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One thousand Cranes for Peace

This year the cranes are dedicated to the World March.

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World March Endorsement Day

As Hiroshima day approaches WM organisers around the world are preparing to mark this solemn occasion. In over 300 cities and towns around the globe a multitude of events is being planned to raise awareness of the terrible consequences that even one small nuclear device can cause.

The one small nuclear device that landed on Hiroshima caused 140,000 deaths, roughly half on the day of the bombing itself, the rest later on due to illness, malnutrition and radiation sickness, later on further deaths occurred from a wide range of terrible cancers, such as that of **Sadako Sasaki** (see right). However, it seems that this wasn't enough as 3 days later the horror was repeated in Nagasaki.

In recent years, people have become complacent about the dangers of nuclear weapons, yet with thousands of them still capable of being launched at a moment's notice the risk that exists of accident and failures means we are living in constant threat: a threat that the media mostly ignores.

The recent arrival of President **Obama** in Washington is certainly giving rise to a more relaxed climate for talking about nuclear disarmament with Moscow. This month we have perceived symbolic gestures of important reductions, the greatest reduction of nuclear weapons to date. But, nevertheless there is no sign of the Missile Defence System being stopped. It will need

EQUADOR The event "One thousand Cranes for Peace" in the Ecuadorean capital, Quito, was a great success. During three days participants learnt how to make paper cranes and heard the story of **Sadako Sasaki**, which moved more than one person and filled them with enthusiasm to join the symbolic origami event to proclaim peace in the world. This year the cranes are dedicated to the World March.

Sadoka Sasaki was 2 years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on her home town of Hiroshima on the 6th August 1945. When she was 12 she was hospitalised with leukaemia and given a year to live. Her best friend came to the hospital and taught her how to fold paper cranes, a mythical and holy bird in Japanese culture. According to Japanese tradition the folding of a thousand cranes means that a living crane can grant you a wish, such as long life or recovery from a serious illness. Sadly Sadako's wish didn't come true but her story has become a symbol of the struggle for peace and the campaign against nuclear weapons.

During the event hundreds of hands came together for this initiative held for the second year in Ecuador and organised by the "Paper Quito" Origami club; mainly students from various schools and colleges of Quito, who folded and learnt about the wonder-



Making paper cranes in Quito



ful world of Origami. Hosted in the galleries of the Ministry of Culture the event was also visited by professors passionate about art, curious young people and enthusiastic family members. For "Paper Quito" it was a moment to show paper creations that demonstrated talent, knowledge, patience, skill and passion.

They will be given to the group "Semilleros de la No-violencia Activa" (The Seeds of Active Nonviolence) who are promoting the WM in Ecuador and preparing for its arrival in December 2009. "So, in the months that remain before this great event the Origami Club, "Paper Quito" will continue folding cranes and transmit the message of peace," their spokesperson said.

900km tour of Côte d'Ivoire for the World March

Between the 16th and 23rd of June the World March promotion team made a national tour of the West African country to set up local coordination teams in 5 cities.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE Thanks to funding from the Ministry of Finance a team of 13 intrepid World March coordinators set out to tour the country in a week to publicise the World March and put in place a programme of events to celebrate the March as it passes through the country in November.

Armed with 2080 prospectuses and a list of contacts in each of the cities, the group carried out an exhausting series of bus journeys to Yamoussoukro, Daloa, San Pedro, Agboville and Adzopé.

The World March will start simultaneously on the 2nd of October with events in all of



World March Promotion Team

these 5 cities, then another tour of the country will take place to raise consciousness of the need for peace through nonviolence.

The World March will be officially launched to the public in the country on the 1st of August with a concert in an Abidjan sta-

dium. 30 artists, singers and comedians will take part together with speeches by dignitaries and representatives of NGOs, etc. Before the concert there will be a symbolic March through the city to raise awareness of the WM. The launch will be publicised for free on national TV and radio stations.

Fortuné Kouadio, World March representative in Côte d'Ivoire said, "We would like and we would wish that representatives of the World March from Togo, Benin, Mali, Burkina and Ghana will come to this great event in Côte d'Ivoire to speak on this day. It will be an event for the whole of West Africa."



Rafa de la Rubia



something more, to go further so that the nice words of President Obama put an end to the nuclear threat.

