



IPSR NEWS

Iowa Chapter, Physicians for Social Responsibility



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COMING FALL 2007!

Another Iowa PSR Conference:

**Global Warming
And
Energy Security**

Iowa City, Iowa

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“So what have I learned? I have learned that we need to resist the ineluctable seduction of material rewards which waylay dreams and warp social responsibility. Doctors are challenged to confront a web of problems, which at their core are essentially moral and derive from the deepest ethical precepts of our profession. I have learned that the leading cause of ill health everywhere is poverty. I have learned that there can be no healthy United States in a sick world, no secure United States in a war-torn world, no affluent United States in a poor world. I am persuaded that we shall not have a livable world unless we make it a more just world. We can be successful if we do not fear listening to the prompting of conscience and letting our imagination roam suffused with hope.”

— Bernard Lown MD
Harvard Graduation 2006

2007 Global Warming & Energy Security Conference

“Today, every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable.”

— John F. Kennedy
Address before the UN General Assembly
September 25, 1961

The Problem We Face

The health, security, and existence of the human species depend directly on the health and condition of our planet. Interacting pollutants that contribute to global warming also contribute directly and indirectly to a wide range of phenomena affecting human health and security -- to which none of us or our children is immune.

PSR Position

PSR holds that global warming and nuclear weapons pose grave threats to the health and safety of our nation and the world. At the same time, it is increasingly clear that the current fundamentally flawed national energy policy is a root cause of both global warming and worsening nuclear dangers. Current U.S. policies have been dangerously ineffective in addressing these challenges; indeed, U.S. policies have increased

these threats. It is imperative to identify, advocate for and adopt new, smart and realistic policies that will lead to energy security, a healthy environment and nuclear nonproliferation.

Only when we connect the scientific dots of environment, energy, and security, can we begin to understand the consequences to our health. Only then can we most skillfully direct our motivation and energies to engage the problem.

Fall 2007 PSR Conference in Iowa

Iowa PSR, in conjunction with national and regional PSR partners, is excited to announce plans for an early Fall 2007 conference addressing these linked threats. Using a local to global focus we will explore the data and challenges to our health and security posed by global warming and environmental degradation, assess the root causes and sources of these threats, and seek solutions.

We will be building on the success and experience we had with the Medical Consequences of War in Iowa City March 2006 to outdo ourselves to develop a scientific conference that will be of interest to all health professionals and uni-

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Medical Consequences of War Conference

Iowa PSR’s conference “Medical Consequences of War: *Health Challenges Beyond the Battlefield*” was a resounding success. More than 50 Iowa PSR members donated money to help make this conference happen, and this was key to our success.

We had 140 registrants: many nurses and social workers and more doctors than these two groups combined. Student turnout was great, so special thanks to those of you earmarked donations for student scholarships. This enabled many students to come to the Reception and Ban-

quet and hear Dr. Evan Lyon’s talk on providing health care in conflict areas of Haiti. The film screening the evening before was well attended and an intense one hour discussion ensued. The strategy meeting of sponsoring organizations the morning after the conference was well attended by conference faculty and local activists.

The faculty of 30 was truly international and each was clearly committed to making the conference a success. The concurrent roundtable discussion sessions were all well-attended, indi-

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Developments at National PSR

National PSR installs a new Executive Director, Dr. Michael McCally and announces a new five-year strategic plan.

Much has happened this last year. PSR's national board embarked on a five-year strategic planning process. The new plan will be greater emphasis on prevention of nuclear war and nuclear terrorism and on reversal of global warming and toxic degradation of the environment. Other new strategic goals include improving internal and external communications, stronger integration of all PSR programs including Student PSR, and improving PSR governance.

