



**Our Mission**

The Boundary Peace Initiative represents a growing number of area residents of diverse backgrounds brought together over the Iraqi crisis. We support multilateral action for non-violent conflict resolution, human rights, ecological integrity for the planet and international law, through education and dialogue locally and globally. We encourage everyone's participation as we strive for peace and justice to build a better world for future generations.

BPI web site: [www.boundarypeace.20m.com](http://www.boundarypeace.20m.com)

**Boundary Peace Initiative meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 7 pm in the Slavonic Seniors Center on 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. & 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Due to health issues, the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is at Laura's. For directions call 250 442 0434.**

**To Do**

**BPI has no events planned.**

**Do you want Canada to go to war in Iraq and Syria? If not then contact your and/or every MP and the PM and let them know. There are 70 troops already in Iraq with no end in sight as well as attacks now on Syria. SPEAK UP--SAY NO!**



**Harper's War in Iraq--Don't Extend it! End it!**

By: The Canadian Peace Alliance  
Dear friends,

The Canadian government has announced that "several dozen" military advisors, accompanied by two cargo planes full of weapons, to assist the Iraqi government and Kurdish fighters currently engaged with the Islamic State (ISIS).

The Canadian Peace Alliance strongly denounces the Canadian government's support for a new war in Iraq. These military advisors are drawn from the Canadian Special Operations Regiment – and while the mission is allegedly not one of combat, it is unclear what role the special ops soldiers will play in Iraq.

There has also been no clarification about whether any Joint Task Force 2 operatives are currently in Iraq or Syria, and if so, how long they may have been there. Meanwhile, Harper has compared ISIS to the Taliban of Afghanistan, calling them "barbaric" and alleging their aim is "genocide" – a claim clearly aimed at justifying military action that will in reality do nothing to stop them.

*Take action today* to keep Canada out of Iraq and redirect military spending to social and environmental programs.

**Take Action to Stop the New War in Iraq**

Despite the likelihood that Canada is getting drawn into a quagmire in Iraq, less than two dozen Members of Parliament were present at the recent emergency debate in Parliament. It's up to us to impress upon our MPs that they must actively and vocally oppose Harper's war in Iraq.

Contact your MP and demand an end to Canadian participation in this new war in Iraq. A list of MPs is available here and you can find your MP based on your postal code here. You can contact the main federal party leaders here:

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(From last column) **Harper's War**

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper: [stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca](mailto:stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca), 613-992-4211, and 403-253-7990
- NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair: [thomas.mulcair@parl.gc.ca](mailto:thomas.mulcair@parl.gc.ca), 613-995-7224, and 514-736-2727
- Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca), 613-995-8872, and 514-277-6020

**Demand that the federal party leaders and your Member of Parliament:**

1. Immediately call on the government to bring home any and all of the troops operating in Iraq and Syria and push for diplomatic solutions to the crisis.
2. Support Canada leaving the Friends of Syria Group and end its campaign of destabilizing Syria, including funding and arming of different resistance groups.
3. Push for the Canadian government to immediately cease deportation proceedings against U.S. Iraq war resisters and create, once and for all, a provision that would allow them to remain in Canada.
4. Redirect military spending to peace and prosperity, not war and austerity. It's time we started spending our money on jobs not.

For full article and more info go to [canadianpeace.ca](http://canadianpeace.ca) and click on **Canada Out of Iraq**.



## **On War and Peace**

By: Martin Luther King, Jr.

I want to say one other challenge that we face is simply that we must find an alternative to war and bloodshed. Anyone who feels, and there are still a lot of people who feel that way, that war can solve the social problems facing mankind is sleeping through a great revolution. President Kennedy said on one occasion, "Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind. The world must hear this. I pray to God that America will hear this before it is too late, because today we're fighting a war.

I am convinced that it is one of the most unjust wars that has ever been fought in the history of the world. Our involvement in this war in Vietnam has torn up the Geneva Accord. It has strengthened the military-industrial-complex; it has strengthened the forces of reaction in our nation. It has put us against the self-determination of a vast majority of the Vietnamese people, and put us in the position of protecting a corrupt regime that is stacked against the poor. It has played havoc with our domestic destinies. This day we are spending five hundred thousand dollars to kill every Vietcong soldier. Every time we kill one we spend about five hundred thousand dollars while we spend only fifty-three dollars a year for every person characterized as poverty-stricken in the so-called poverty program, which is not even a good skirmish against poverty.

No only that, it has put us in a position of appearing to the world as an arrogant nation. And here we are then thousand miles away from home fighting for the so-called freedom of the Vietnamese people when we have not even put our own house in order. And we force young black men and young white men to fight and kill in brutal solidarity. Yet when they come back home they can't hardly live on the same block together.

The judgement of God is upon us today. And we could go right down the line and see that something must be done—and something must be done quickly. We have alienated ourselves from other nations so we end up morally and politically isolated in the world. There is not a single major ally of the United States of American that would dare send a troop to Vietnam and so the only friends that we have now are a few client-nations like Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, and a few others.

