomic scientists who estimate the time remaining until there is a global catastrophe, reduced the time remaining to the shortest amount of time ever: 100 seconds.

But their opinion is based not only on the possibility of a "nuclear blunder," but risk intensified by the rate of climate change. (Each January since 1947, atomic scientists have opined on the time remaining: in 1947, it was 7 minutes; in 1991, 17 minutes; in 2018/19, 2 minutes/120 seconds.)

## Pathway to PEACE

Pathway to PEACE (Progressive, Equitable, and Constructive Engagement) is a visionary foreign policy package consisting of seven bills sponsored in the House of Representatives by freshman Minnesota Representative Ilhan Omar.

Her legislative proposals focus on Congress's constitutional foreign policy responsibilities, and U.S. beliefs in democracy, human rights, the rule of law, as well as U.S.'s history of participation in international institutions.

Some of the concepts are: limiting the ability of the executive branch to wage economic war without congressional oversight; reducing support to countries that commit abuses; transferring \$5 billion from military funding to create a Global Peacebuilding Fund; requiring the U.S. to join United Nations agreements on children's rights and migration; joining International Criminal Court; directing U.S. officials to craft a robust international deal to address the massive displacement of people around the world.

## Two Talks about Iran

Ambassador (retired) John Limbert, who was one of the hostages held by Iran 1979-81 will be speaking at California State University, Sacramento.

Thursday March 12, 1:30-3:00, University Union's Redwood Room: "What Next with Iran: Another Middle East Fiasco?" Friday March 13, 6:00-8:00, University Union's Hinde Auditorium: "Building the Road to Nowhere with Iran: Making Long-term Enemies." Sponsored by the CSUS Iranian and Middle Eastern Studies Center, both talks are free and open to the public.

## A Pillar of Peace Action Passes Away

Though she seemed eternal, our indefatigable and seemingly ever-present Winnie Detwiler has left us. Her cheerful smile and warm presence will no longer greet visitors to our office, and the countless tasks to which she tended will now fall to other hands.

For love to triumph over death, it falls on us who remain to carry on the work we shared with her. Let's do it in the same spirit she displayed daily: humble, yet persistent in demanding justice; working with determination, but seeding it with love and joy.

### The Winnie Detwiler Memorial Fund

To keep her memory alive, and in recognition of the countless hours Winnie devoted to our cause, the SacPeace Board has decided to establish a special memorial fund to further the work to which Winnie was so committed.

The fund will support special events promoting peace and justice in the Sacramento area. Checks made out to Sacramento Area Peace Action, with WDMF in the memo line, can be mailed to SacPeace at 909 12<sup>th</sup> ST Suite 118, Sacramento, CA 94814.

*In Memoriam*

*Winnie Detwiler*

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## Contact Congress and the White House:

All US Representatives and Senators can be reached at 202-224-3121. To call district offices: Rep. Doris Matsui: 916-498-5600; Rep. Ami Bera: 916-635-0505; Rep. John Garamendi, 530-753-5301; Rep. Tom McClintock, 916-786-5560; Rep. Doug LaMalfa, 530-878-5035. Sen. Kamala Harris, 916-448-2787; Sen. Dianne Feinstein, 415-393-0707. For President Trump: [Whitehouse.gov](http://Whitehouse.gov), or 202-456-1111.

## March 2020 Sacramento Area Peace & Justice Events

Check [www.sacpeace.org](http://www.sacpeace.org) for updates.

**EVERY Wednesday, 4-5pm: Peace at Home and Abroad!** 15th & L, Sacramento, Veterans for Peace. All welcome. Info: 916-456-4595.

**EVERY Thursday, 4:30-6pm: Stop U.S. militarism and wars now!** 16th & J, Sacramento. 916-448-7157

**Wednesday, Mar 4, 1:30 - 3:30pm, Sacramento WILPF Raging Grannies** monthly rehearsal. Call for location & info: 916-739-0860.