As the strategic plan was nearing the final draft this Spring, Bob Musil, PSR Executive Director, resigned after 11 years of service. He is completing a book on global warming and is looking forward to publication in 2008. Helen Crowley assumed the role as acting Executive Director. A formal search for a new director was initiated, and in October Michael McCally MD PhD was appointed as the new Executive Director. Dr. McCally has been a PSR and IPPNW

activist for many years, was President of PSR in 2004, and Treasurer of IPPNW in 1985 when IPPNW was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

As part of strategic planning, the PSR Board Executive Committee and the National Office Executive Management Team met with representatives of 14 PSR chapters on June 23 to respond to the strategic plan and to review how National PSR and the PSR Chapters can most effectively work together to achieve the goals set out by the Board. John Rachow PhD MD represented the Iowa Chapter at this intense one day meeting.

PSR President Kent Bransford's comment on the meeting is quoted here from the Summer/Fall 2006 issue of PSR Reporter.

This June, I had the privilege of participating in a truly amazing summit that was part of a final strategic planning meeting. Leaders from 14 chapters around the country, national office staff, and the executive committee of the national board gathered after months of preparation. I was struck by the energy, passion, and vision of every person in the

room. We were all there because we care deeply about the most challenging problems we face ...Not all of our chapters work on the same challenges, but every one of them works on vital issues that are essential to a healthy society and a healthy world. Together, we have joined in an effort to chart a course that is ambitious, yet achievable.

Some of the issues identified by the 14 participating PSR Chapters centered around relations between chapters and the national leadership, pursuit of public health issues that are identified by individual chapters and their local constituency of members, and chapter roles in maintaining a healthy engaged membership. At the end of the day, solid common ground was established. A formal process was launched and named *One PSR* to ensure that National PSR and PSR Chapters will work together, hand-in-glove. Incoming PSR President, Catherine Thomason, MD, PSR will chair the *One PSR* Committee. **Ω**

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iversity students and to be accessible and engaging for the general public.

This event will draw upon expertise from diverse fields of medicine, public health and policy, law, environmental science and business. Expert speakers will represent the wealth of PSR and IPPNW expertise and experience but will also come from academic, activist, and public officials' pools.

Conference participants will be better prepared to prioritize health and human

rights as more effective lenses to understanding and addressing root causes of the myriad problems associated with global climate change phenomena. Also participants will be well-prepared to understand and contribute to the debates that will emerge during the January 2008 Iowa Caucuses and the larger 2008 presidential election cycle.

The conference is being coordinated closely with national PSR and regional PSR chapters. For the first time ever, this conference in the heartland will be held in conjunc-

tion with a national PSR meeting.

Stay tuned as the program plans take shape. As with the March 2006 Medical Consequences of War conference, we will have several pages on the Iowa PSR web site (www.iowa-psr.org) devoted to conference details as they develop.

We will have a fund raising drive in Iowa the Spring of 2007 to support the Fall conference. **Ω**

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cating we chose timely themes for each of the panels. Several students were on the conference faculty and were an excellent addition. It was a pleasure to work with these talented young people who are rapidly developing their own areas of expertise.

We were able to present a powerful 16 minute video entitled "Healing Iraq," prepared specially for the conference, of an interview conducted March 17 in the U.K. by Iowa PSR Coordinator, Maureen McCue, with Dr. Salam Ismael, a young Iraqi doctor who works in some in some of the most dangerous areas in Iraq to provide health care and to document violations of medical neutrality. We have posted a transcript of this

interview on the Iowa PSR web site, www.iowa-psr.org along with a few frames from the video.

Iowa PSR appreciates the help of the National PSR office in planning and supporting the conference. National PSR helped to bring to Iowa the PSR immediate past President, Dr. John Pastore, from Boston. Dr. Pastore gave the luncheon lecture on why physicians (and all health professionals) should be activists. He later wrote to us:

I found the meeting to be extraordinary, and I mean that in a personal sense. I was deeply moved by the presentations, as I'm sure was the general reaction, and cannot get some of the images out of my mind...Now I think of it [Iowa] as

the front line in the struggle to end the tragedy taking place in Iraq.

