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Protest in Washington DC-4 Days in April

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ARMS RACE**

Freeze and reverse the arms race beginning with a halt on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons.

**OPPOSE
APARTHEID/
END RACISM**

Oppose U.S. government and corporate support for South African apartheid and overcome racism at home.

**APRIL 19-22 • PROTEST
IN WASHINGTON DC**

**4
DAYS
APRIL**

ALSO JOIN IN LOCAL ACTIONS ON TAX DAY, APRIL 15

Throughout our country's history there have been times when it was necessary for citizens to gather to proclaim their vision of a just and peaceful nation. This is again such a time. As Ronald Reagan and his administration enter a second term, we call upon people from every corner of our country to join us in four days of protest and witness in Washington DC from Friday, April 19 to Monday, April 22, building on our local activities on Tax Day, April 15.

We will go to Washington DC, our nation's capital, with a clear vision and a unified message:

- 1) **Stop U.S. military intervention in Central America.** Support human freedom and dignity by also ending intervention in the Caribbean, the Middle East, Asia, the Pacific and Europe.
- 2) **Create jobs; cut the military budget.** Provide for human needs and challenge racism and discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation.
- 3) **Freeze and reverse the arms race** beginning with a halt on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons.
- 4) **Oppose U.S. government and corporate support for South African apartheid and overcome racism at home.**

We know our government can and must take the initiative to reduce the threat of nuclear holocaust. It is possible for the contending powers to agree to take their disputes to the negotiating table rather than the arms factories and battlefields. We envision a world in which the hungry are fed, the homeless are housed, the unemployed have work, workplaces are safe, railroads and highways are repaired, and our children find quality education in our public schools. We want to live free of the threat of violence, whether from bombs, chemical disasters, police brutality or the hatred of racism and sexism. These are modest goals for a wealthy country such as ours.

Treasuring our heritage of liberty, freedom and human rights, we stand proudly together: Black, Latino, Asian, Native American and White, young and old, women and men, lesbian, gay and straight, and proclaim that nothing justifies the denial of full equal rights for all. Remembering the rich and varied history of struggle that we build on, we call for an end to US military intervention

in El Salvador, Nicaragua and the rest of Central America, an end to support for brutal dictatorships such as those of Pinochet in Chile and Marcos in the Philippines, and a new beginning for a free and democratic South Africa with majority rule.

Like others before us, we can exercise power and change history. We will make it known that there is no national mandate for war and injustice, for poverty and militarism, for racism and violence. We are clear in our call for an end to policies that include daily threats and attacks against the people of El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala, policies that will inevitably lead us into a regional war in Central America, and the danger of greater military conflict in the Middle East and Southern Africa. We urge non-military solutions to the real and deep problems in those regions. We oppose the introduction of nuclear weapons into new areas, and are determined to rid the world of all nuclear weapons. We are clear in our demand for economic and social justice for all people, regardless of the color of their

skin, their gender or sexual orientation, their physical capabilities or age.

Our actions this April will articulate our increased awareness of the links between our various concerns. We see that the cruelty our government inflicts on other nations reflects our own daily domestic experiences. We organize at home and go to Washington unified in our commitment to strengthen the popular, democratic and nonviolent movement for peace and justice. We go to Washington demanding that our tax dollars no longer be used for war and death but rather, to help build a safe and loving world. Our goals are broad because we believe they can only be achieved together.

Ten years ago this April the War in Vietnam ended. We recall that war and what it took to stop it. We know our protests make a difference, and when we stand with the struggling people of the world we have the strength to turn the tide.

Join us April 19 to 22 for four days of public protest, action and witness. Our nation is in grave crisis and throughout the world people are suffering. If ever there was a time to march on Washington, this is it. Come with determination and hope. Come for justice, come for peace.

CALENDAR OF ACTIONS

**MONDAY
APRIL 15** local activities throughout the country.

**FRIDAY
APRIL 19** Educational and cultural events in Washington DC.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 20** Protest in Washington DC. Gatherings at several sites throughout Washington, and culminate in a brief final rally.

APRIL 21 Training sessions for lobbying and nonviolent civil disobedience on Monday. Educational and cultural activities.

**MONDAY
APRIL 22** Lobbying at Congressional offices on Capitol Hill and nonviolent civil disobedience at Washington DC. Hill and nonviolent civil disobedience at San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle to coincide with the Washington, DC mobilization.

CALL TO ACTION

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Name (individual)

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Our organization supports the Call for the Peace & Justice Mobilization and wants to add our name to the list of endorsing groups.

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Please send us _____ copies of this Call.

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We are actively organizing to mobilize people, please let us know what other groups are working in our area.

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Enclosed is a check for \$_____ to help cover organizing costs.

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