WM spokesperson, **Rafa de la Rubia** will be accompanying a delegation of World without Wars in Japan at events to remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the need to create a global consciousness that promotes "Zero-Tolerance" of nuclear weapons so that never more will events like these happen again. De la Rubia said, "Taking advantage of the experience of our friends in Japan, who are lucky enough to have a constitution that renounces the use of war to resolve disputes, we will ask them to help us in this project so that their example may be followed in other countries. We know that only through the combined pressure of citizens will the politicians respond and do what is necessary when the Non-Proliferation Treaty is reviewed next year. The World March is an excellent opportunity for that combined pressure to be demonstrated and made felt by world's leaders."

Festive multicultural gathering in Madrid

The Centre of Cultures organised a festive gathering as a precursor to the 3rd Day of Dialogue between Cultures that will be held on the 24th of October in various Spanish cities.

SPAIN On Sunday the 28th of June a festive multicultural gathering took place in the Central Queen of Madrid Cultural Club, organised by diverse associations federated to the Centre of Cultures.

In the morning there was a presentation of the March accompanied by videos, followed by a workshop on nonviolence and a workshop of games for intercultural diversity. In the meantime, various workshops of games, lanterns, and percussion instruments were taking place with the children present.

After a shared lunch, in the afternoon there was an opportunity for those present to express what their participation in the event had meant for them. It is worth reporting the words of Karina from Ecuadorian Radio FM who committed to decidedly publicise everything that the Centre of Cultures was doing and the words of Olivia, recently arrived from Guatemala, who expressed her joy at the endorsement of



Presentation during the Madrid event

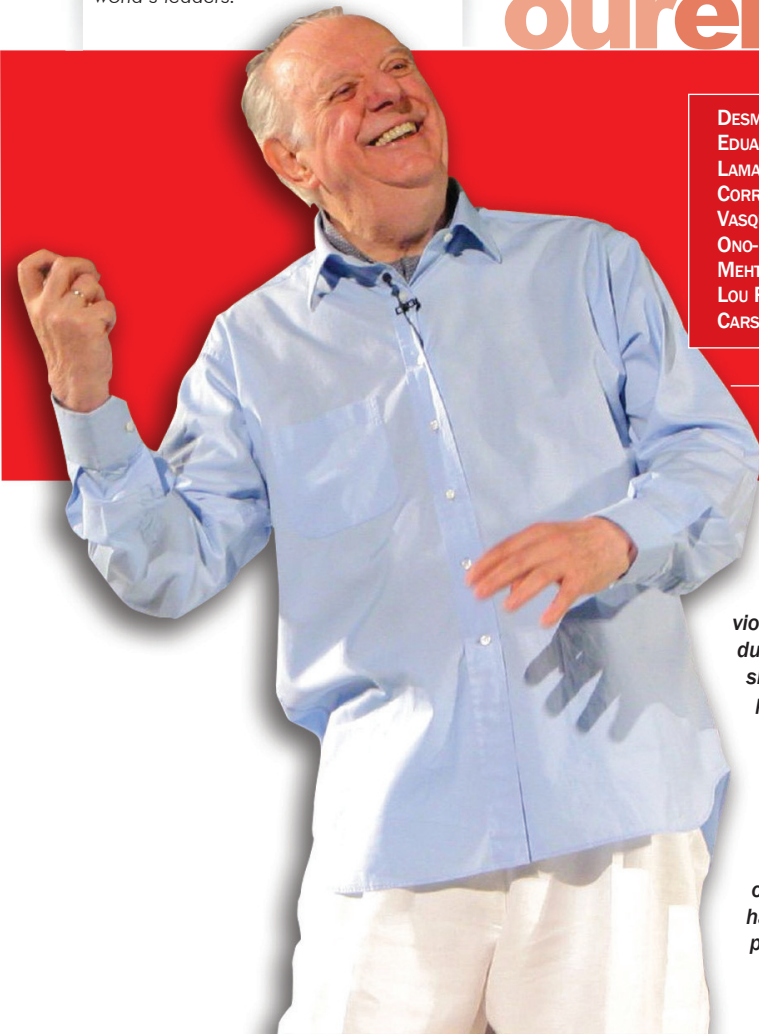
750 young people from indigenous communities, and finally Ana, whose sensitivity was made evident through her voice as she sang.

Sara Tajuelo, spokesperson for the Centre of Cultures made a presentation about the 3rd Day of Dialogue between Cultures and also invited everyone present

to participate prior to this in the events of the 6th of August to mark the bombing of Hiroshima and also on the 2nd of October (day of nonviolence and commencement of the WM).