The conference program and materials can be reviewed anytime on the Iowa PSR web site: www.iowa-psr.org. We are editing the conference sessions into videos. The first to be completed is the veterans panel entitled "Veterans Share," and is available on request. Anyone interested in what veterans, veterans' families, or health professionals who work with veterans have to say should see this video. See page 7 for ordering information. Dr. Evan Lyon's talk on providing health care in Haiti is nearing completion.

For more on continued impact of the conference see Outcomes on page 4. **Ω**

Outcomes of Medical Consequences Conference

Iowa PSR Medical Consequences of War Conference contributed to the national wave of opinion against the war in Iraq. Ripple effects are still spreading.

The March 25, 2006 Conference organized by Iowa PSR has helped energize a series of projects and related events across the county in the months since the conference.

Iowa PSR organized a panel presentation on Medical Consequences of War at the Doctors for Global Health Assembly in Salt Lake City. Dr. Lou Borgenicht, PSR Board Member from Utah, was on the panel along with Dr. Maureen McCue from Iowa. The "Healing Iraq" video was shown.

We were able to interview Dr. Gene Bolles in Denver at the end of July and film footage to complement that of Dr. Salam Ismael ("Healing Iraq"). We now have a near final video that is under 30 minutes entitled "A Tale of Two Doctors." In this video, the two physicians speak from the heart about medical consequences of the Iraq war from markedly different perspectives but with the common voice of physicians.

"Healing Iraq" was also shown in Helsinki, Finland at the IPPNW 17 World Congress in September 2006.

"A Tale of Two Doctors" was shown in October at The University of Iowa Global Health Conference on Healthcare as an Instrument of Foreign Policy. A Student PSR member at Creighton University showed the video in early November at a conference in Omaha.

On August 26, 2006, Iowa PSR cosponsored a Democracy for America half-day conference, titled "Iraq War Forum." At the forum, Iowans for Sensible Priorities presented Economic Impact of the War. Dr. Miriam Meyer and Kirt Sickels of the Iowa City VAMC discussed post-traumatic stress disorder and mental health needs of returning veterans. Dave Nagle (former US Congressman from Iowa) discussed options for leaving Iraq.

Iowa PSR consulted with the Los Angeles PSR chapter as they developed a conference, "Medical Consequences of War in Iraq" that was held October 21, 2006 at UCLA. Attendance was outstanding at 250.

Maine PSR is building on the Iowa PSR experience with a conference scheduled for

March 2007 "Achieving Energy Security" that will link nuclear issues, energy, and global warming with pre-emptive war strategy in general and the Iraq War in particular. The Maine conference should nicely connect the dots between these issues that encompass the two new focus areas of National PSR. Greater Pioneer Valley PSR Chapter in Massachusetts is also planning a conference along these lines.

The theme for the Student PSR National Meeting Spring 2007 will be "Medical Consequences of the War in Iraq."

One of the most exciting outcomes of the March Medical Consequences conference is the development of a semester course to be given at the University of Iowa, the Spring semester 2007 entitled "Health and Human Right: War or Health?" Student PSR mentor, Dr. Rajeev Vibhakar, and Iowa PSR Chapter Coordinator, Dr. Maureen McCue are extending the conference material into the classroom. The course has been well received and is already filled through student pre-registrations.

Members and supporters of Iowa PSR should be proud of the ongoing ripple effects of the March conference. Ω

Gun Violence

Arming Domestic Abusers

Iowans for the Prevention of Gun Violence (IPGV) has issued a report on firearms the hands of domestic abusers. The following is excerpted from the Report's Executive summary. The full report can be viewed at www.ipgv.org.

Iowa district courts are failing to enforce federal law that prohibits a person who is subject to a court restraining order for domestic violence from possessing firearms. Of approximately 2,500 qualifying protective orders issued in 2005, an estimated 1,800 protective orders failed to prohibit the defendant from possessing firearms and to require the defendant to surrender his/her firearms to a designated law enforcement agency. It is estimated that about 1,000 of the defendants named in these protective orders possessed firearms at the time the protective order was issued.

