

CITIZEN WEAPONS INSPECTIONS

As the Bush administration tries to rally support for a preemptive attack on Iraq, debate over the status of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction continues. One question remains in the shadow:



Who will disarm America?

The University of California manages the United States' principal nuclear weapons labs: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The design, testing, development and use of weapons of mass destruction is prohibited under international law. No nation should be allowed to hide its weapons programs from full and open inspection by the United Nations. This includes both the United States and Iraq.

If UC were to allow weapons inspections, this would promote international peace, transparency, democracy and equality, which are values the university claims as its own.

The United States is a party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which became law in 1970. Article VI states,

"Each of the Parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control."

There is ample evidence that the U.S. is in fact continuing to develop weapons of mass destruction. For example:

- Congress has allocated \$15 million for Livermore and Los Alamos scientists to study the development of the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator.
- The National Ignition Facility (NIF) is a mega-laser under construction at Livermore Lab. NIF weapons effects experiments, including "laser/fireball" tests, may be used in connection with missile defense concepts and the development of low-yield nuclear weapons.

What:

On Veterans Day a model citizen weapons inspection team will demand United Nations inspections of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), a U.S. facility involved in the research, design, development, and testing of weapons of mass destruction. You can be part of a delegation, or come to demand an end to all weapons of mass destruction.

Where and When:

On Monday, November 11, 2002 (Veteran's Day), we will gather at 11:45 AM on the corner of East Ave. and Vasco Rd. (take Vasco Rd. off of I-580 and go South about 2 miles), and walk to the West Gate of Livermore Lab on Vasco Rd. **The delegation will arrive at the West Gate of Livermore Lab at noon.**

Who:

Student groups, peace, social justice, environmental groups and any caring, interested people are invited. To be part of the program you must form a delegation and **RSVP** to Tara (925) 443-7148 or taradorabji@yahoo.com. Heads of delegations will be given 1-2 minutes in the program to describe their group and why they believe these inspections are important. Delegations must RSVP. Please include the number of people in your group and if your delegation would like to co-sponsor or endorse the event.

Bring/Wear:

Badges, banners, clipboards, cameras, weapons inspector jackets (light blue preferred), uniforms (if you are in the military), robes (if you are in a religious order), or other appropriate props and apparel. Let us know if you can help make props!

All participants in this action are to abide by **NONVIOLENCE GUIDELINES** (see back).

Given the overwhelming evidence

We call on the U.S. government to admit international weapons inspectors into the Livermore and Los Alamos National Labs, and we call upon the University of California to support these inspections.
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NONVIOLENCE GUIDELINES

From Livermore Conversion Project: As participants we agree to abide by the following nonviolent discipline in all our actions.

- We will harbor no anger but suffer the anger of the opponent*
- We will refuse to return the assault of the opponent.
- We will refrain from insults and inappropriate language.
- We will protect opponents from insults or attacks.
- If arrested we will not resist. Nor will we go limp.
- If arrested we will behave in an exemplary manner. We will not evade the legal consequences of our actions.
- Our attitude as conveyed through words, symbols and actions will be one of openness, friendliness and respect toward all other people we encounter including Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory Security officers and workers.
- We will not damage any property.
- We will not bring or use any drugs or alcohol.
- We will not run or use any threatening motions.
- We will carry no weapons.
- Without passing judgement on its use, we will not engage in symbolic blood pouring.
- Plans for our activities are shared with the authorities.
- As members of the nonviolent demonstration, we will follow the directions of the designated coordinators. In the event of a serious disagreement, we will remove ourselves from the action.

*The term opponent is borrowed from Gandhi and is meant to indicate one with whom one is in opposition but whom one does not consider an enemy.

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