**Wednesday, Mar 4, 4 - 5pm, Peace at Home, Peace Abroad.** Sac Veterans for Peace weekly vigil, 15th & L, Sacramento. All welcome. FMI: 916-456-4595.

**Wednesday, Mar 4, 6:30pm, Jewish Voice for Peace Sacramento** monthly planning meeting. For location and more info: [sacramento@jewishvoiceforpeace.org](mailto:sacramento@jewishvoiceforpeace.org).

**Wednesday, Mar 4, 6pm, SacPeace Board of Directors** meets, 909 12th St, Sacramento. Members welcome. FMI: [sacpeace@dcn.org](mailto:sacpeace@dcn.org), 916-448-7157

**Thursday, Mar 5, 4:30 - 6pm, Stop U.S. militarism and wars now!** Weekly vigil, 16th & J, Sacramento. FMI: 916-448-7157, [sacpeace@dcn.or](mailto:sacpeace@dcn.or)

**Saturday, Mar 7, 2 - 3:45pm, Dorothy Day festival** (Day was the founder of the Catholic Worker, an organization that works on behalf of the poor. Carmichael Presbyterian, 5645 Marconi Ave, Carmichael. FMI: 916-446-0874

**Saturday, Mar 7, 7 - 8:45pm, Dorothy Day festival** Details same as 2pm event.

**Tuesday, Mar 10, 6pm, Accompaniment training** to stand in solidarity with asylum seekers and undocumented community members and building community in the process. Arden Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Ave, Sacramento. FMI: [norcalresist@gmail.com](mailto:norcalresist@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, Mar 11, 4 - 5pm, Peace at Home, Peace Abroad.** Sac Veterans for Peace weekly vigil, 15th & L, Sacramento. All welcome. FMI: 916-456-4595.

**Thursday, Mar 12, 4:30 - 6pm, Stop U.S. militarism and wars now!** Weekly vigil, 16th & J, Sacramento. FMI: 916-448-7157, [sacpeace@dcn.or](mailto:sacpeace@dcn.or)

**Saturday, Mar 14, 2pm, Memorial Service for Winnie Detwiler**, long time Peace Action board member and volunteer office manager. Unitarian Universalist, 2425 Sierra Blvd, Sacramento. RSVP and FMI: [winnie.memorial@gmail.com](mailto:winnie.memorial@gmail.com) or 916-599-6635

**Sunday, Mar 15, 2:30 - 4:30pm, Branch planning meeting**, Sacramento Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Call for location & more info: 916-739-0860.

**Wednesday, Mar 18, 4 - 5pm, Peace at Home, Peace Abroad.** Sac Veterans for Peace weekly vigil, 15th & L, Sacramento. All welcome. FMI: 916-456-4595.

**Wednesday, Mar 18, 6:30 - 9pm, What's in your water? Exposing the Pentagon: Hidden Polluter Of Water.** WILPF Branch Potluck Supper and talk by investigative journalist Pat Elder of [civilianexposure.org](http://civilianexposure.org). Southside Cohousing, 434 T St. Sacramento FMI: 916-739-0860

**Thursday, Mar 19, 4 - 6pm, Monthly Vigil for Palestinian rights.** 16th & J, Sacramento. End the Siege on Gaza. End U.S. aid to Israel. & Boycott companies aiding Israel's abuses. FMI: 916-448-7157.

**Wednesday, Mar 25, 4 - 5pm, Peace at Home, Peace Abroad.** Sac Veterans for Peace weekly vigil, 15th & L, Sacramento. All welcome. FMI: 916-456-4595.

**Thursday, Mar 26, 4:30 - 6pm, Stop U.S. militarism and wars now!** Weekly vigil, 16th & J, Sacramento. FMI: 916-448-7157, [sacpeace@dcn.or](mailto:sacpeace@dcn.or)

**Saturday, Mar 28, 10am - 6pm, 20th Annual Cesar E. Chavez March and Rally.** Southside Park, 8th & T, Sacramento. FMI: [lclaasacramentochapter@gmail.com](mailto:lclaasacramentochapter@gmail.com)

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