Domestic abusers use firearms to intimidate, threaten, injure, and kill their partners. The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) for 2001 estimated that about

700,000 violent crimes were committed against persons by an intimate partner.

Nationwide, there are approximately 1,600 intimate partner homicides each year. About 75% of the victims are women. A firearm is used in about two-thirds of intimate partner homicides. About 12 domestic homicides occur in Iowa each year.

IPGV recommends the following to increase compliance with federal law on domestic abuse protective orders.

1. The Iowa District Court should (a) educate judges on the applicability of federal firearms laws to domestic abuse protective orders and (b) develop judicial practices to ensure that federal firearms laws are properly enforced on domestic abuse protective orders.
2. The Iowa Legislature should enact legislation that would codify the federal law into state law. This action would remove all doubt that domestic abuse protective orders should prohibit the defendant from possessing firearms.

Carrying Concealed Weapons in Iowa

Legislation has been introduced in the Iowa Legislature that would change Iowa from a "may issue" to a "shall issue" state. If Iowa were to become a "shall issue" state, any Iowan who can pass a background check could carry a loaded and concealed handgun in their car and most public places, including shopping malls, restaurants, theaters, sports stadiums, public parks, amusement parks, and government buildings.

A "shall issue" conceal carry would make it more likely that more Iowans will carry guns in public. This will make it more likely that persons will resort to violence in contentious situations resulting in more gun deaths and injuries. "Shall issue" will not make Iowa a safer place to live.

"Shall issue" is not about whether one is pro-gun or anti-gun. It is about what kind of a state we are, or will become.

Learn more at www.ipgv.org. Ω

Book Review

David C. Korten. *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community*. Kumarian Press, Bloomfield, CT and Berrett-Koehler Publishers San Francisco, 2006, 402 pp. (If you do not have a local bookseller, consider ordering this and other titles through the link to Amazon.com on the PSR web site, www.psr.org. National PSR receives up to 10% of sales made through this route.)

Iowa PSR co-sponsored a visit by David Korten to Iowa October 2006. A series of eight films, organized by United for Peace and Democracy, was held in Des Moines during September 2006 in preparation for the Mr. Korten's visit. Film topics included globalization, media monopoly, buying politicians, clean elections, free speech, the future of food, and corporatism. Film details can be reviewed at www.iowa-psr.org/eventsarchive.html

What is the greatest threat to our future survival and well-being? Is it environmental degradation and global warming, control and careless consumption of vital resources by profit driven socially destructive corporations, violent conflict, terrorism and nuclear war, extreme inequity and expanding global poverty, governmental corruption, or personal indifference to these many threats? To all of these, the answer is, Yes. They are the different faces and forms of the same Medusa, characterized by belief in and support for dominating, hierar-

chical and, ultimately, oppressive organizational social structures based on and reflexively resulting in exploitation, corruption, violence—according to David Korten author of the bestseller, *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community*, published by BK Currents of San Francisco.

Despite the distractions of our relative wealth and power, we find ourselves increasingly sickened by *affluenza* and entertaining ourselves to death. Daily we hear warnings of the likely collapse of our global life support system. Sometimes the message blames individual behavior, other times fingers point to a variety of powerful entities, each forecasting that if we or they continue down our well worn paths, we face systematic and final social and ecological destruction. Few of these experts of negativity enlighten us with suggestions for an effective way out of this morass.

As activists we seek the means to address the many apparently insurmountable challenges of our age, some kind of integrative organizational framework to indicate a healthier way forward. We work to understand the parts that contribute to the whole.

In this book, David Korten provides a powerful vision based on his analysis of Empire, the mode of organizing society for the past 5-6,000 years. He urgently challenges us to begin to “turn around” this organizational model by choosing what he terms Earth Community lest we continue on our current path to collapse. His vision exhorts us all to move to developing organizational structures based on a spiritual consciousness grounded in the universal principles of justice, love, and compassion.

