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Moving tribute to the victims of the nuclear bombs



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Appointment with hope

Year after year, Hiroshima brings hope to humanity with remembrance of the victims of the first nuclear bomb on that fateful 6th of August 1945, which was repeated 3 days later in Nagasaki. How can a disaster of such magnitude inspire something positive? That day, Hiroshima became the flag bearer for an aspiration: to put an end to wars. The memory of that tragedy strengthens the firm and unshakeable decision in our hearts that it never happens again.

This bulletin hopes to be the echo of the worldwide heartbeat of an aspiration for peace, a demonstration of the multitude and variety of expressions of this human sensibility that is arising like a wave throughout the world. The "Hiroshima Flame", lit from the embers of the explosion, is a great beacon of nonviolence that will travel with the WM as it circles the planet.

Thousands of paper cranes were laid at meaningful monuments as a symbol of the desire for peace. Simultaneous meetings, in diverse countries, brought together multitudes in artistic and educational demonstrations, theatrical presentations, common slogans ("Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Never Again"), sporting events and festivals, to give a different dimension to the common objec- ➔



Rafa de la Rubia in Nagasaki.

Between the 6th and 11th of August, commemorative events to mark the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan took place. Rafa de la Rubia, spokesperson for the World March was invited to take part and travelled with representatives from various countries including some with Japanese roots.



Images from the memorial events to the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

JAPAN A delegation of the World March formed part of a special group of invitees by the City of Hiroshima in the annual tribute to the victims of the atomic bomb on the 6th of August. Headed by the international spokesperson for the March, the delegation was also invited to the "Mayors for Peace" conference, which took place between the 7th and 10th of August in Nagasaki.

"The horror of Hiroshima and Nagasaki has not been consigned to history. The images of pain and pointless death remain in our consciences but at the same time, they feed our profound aspiration for a world where never again will this atrocity be possible", de la Rubia explained. The first symbolic event was on the 5th of August with the lighting of the "Abolition Flame" (See below).

After the ceremonies in Hiroshima, the delegation continued on to Nagasaki, where they participated in

the annual assembly of "Mayors for Peace", gathering together more than 3000 mayors from cities on all continents. The organisation, currently and until 2020, is developing a campaign for nuclear weapons abolition, through the signing of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Protocol by politicians. This meeting is very important in the build up to the United Nations conference to review the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty that will happen in May next year.

The Hiroshima "Flame" to circle the Earth

On the 5th of August, the "Hiroshima Flame" lit a torch to promote the abolition of nuclear weapons during the passage of the World March. Its final destination will be the inter-governmental conference on nuclear non-proliferation that will take place at the United Nations in New York in May 2010

JAPAN The "Hiroshima Flame" is found in the Hiroshima Peace Park. It was lit in 1945 from the embers of the nuclear explosion in memory of those who perished in the catastrophe and its fire will be maintained until all nuclear weapons are eliminated. From this flame the "Nuclear abolition torch" was lit that the Mayor of Wellington will take from Hiroshima to New Zealand from where the World March Base Team will depart on the 2nd of October.

During three months, the flame will accompany and be present in all the events of the March. Its journey will end in the Inter-governmental Conference on non-proliferation



Abolition Flame project. As well as the physical flame being carried around the world, there is a virtual flame which is accessible worldwide on internet and email. 'We encourage everyone to circulate the virtual Nuclear Abolition Flame electronically and to encourage governments to act to prohibit nuclear weapons in their countries and abolish them globally.'

to be held in May 2010. 'Everyone can support by participating in the Nuclear Abolition Flame regardless of whether or not they live along the route of the World March,' said Ashley Woods - founder of the Nuclear

'Nuclear abolition has moved from being an elusive ideal to a realizable goal,' said Alyn Ware who organized the drafting of a model nuclear weapons treaty now being promoted by the United Nations Secretary General.



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Hiroshima and Nagasaki never again!

→ five of peace and the end of wars.

The marking of the anniversary of Hiroshima shone especially brightly on this occasion, thanks also to the coincidence of the greatest worldwide project in favour of peace: the World March for Peace and Nonviolence.

"We have come together as ordinary people, beyond the colour of our skin, our religious beliefs, our gender, our age and our culture, to join forces", said the World March spokesperson during the main event in Hiroshima. "We have come into the streets to launch our appeal" he proclaimed with the same words that resonated in unison all over the world on the same day.

The speech ended with this call: "From the depths of our hearts and from that place within where all human beings recognise each other, beyond our differences, we are asking that those of you who have the power of destruction, awaken the love and compassion, recover the wisdom and set aside violence, and bring peace to all."



Israel
Tel Aviv marked the anniversary of the nuclear explosions in Hiroshima and Nagasaki with various events: a photo exhibition of the disaster; projection of the film "A Mother's Prayer"; and a panel discussion about Nuclear Strength and Activism, moderated by **Aviv Sela** with the participation of former MP **Is'am Majul**, **Gideon Spiro**, from the Committee for Nuclear Disarmament in the **Middle East**, **Sharon Dolev** from the Greenpeace Disarmament Campaign and the Antinuclear Movement and finally **Aaron Elberg** presented the World March.



Hungary
In Budapest, the Humanist Movement, Greenpeace Hungary, and ATTAC Hungary visited the embassies of countries with nuclear weapons with a petition demanding total nuclear disarmament and the end of invasions and wars then they brought flowers to the Japanese embassy lamenting the victims of the nuclear explosions. Later on, 150 people staged a die-in in front of the Hungarian parliament building, to remember the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki attacks.