The gathering ended with the music of **Ana and Cristina** and everyone got up to dance to the intercultural music fusion.

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Dario Fo
ITALY NOBEL PRIZES

Italian director, dramatist, actor and set-designer. Nobel Laureate for literature in 1997. "To say I am non-violent means nothing. What do I do to avoid this violence to continue? What does it mean to produce information against violence? To talk, to show documents, to try to involve young people in the refusal of this action unworthy of civilized people. [...] We see war and violence every day in the attitude of our governments [...] We must fight this attitude with a language that is effective and above all civil, always with very great imagination and allowing people not only to realise, but also to convince themselves of the fact that we don't have the right to call ourselves a civilized people if we don't fight for the rights of others"



José Ramos-Horta
EAST TIMOR NOBEL PRIZES

Jose Manuel Ramos-Horta is East Timor's second president since independence from Indonesia. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996 with Carlos Belo and was Prime Minister from 2006 until his inauguration as president after winning the presidential election in 2007.

Breasts for Peace: first day of summer in Prague



CZECH REPUBLIC On Sunday 21st of June an unusual procession went through Prague: a large group of Czech youth with their bodies painted with symbols of Peace.

Two professional body painters, from a famous Prague studio expressed their art by painting true masterpieces on the torsos of the girls and boys. Around 2pm the group of models together with the body painters headed for the National Theatre to meet the press.

The procession then continued through the centre of Prague with Lucie Vachová, former Miss Czech Republic, at the head in a Summer Queen costume on board a vintage Cadillac.

The festival to mark the start of summer then continued with a concert by singer David Kraus.

Community nonviolence festival draws 'record crowd'

CANADA 5th annual 'Day in the Park' celebrates nonviolence.

The Humanist Movement in Kitchener-Waterloo, Canada, held their 5th annual Nonviolence Festival "Day in the Park" on Saturday June 27, with about 1500 people experiencing the sights and sounds from noon to 9pm. Located on the island in Victoria Park, the event gathered community groups, vendors, bands, speakers and an activity and games area for kids.

Matt Albrecht, organizer of the Festival, said it was the best Day in the Park yet. "It was a terrific day. In fact, it was one of the best days of my life!"

The World March was very present, and people were able to endorse it online directly. Each visitor also received a welcome kit with information about the March, and a number of people offered to help organize the WM's next event in Kitchener - a peace sign on September 21, the International Day of Peace.



Nonviolence Training for World March volunteers in South Korea

The Korean World March committee hosted a training workshop to promote the themes of the WM.

SOUTH KOREA On June 22nd, around 70 participants such as peace activists, other NGO staff and some graduate students, participated in a workshop at the Methodist Theological University in Seoul.

This workshop was sponsored by the Center for Nonviolent Communication. **Katherine Han**, representative of the NVC and certified leader of the CNVC led participants in transforming the image of the enemy and the nega-

tive energy within us towards social change by means of 'Nonviolence Communication'.

The interactive workshop had elements of role play, group interchange and brainstorming with the aim of identifying mechanical reaction patterns and new ways to surpass conflict through a third way that is not violent and not just avoidance of conflict, but through the use of more effective communication skills.

Dr. Park Sung-Yong, WM coordi-

nator said following the workshop, "We hope that more people find the peace inside themselves with the charm of nonviolence communication which deals with the hidden violence and antagonism."

The Korea Committee for the World March for Peace and Nonviolence, consisting of more than 30 peace NGOs, are planning many important upcoming events for peace and nonviolence.



Workshop participants



EMERGENCY

Emergency
ITALY HEALTH

Emergency provides medical treatment to civilian victims of war. "Emergency feels like a participant on a path that crosses the places in which human beings live. To think and to define the Earth in this way, without references to borders and flags, means the involvement of all in the fate of everyone. Peace is not the interval between two wars. Peace is the politics of friendship."

ABOLITION 2000
Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons



NO NUKES! NO WARS!

Abolition 2000
INTERNATIONAL NONVIOLENCE

Abolition 2000 is an international global network working for a treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons within a time-bound framework. It is open to all organizations endorsing the Abolition 2000 Statement. The Network aims at providing groups concerned with nuclear issues a forum for the exchange of information and the development of joint initiatives.



