Martin Luther King Memorial Community Reading

“Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence”
Public, Shared Readings in 16 Parts
Tuesday, April 5 at 12 noon, 2 pm and 4:30 pm
The day after the anniversary of this prophetic speech (1967) and his assassination (1968)

Oscar Grant/Frank Ogawa Plaza (Oakland 12th St. BART)
Join us for an intergenerational mosaic of voices, reawakening King’s power for the here and now.

“I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today—my own government.”
-Martin Luther King Jr.

“Sounds like he's talking now, but he was assassinated in 1968!”
-Comment by walk-on participant from a previous year’s reading of this fierce MLK gem
A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.

Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism.

“The Western arrogance of feeling that it has everything to teach others and nothing to learn from them is not just.

In international conflicts, the truth is hard to come by because most nations are deceived about themselves. Rationalizations and the incessant search for scapegoats are the psychological cataracts that blind us to our sins.”

This event is part of the Global Days of Action Against Military Spending (GDAMS), April 5 to 18 <demilitarize.org>.

To see “Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break the Silence” as it’s rendered into the sixteen reading segments, go to <tinyurl.com/MLKSpeachInSections>.

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