Taking a historical long view, this hopeful “big vision” book looks at many simultaneous currents of thought and activity. By describing aspects of the global peoples movements that began in 1992 with the Rio de Janeiro UN Conference on Environment and Development, Korten lays out what he sees as key approaches and strategies to make a turning in the course of life on this planet. He clearly believes another world is not only possible, it is essential. Whether or not the turning happens is up to each one of us. Ω

— Maureen McCue MD PhD

I Heard you, Malachi

According to Jennifer Diaz, a graduate student of communication at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Friday, November 3, 2006 a man doused his body with gasoline and set himself afire to protest the war in Iraq. He died quietly in flames. His name was Malachi Ritscher. (See www.iheardyoumalachi.org/story.html)

Haven't seen it in the news? If not for Jennifer's posting, I too would have missed it even though it happened in downtown Chicago in front of hundreds of commuters during morning rush hour. Until very recently when a number of people challenged by Jennifer's posting began to respond, the only conventional newspaper coverage was a tiny paragraph that appeared Saturday Nov 4th in the Chicago Sun-Times. In a time of intense controversy over war, a man offers up his life, publicly enduring prolonged, excruciating pain to make a powerful physical statement regarding his belief in peace and we are left to believe this isn't

newsworthy.

How could this have happened? Jennifer poses a number of possible answers from preventing copy cat activities, to Malachi's mental status and lack of sophistication regarding the “use” of media attention. Her research into and responses to Malachi's activities and personal web postings however force us to question not only the war but what constitutes mental illness or health, especially of our society.

Ever since reading his story I've slept fitfully. I can't help picturing him burning alongside the blur of people in their cars, cell phones in their ears obviously rushing by,... rushing to where, to what, for what? Layered over and competing with his image are images of the many violent video games advertised nightly on TV in the interstices of too many violent programs. These ugly images are in turn layered onto the invisible violence of pervasive poverty, the millions of homeless, hungry, sick, and suffering

here at home and abroad. So much suffering is ignored like that of Malachi's as we mindlessly assent to the murder of hundreds of thousands in the name of a war on terror and mindlessly go on squandering earth's precious resources and billions of dollars in pursuit of death in all it's ugly forms. We have become such a pro-death culture we no longer even recognize, much less acknowledge, the pain and suffering associated with so much violence.

I am left to wonder for whom did Malachi give his life? Ω

— Maureen McCue MD PhD

Self-immolation as a form of protest in the United States is exceedingly rare. Studies suggest the act is not suicide and is typically not associated with mental illness. See Understanding Self-Immolation on page 5.

On Our Mind

PSR member, Dr. Karl Larsen was pushing words around on the page while he contemplated a leader who simply inspires poetry, such as it is. In case you are wondering, Rummy is not your daddy's card game.

Old Rummy, Dick and Me

*We are your friends, old Dick and I,
Although we tell an occasional lie,
And perhaps overlook a death or two,
But when we need a vote
We certainly want you.*

*We might condone an overt leak,
But it's for, as you know,
The good of the nation
Or at least for a few.
And if we blow your cover,
That's too bad for you.*

*So stick with us a little longer,
We'll show you we can be even
wronger,
More deaths while we sit idly by,
And tell Rummy, "let them fly"!
Women, children and innocents,
Easier'n killing the insurgents.*

*Well, enough of all this talk of war,
Let's focus on the economy
And learn about the national debt,
It's bound to be a topic for
Our kids and their's and maybe more,
until at least four score or five,
If anyone's still alive.*

*Why not, you say, feed the hungry,
Instead of waging war?
Oh! you've never seen the hungry.
Mommy always gave you food,
And Daddy bought your car,
You find it hard to believe,
"Thar's poverty out thar".*

*You say that if you could,
You'd run for number three?
"Yup! then we'd rule the world
Old Rummy, Dick and me."*

Understanding Self-Immolation

On June 11, 1963, Thich Quang Duc, a 67-year-old Buddhist monk from the Linh-Mu Pagoda in Hue, Vietnam, burned himself to death at a busy intersection in downtown Saigon, Vietnam. David Halberstam, a reporter for the New York Times covering the war in Vietnam, gave the following account: I was to see that sight again, but once was enough. Flames were coming from a human being; his body was slowly withering and shriveling up, his head blackening and charring. Behind me I could hear the sobbing of the Vietnamese who were now gathering. I was too shocked to cry, too confused to take notes or ask questions, too bewildered to even think.... As he burned he never moved a muscle, never uttered a sound, his outward composure in sharp contrast to the wailing people around him.