Mayors for Peace

Mayors for Peace
INTERNATIONAL NONVIOLENCE

Mayors for Peace is an international organization of cities, dedicated to the promotion of peace. The current Mayor of Hiroshima, **Tadatoshi Akiba**, is the President of the organization. "The only hope for world peace is the elimination of nuclear weapons. This is a test we can and must pass. When we do, we can move on to cooperatively solving the many other problems we face."



OPANAL
LATIN AMERICA NONVIOLENCE

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean is an inter-governmental agency created by the Treaty of Tlatelolco to ensure that the obligations of the Treaty are met. The Treaty established the creation of a Nuclear Free Zone throughout the region. OPANAL also supervises the adherence to the Control System and the obligations stemming from the Treaty.



Unitarian Universalists
HONG KONG RELIGIOUS&SPIRIT.

Unitarian Universalism (UU) is a non-creedal liberal religion for all faiths. Their community encourages free exploration, without doctrinal constraints, of world religions, spiritualities, and philosophies. "UUHK supports the goals of peace, justice and equality for all. The World March embodies the spirit of our ideals. UUHK endorses cooperative efforts towards a better world for all."



History of the Nuclear Bomb

In 1898 French physicist Pierre Curie and his Polish wife Maria Sklodowska-Curie discovered that there was a substance in uranium ore which emitted large amounts of radioactivity, which they named radium.

In 1932 James Chadwick discovered the neutron.

In 1934 the idea of a chain reaction via neutron was proposed by Leó Szilárd, who patented the idea of the atomic bomb.

In 1941 the Manhattan Project to develop the nuclear bomb was launched.

On July 16, 1945 in the desert north of Alamogordo, New Mexico, USA the first nuclear test took place.

On August 6, 1945 a uranium-based weapon, "Little Boy", was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

Three days later, August 9, 1945 a plutonium-based weapon, "Fat Man", was dropped onto the city of Nagasaki.



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National Assembly of Mali endorses the March

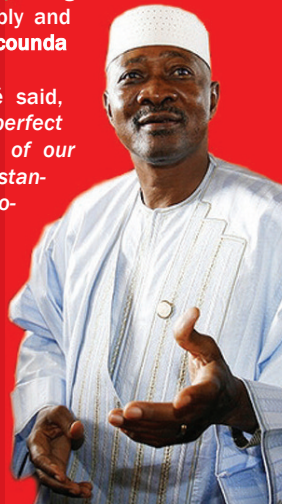
MALI The little known West African country of Mali, possibly most famous for the legendary city of Timbuktu, confirms that the National Assembly and Assembly President fully support the World March.

The Republic of Mali is a former French colony with a population of 12 million people and a 90% Muslim population. It is the 7th largest country in Africa and according to UN statistics one of the poorest countries in the world.

Following an approach by the National Promotion Team a letter has just been received confirming the endorsement of the Assembly and the Assembly's President, Dioncounda Traoré (photo).

In his letter President Traoré said, "The aims of this March being in perfect harmony with the commitment of our country, to promote peace, understanding and solidarity between people, I can assure you, Mr Coordinator, of our total support, the National Assembly and myself, to this worldwide event of high humanitarian impact."

Gaoussou Bathily, World March Coordinator in Mali said, "This is an important bonus for us!"



Chilean Universities for the World March

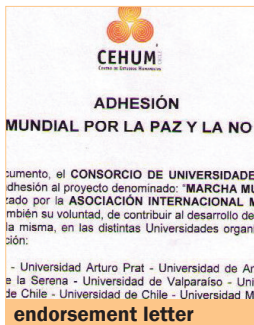
The association of all 16 Chilean State Universities decide to back the WM, giving it their full support.

CHILE News has reached World March organisers in Chile of the confirmation of the support of the Consortium of Chilean State Universities (CUECH).

In his letter, President Juan Zolezzi Cid wrote, CUECH "also expresses its willingness to contribute to the development of the March, authorising and facilitating its publicising in the different Universities of this consortium".

State universities in Chile are recognised for their establishment as institutions not subject

to political, religious, economic or any other interests. Zolezzi Cid, who is also the Rector of the University of Santiago of Chile, finished his letter by writing, "So, we wish to receive information about the preparation and development of the March at an International level and its passage through Chile and we authorise that our endorsement be made official, published, and disseminated through the media and social ambits of the country and abroad"



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