Czech Republic
Dozens of people met in Prague on the 5th with the proclamation "Tomorrow Hiroshima will not die", to support the March, to recall the catastrophe and to offer respects to the victims of Hiroshima. Various artists performed, among which, the jazz and poetry were particularly enjoyed.



Argentina
Events were held to mark the nuclear explosions in Hiroshima and to promote the World March in cities such as Buenos Aires, Concordia, Cordoba, Mendoza, Berazategui, Bernal y Lomas, Pinamar and Rosario. Presentations of Hiroshima were taken to the streets with endorsing celebrities, symbolic marches, rock bands and music groups, exhibitions of art and photography, ceremonies for peace and the displaying and preparation of 1000 paper cranes, the Japanese symbol of peace



Mozambique
Around 120 participants, from university students, to representatives of numerous organisations who support the March, listened to the speeches by the architect **Jose Foriaz**, from WM coordinator **Ivan Andrade** and the environmentalist **Carlos Serra**, later on they were able to admire the presentation of paintings by the **Maestro Malangatana**.



The Netherlands
The Central Square of Amsterdam was the setting for various activities: a presentation stand with photos from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, pedestrians with white suits carried signs saying "Hiroshima and Nagasaki Never Again", a die-in in which bodies lay motionless on the floor, a main event of speeches and the closing event of a circle around the "peace flame" and a moving ceremony.



Italy
In Marina di Grosseto, Tuscany, 2000 hands were joined in a human peace chain to say "no more bombs" in an event in the Humanist Peace and Nonviolence Festival that took place between the 3rd and 9th of August. "The danger of a nuclear event is a real threat," declared Paola, the spokesperson in Tuscany, "although underestimated by the powerful. Mobilisations for the dismantling of military arsenals is the prime objective of the March".



Turkey
The March reached the summit of Mount Ararat with an expedition of Turks and Spaniards who climbed the mythical summit to "dignify the memory of the victims of that disaster and strengthen a worldwide movement that is open and diverse, which rejects all forms of violence and affirms the human being as the highest value." At more than five thousand metres above sea level, they launched to the wind the same words read in Hiroshima and in hundreds of places. The team took the opportunity to give a flavour of the actions of the coming months in Turkey.



Spain
'Hiroshima never again' was the most repeated slogan in the commemorative and simultaneous events in various Spanish cities: Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga, Valencia, Vigo, Valladolid, Salamanca, La Coruña, Las Palmas, Seville, Elche, Aranga, Vilanova, Fisterra, Santoña, Foz, Gijón, Mérida, Castelldefels, etc. Streets, squares and the offices of organisations promoting the March were witness to the music, dance, sport, poetry, exhibitions, children's activities and educational activities, with a common element: the reading of the



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same manifesto for Peace and the gathering of endorsements for the WM. In Casa Asia in Barcelona various personalities participated in an institutional event: Montserrat Ponsa, from the Culture for Peace Foundation, Santi Santamaria, prize-winning chef of international repute, Salvador Castañer, Director of Social Services for ONCE Catalonia, in addition to representatives of Casa Asia, hosts of the event, Casa Tibet Foundation and the international organisation "Mayors for Peace" through the message sent by the Mayor of Granollers.



How is the money spent?

30 billion dollars per year would be sufficient to resolve the problem of hunger in the world according to the FAO; when in the United States they throw away food worth 100 billion dollars.

With the money spent on 131 JSF-F35 bombers (attack planes, useless for any "peace mission"), recently acquired by the Italian Government you could build for example: 3,000 new nurseries, 1,000 schools, 10 million solar panels.

A high output wind farm produces energy equivalent to an entire oil deposit. It costs 1,000 times less to build and produces clean and practically eternal energy.

Every prisoner in California costs 40,000 dollars per year (according to research from Harvard), while attending to the needs of mental patients and drug addicts would cost 20 and 10 thousand dollars respectively

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Concert by the Toluca Philharmonic in support of the WM

MEXICO Casa de las Diligencias once more became the setting for support for the World March, this time in a presentation by the Toluca Philharmonic orchestra. The WM spokesperson explained details of the event and invited members of the public present to take part. The concert finished on a high with the endorsement of the Orchestra director.



Two festivals promote the World March

GERMANY The World March was invited to the Freigeist Festival and the Unite the Nation Festival from July 23 to 25 in Berlin. It was the second time that the Freigeist Festival had been organised in Berlin. It stands for peace, freedom and nonviolence and gave its support to the March.

During the Unite the Nation Festival which took place at the Brandenburg Gate, Michael Steinbach, spokesperson for New Humanism, made a WM presentation. Sharing a stand with Humanity's Team, information was distributed to the more than 500 organisations who were encouraged to take part in the programme in November in Berlin.

Steffa from Humanity's Team wrote a song for the World March which will be presented in the events on the 7th of November.



Sukkah for Peace in Holit Kibbutz

ISRAEL The organisers of the World March in Israel have met with leaders of the Shomer Hatzair Movement and have agreed to carry out 3 days of activities for the World March related to Peace and Nonviolence in Holit Kibbutz during October.

Each day will have a slogan such as "Day of Nonviolence", "Ecological Education" and "Peace and Coexistence" during the Feast of Tabernacles takes place between the 7th and 9th of October, when the 40 year journey of the Jewish people

through the Sinai desert after being liberated from slavery in Egypt.

A Sukkah is a make-shift dwelling which the Jews stayed in, conferences, discussion groups and, at night, artistic events and dancing. So the festival will begin with a "Sukkah for Peace" which will be followed by conferences, discussion groups and by night, artistic presentations and dances. A great participation is expected from the youth movement and general public from across the country.



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