This where we are. "Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind" and the best way to start is to put an end to war in Vietnam, because if it continues, we will inevitably come to the point of confronting China which could lead the whole world to nuclear annihilation. It is no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence. And the alternative to disarmament, the alternative to a greater suspension of nuclear tests, the alternative to strengthening the United Nations and thereby disarming the whole world, may well be a civilization plunged into the abyss of annihilation, and our earthly habitat would be transformed into an inferno that even the mind of Dante could not imagine. Through our scientific and technological genius, we have made of this world a neighborhood and yet we have not had the ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood.

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But somehow, and in some way, we have got to do this. We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured.

John Donne caught it years ago and placed it in graphic terms: "No man is an island entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." And he goes toward the end to say, "Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." We must see this, believe this and live by it if we are to remain awake through a great revolution.

## **World Happiness Report 2013 Ranks Happiest Countries Around Globe**

By: Sara Gates: Huffington Post Sept. 2013

The happiest people in the world apparently reside in northern Europe, according to a 156-nation survey published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. Released Monday, the 2013 World Happiness Report (Ed. Note: Google this to check it out) ranks the happiest countries around the globe, with Denmark, Norway and Switzerland leading the pack. Among North American countries, Canada took sixth place, while Mexico (16) slightly outranked the U.S. (17).

The report is the second of its kind released by a coalition of researchers including John F. Halliwell of the University of British Columbia and CANADAIAN Institute for Advanced research, the London School of Economics', Richard Layard and Jeffrey D. Sachs, director of Columbia University's Earth Institute. The team drew upon Gallup World Poll data from the past three years to rank the 156 countries on aspects such as healthy life expectancy, freedom to make life choices and social support.

In 2012, Denmark also took the top spot, receiving the highest combined score on a scale of zero through 10.

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(From page 2) **World Happiness Report 2013**

This year, scores range from 2.936 (Togo) TO 7.693 (Denmark). Compared to last year, the 2013 World Happiness Report includes more detailed analysis in a bid to guide policymakers to take the well-being of citizens into account when making decisions.

“There is now a rising worldwide demand that policy be more closely aligned with what really matters to people as they themselves characterize their well-being,” Sachs said in a release statement.

The UN initiative released its findings ahead of the opening of the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly, set for later this month.

*Ed. Notes: for more details go to the website by typing ink World Happiness Report 2013*

**Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons**

**RE: Call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention**

Open Letter, Sept. 26, 2014 to: The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, House of Commons, Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Sir:

We, the groups listed below, request your urgent support for the negotiation of a Nuclear Weapons Convention. Canada is obligated through the Non-Proliferation Treaty (“NPT”) to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race...”. This obligation has been confirmed by the International Court of Justice and re-affirmed in NPT Review Conferences.

We are grateful for the reduction in numbers of nuclear weapons and with the good work being done by the IAEA to verify and secure nuclear materials and technologies.

But we are concerned with the remaining 16,300 nuclear weapons knowing that they present a daily risk of their explosive use should human or computer error occur. In the event of such use, the results could be catastrophic for human civilization and our environment. Even a small exchange of perhaps 100 warheads could trigger a nuclear famine, threatening global food supplies.

We note with gratitude Canada’s support for the Inter-Parliamentary Union’s landmark resolution that calls on parliaments to “work with their governments on eliminating the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines” and to “urge their governments to start negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention or package of agreements to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world.” We are also grateful for the adoption in 2010 in both the Senate and House of Commons of the unanimous motion “endorses[ing] the 2008 five point plan for nuclear disarmament of Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations and encourag[ing] the Government of Canada to engage in negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention” and

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**Book & Film Recommendations**



**Why is Canada in Vietnam?**

The Truth About our Foreign Aid

By: Claire Culhane ©1972 Publisher: NC Press

All levels of government in Canada bear terrible responsibilities for serving the American imperialistic war machine. No matter who we are, the independence of our two nations, Canada and Quebec, will only be won when we can consciously identify with liberation movements everywhere. We can no longer delude ourselves that freedom can be contained within national boundaries.

We are all affected by the agonies of Indochina. The outcome of this conflict will not only determine the world political climate for many years to come, but will weight heavily for or against our right to consider ourselves civilized human beings.

If my story succeeds in sparking public demand to end Canada’s participation as the “Butcher’s Helper” in this bloodshed, some of our collective moral debt to the people of Indochina will have been paid. In what other way can we who live under peaceful skies face those who live where “the planes come like birds and the bombs fall like rain”.

*Ed note: Has the state improved their record since then? What are we prepared to do to change Canadian Government current political and military attitude? Think about it?*

*Ed. Note: If you have read a book or seen a film that you feel would be of interest or informative please let us know. Email the name of the book, the author and the publisher with a brief explanation of the book, and for the film the name, the producer and a brief explanation of the contents to Laura at [l4peace@telus.net](mailto:l4peace@telus.net). Thank you.*

**Mr. Puppet**

By: Hussain Mujtahedi: Toronto rally July, 2014

Mr. Puppet,

Who hangs from the strings,

Why must i keep repeating the same things.

