



Tales from the White Dog Cafe

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Targeting Terrorists

If it made any sense to bomb terrorist training centers, then an ideal target would be the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. In their 52 year history, they may well have trained more terrorists than any school in the world. Graduates of this U.S. Army school, who include Latin America's most notorious human rights abusers, have been cited for carrying out massacres, rape, murder, extortion and torture.

Certainly the bombing of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania was despicable, but the eye for an eye approach exemplified by U.S. attacks on suspected terrorist centers in Afghanistan and Sudan will only bring more violence and further endanger innocent people. While our schools teach children to use words, not fists, our government shows them to resolve conflicts with violence in the name of national security. Does this lesson really make our playgrounds more safe and our communities more secure? When will we finally listen to Dr. King's words: "One day we must see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means."

We'll be targeting terrorists, but not with bombs, when we gather outside the gates of Fort Benning in November. Surely those who choose non-violent civil disobedience as a weapon against an institution which has shamed our country show greater patriotism and promise of lasting peace and security than those who drop bombs in our name.

Judy Wicks



Close the School of the Americas

Join the White Dog Cafe delegation to Ft. Benning in Columbus, Georgia for a Vigil and Civil Disobedience sponsored by SOA Watch.

November 21-22

November marks the 9th Anniversary of the assassination of six Jesuit priests and two women co-workers in El Salvador at the hands of Salvadoran army officers trained with U.S. tax dollars at the U.S. Army School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. This massacre is but one horrifying example of the "work" of SOA whose graduates are responsible for thousands of deaths and human rights abuses throughout Latin America.

Last year military police arrested 601 "line crossers" including members of the White Dog delegation, who participated in civil disobedience aimed at closing the School.

Your participation in the vigil and (optional) civil disobedience will commemorate the lives of the Jesuits and countless others, and pressure Congress to end this shameful chapter in our country's history. Call 386-9224 for information on flights and hotels, as well as info on videos and other documentation of SOA history.

Lunch with J. Brian Atwood

Monday, October 5, 12pm

"Democracy: Beyond the Ballot Box"

A respected reformer, Atwood is Administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the independent government agency that provides economic development and humanitarian assistance overseas. He has been a driving force behind USAID's **Lessons Without Borders** program, which has applied successful overseas development assistance programs to the problems of America's inner cities. He will discuss the future of democracy in the developing world and in the 21st century.

Two-course lunch followed by discussion.

\$16.50 includes tax & tip. Reservations required - 386-9224.

Happy Birthday, Gandhi!

our 8th annual Celebration of Non-Violent Resistance

Monday, October 12, 6pm

honoring

Father Roy Bourgeois

Founder and Director of SOA Watch,

Maryknoll priest and Vietnam veteran, who was recently released from federal prison after completing a six month sentence for trespassing at the US Army base last November, making a total of four years served as a prisoner of conscience. Regional SOA Watch director Linda Panetta will also participate in the program.

Three course vegetarian dinner \$20, including tax & gratuity.

(October 2 is Mahatma Gandhi's 130th birthday.)