Thich Nhat Hanh describes these acts of self-immolation as follows: The press spoke then of suicide, but in the essence, it is not. It is not even a protest. What the monks said in the letters they left before burning themselves aimed only at alarming, at moving the hearts of the oppressors, and at calling the attention of the world to the suffering endured then by the Vietnamese. To burn oneself by fire is to prove that what one is saying is of the utmost importance. The Vietnamese monk, by burning himself, says with all his strength and determination that he can endure the greatest of sufferings to protect his people. To express will by burning oneself, therefore, is not to commit an act of destruction but to perform an act of construction, that is, to suffer and to die for the sake of one's people. This is not suicide. Ω

Sources: www.geocities.com/tcartz/sacrifice.htm
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thich_Quang_Duc



Medical Practice and Politics: The Pull for Physician Involvement

Iowa PSR board member, Dr. David Drake wrote the following piece in July 2006 for *The Bulletin of the Polk County Medical Society*. Dr. Drake's comments are in striking accord with the opening quote of this issue of the newsletter by PSR co-founder Dr. Bernard Lown.

In each of our practices, regardless of specialty, we are faced with the inequities of a non-system of health care where our patients lose their jobs and have no insurance to cover themselves or their families. We hear stories of the results of unemployment with rising domestic violence, alcoholism, and drug abuse. As confidants to our patients, we hear the stories of how our community is functioning and of the challenges faced by the families we serve, from their fears for the future, rising debt, and increasing attention to working more hours to pay bills, while an advertising culture reminds us that we never have enough. As physicians, many of us have had contact with veterans returning from war in Afghanistan or Iraq. We have seen the toll that separation, injury, and death can have on their families.

By the nature of our profession, many of us are just too busy to be activists in politics. Still, I can imagine that if one looked at monetary contributions to candidates and causes, that physicians might be high on the list. In my own practice, a solo private psychotherapy practice, it offers me the luxury of 15 minutes between each 45 minute session. Friends often wonder how I can read and send out so many e-mails and this is certainly one of the factors. During this free time, I scan the New York Times, the BBC on-line as well as numerous articles and e-mails from friends and

organizations around the world.

A few events were pivotal in my own decisions to involve myself in political issues. Perhaps the first major one was a bicycle trip to Japan as a young man during a year off from college. My traveling companions and I made a special trip to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It was here that my decision to enter medicine crystallized after viewing a film on the immediate devastation to an entire population and the sequelae even decades later.

Another event was my trip to Israel and the West Bank one year ago. On return from that trip to meet with peace activists from the Israeli and Palestinian populations, I organized a dinner and discussion at my home, inviting members of the Jewish and Muslim/Palestinian communities to join me in a facilitated discussion. We discussed how these communities are interacting in Des Moines and about their respective concerns for Jews and Palestinians in the Middle East. It struck me how if these communities cannot talk and listen to each other in Des Moines, Iowa then how can Jews and Arabs possibly talk with each other in Israel and the occupied territories, where few know each other? These dialogues continue and I see it as one contribution I can make to continue to encourage listening and dialogue, even where significant disagreement continues.

In the end, we physicians have a responsibility to be involved, beyond the office setting, through our monetary contributions and time, however limited, to make our community, our country, and our world a safer, more just place for us, the children off the world, and those to follow. Ω

—David Drake, DO

Origin of the Peace Symbol

One of the most widely known symbols in the world, in Britain it is recognized as standing for nuclear disarmament – and in particular as the logo of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). In the United States and much of the rest of the world it is known more broadly as the peace symbol. It was designed in 1958 by Gerald Holtom, a professional designer and artist and a graduate of the Royal College of Arts.