To the puppeteers,

Who seem to never hear,

What i say which happens to be truth,

Palestine will never submit

At least they’ll never submit to you!

Mr. Puppet, you think you’ve got me under,

Don’t you know you’re losing while you plunder,

You think you can silence me with capitalism?

You think i’ll stop exposing Zionism?

Cuz you’re calling me out for something called “Anti-Semitism”?

Well, you’re wrong, now its your turn to listen.

You can try,

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(From page 3) **RE: Call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention**  
“to deploy a major world-wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of preventing nuclear proliferation and increasing the rate of nuclear disarmament”.

We call upon the Government of Canada to:

- 1) signal to other states Canada’s support for the start of negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention (“NWC”) or an equivalent framework of agreements
- 2) call upon the U.S. and Russia to reduce the alert status of their nuclear weapons; and
- 3) to publicly request all NATO states to define specific steps NATO states will take to comply with their obligations under the NPT regime:
  - \* to diminish the role of nuclear weapons in their doctrines and policies
  - \* to end deployment of nuclear weapons in NATO states that are Non-Nuclear Weapons States; and
  - \* to negotiate the elimination of nuclear weapons.

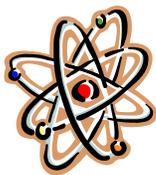
With respect to 1) above, we believe that these negotiations **need NOT await the conclusion of the Fissile Materials Treaty**. Thus, the negotiating process need not be “step by step” within the Conference of Disarmament (CD). The history of the “steps” reveals an incredibly slow process, (NPT 1970, CTBT - 1996, with no negotiations in the CD toward nuclear disarmament since then). This is an inadequate response to the extreme threat posed to the global population by existing nuclear weapons. Noting Canada’s success in creating the expert group on the Fissile Materials Treaty, **we call for the establishment by the UN General Assembly of an *ad hoc* committee to negotiate a Nuclear Weapons Convention and hasten the reduction of these weapons.**

Surely the elimination of this extraordinary threat is the most important task of the next decade and a worthy legacy for your office and for humanity.

Sincerely yours,

Beverly J. Tollefson Delong  
Chairperson

***Ed. Note: Signed by 21 groups including the BC Southern Interior Peace Coalition and the Boundary Peace Initiative***



**WE SAY NO**

The Boundary Peace Initiative (BPI) welcomes articles. All articles are the responsibility of the author and may not be common consensus. To submit an article, contact **Laura** at **250-442-0434** or **L4peace@telus.net**. The BPI is a member of: Southern Interior Peace Coalition, Canadian Peace Alliance, Abolition 2000, Lawyers Against the War, and Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and works with various local and global groups.

**Mr. Puppet**

But you cant hide,  
Netanyahu’s genocide,  
From our eyes, No way!

Dont think we haven’t heard about the phosphorous,  
Or how dangerous and cancerous,  
Israel is,  
No, we know.

Mr. Puppet, if you think we don’t know about you funding,  
Arms, and sending, money abroad, to sponsor a war  
That we never asked for, you’re mistaken.

Mr. Puppet, lets cut to the chase,  
The representative of the devil is shown with your face,  
Mr. Puppet, people are askin,

When you’ll stop rainin, bombs on Gaza.  
Mr. Obama, remember how you planned a day.  
Where your troops would no longer rape, Afghanistan  
Have you also planned a date, for Gaza

Mr. Obama, have you no humanity, wait, don’t answer  
that,

It was rhetorical, we find it pretty hysterical, to imagine  
that you do.

Mr. Puppet, people are asking  
How much more bombing,  
how many more lives will it cost,  
to end this bloody second holocaust, on Palestine,  
when will you stop committing the crime,  
of occupation, and the ethnic cleansing of an entire nation  
Mr. Puppet, when?

I ask you to unplug your ears,  
And open your eyes,

Don’t you hear, those innocent babies cry,  
Why do they deserve to die, Mr. Puppet,  
You say to stand for a moment of silence, for 9/11  
How long must we stand in silence for Gaza, When it’s  
their 24/7,

What will it take to ask your thugs to lay down their  
weapons,

Just think about all the children on their way to heaven.  
Mr. Puppet, cut out this nonsense of “self defence”, cuz  
this is not a war

No, this is not a war, its nazi style genocide for sure,  
Stop lying, by saying that Judaism and Zionism are the  
same cuz they’re not you see,

Ask any Rabbi, im sure they’ll all agree.  
Mr. Puppet, believe me when i tell you you’re an ignorant  
fool,

You’ve had your fun in this world being nothing but cruel  
Soon a day will come when you’ll have to duel, with  
justice

And i will tell you for-sure,  
That it will be the day where you along with your criminals  
will realize that you were all  
Looz-Ers!

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