CND's Direct Action Committee had what was to be the first major anti-nuclear march, from London to Aldermaston, where British nuclear weapons were and still are manufactured. It was on that march, over the 1958 Easter weekend that the symbol first appeared in public. Five hundred cardboard lollipops on sticks were produced. Half were black on white and half white on green. Just as the church's liturgical colors change over Easter, so the colors were to change, "from Winter to Spring, from Death to Life." Black and white would be displayed on Good Friday and Saturday, green and white on Easter Sunday and Monday.

The first badges were made by Eric Austin of Kensington CND using white clay with the symbol painted black. Again there was a conscious symbolism. They were distributed with a note explaining that in the event of a nuclear war, these fired pottery badges would be among the few human artifacts to survive the nuclear inferno.

Holtom, a conscientious objector who had worked on a farm in Norfolk during the Second World War, explained that the symbol incorporated the semaphore letters N(uclear) and D(isarmament).

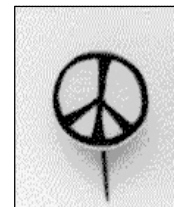
Holtom later wrote: "I was in despair. Deep despair. I drew myself: the representative of an individual in despair, with hands palm outstretched outwards and downwards in the manner of Goya's peasant before the firing squad. I formalized the drawing into a line and put a circle round it." Eric Austin added his own interpretation of the design: "the gesture of despair had long been associated with the death of Man and the circle with the unborn child."

The symbol almost at once crossed the Atlantic. Bayard Rustin, a close associate of Martin Luther King had come over from the US in order to take part in that first Aldermaston March. He took the symbol back to the United States where it was used on civil rights marches. Later it appeared at anti-Vietnam War demonstrations and was even seen daubed in protest on their helmets by American GIs. Simpler to draw than the Picasso peace dove, it became known, first in the US and then round the world as the peace symbol. Ω

Source: Quoted from the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament web site:
www.cnduk.org/inform-1/symbol.htm



Picasso Peace Dove



Original CND Ceramic Badge

Year End Giving to National PSR

We encourage you to donate generously to National PSR this year. There is much to be optimistic about. The outcome of the 2006 mid-term elections has opened a door of opportunity for PSR and all of us to work for corrective changes that can correct the fundamentally flawed energy, security, and nuclear policies of the

current U.S. administration.

National PSR is poised with its new leadership to have a strong impact on the debate regarding the appropriate responses to the gravest man-made health threats facing mankind. Your direct financial support of national PSR is imperative. **Ω**

New PSR Central Regional Directors

Maureen McCue MD PHD and John Rachow PhD MD were elected to share one of the two seats on the national PSR board as Central Region Directors. McCue and Rachow ran uncontested. The seat was previously held by Andy Kanter MD of Chicago. The other seat is currently held by Karin Ringler PhD of Madison, WI. There are five PSR regions with two regional directors from each. In addition the national PSR Board has approximately 10 at-

large directors.

The term of service on the board is three years. Both Iowa PSR and national PSR hopes to see that elections to board seats are contested. Terms overlap and PSR elects new board members every year and seeks to become more diverse. So start thinking who you would nominate for at-large candidates for next year. **Ω**

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Donate to Iowa PSR. IPSR can now accept donations earmarked for specific projects.

Iowa PSR Tote Bag. <i>Rx for Security: Invest in Peace</i> . Colors: red or blue with white lettering. 10.5" wide x 13.5" high x 5" gusset. \$10.00 each (3 for \$27). View pictures of the bags at www.iowa-psr.org (go to the Promotions page).	\$ _____
WAR, What is it good for? T-shirts. These were designed for the March 2006 Consequences of War Conference—we had more printed. Men's (M,L,XL & Women's (S,M,L) styles. Light blue shirts, 3-color printing. \$15.0 each (3 for \$42). View pictures of the shirts at www.iowa-psr.org (go to the Promotions page).	\$ _____
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