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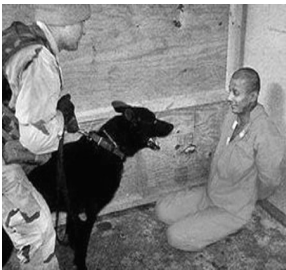
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

April 6th -- PALMER LEGARE

"Strategies to Shut Down the School of Assassins"

The School of the Americas (SOA), in 2001 renamed the "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation," is a combat training school for Latin American soldiers, located at Fort Benning, Georgia. Over its 59 years, the SOA has trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers in counterinsurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics. Among those targeted by SOA graduates are educators, union organizers, religious workers, student leaders, and others who work for the rights of the poor. The next organized event to bring attention to the atrocities of the SOA is a National Fast from April 23-25.

Palmer Legare, based in Vermont, is a national organizer for the School of Americas Watch. He has been active in the anti-SOA campaign for numerous years, serving 3 months in prison in 2002 for an act of civil disobedience in 2001.



April 13th -- Attys. MANIQUE W. BLOOM & JEREMY A. ROBBINS
"Torture, Rendition and Guantanamo"

Several lawyers at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP in Boston, working through the Center for Constitutional Rights, have represented pro bono six Bosnian-Algerian men detained since 2002 at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The case (*Boumediene v. Bush*), recently heard by the Supreme Court, challenged whether the petitioners' indefinite military imprisonment as "enemy combatants" lacks Congressional authorization and hence violates due process. Upcoming efforts will focus on the European Court of Human Rights to secure justice for their clients.

Manique Bloom worked, prior to law school, as an advocate in a program that provides career planning & job placement for a network of homeless shelters and later interned with Cambridge/Somerville Legal Services, assisting on housing & disability issues. Jeremy Robbins interned with the Office of Legal Affairs at the Drug Policy Institute in California and then assisted two Argentine human rights organizations in developing & implementing projects for the betterment of prison conditions there.

April 20th -- LEE FICH

"Liberation Seder"

It is again time for our congregation's traditional, non traditional, non-sectarian Liberation Seder, a celebration of the renewal offered by Spring. In our own way, we interpret the story of Passover. We are mindful of those traditions predating monotheism. Join us with Lee Fich as our leader. Lee Fich is a good friend of the Community Church and has led this celebration many times over the past years. (Please bring potluck food to share)

April 27th -- KLARE ALLEN

"The Struggle Against the Bio-Lab Continues"

The past two years has been an incredible time for the campaign against BU's Bio-Terror Lab. After years of ongoing struggle against the level 4 lab construction in the Roxbury/South End area, 2007 saw national awareness of the campaign, rulings in favor of the campaign against the lab from the state and federal level, and incredible growth in the number of people involved. But the campaign is not over.

Join us as we welcome Klare Allen, lead organizer, rabble-rouser, mother, and activist to share with us. Klare has been involved with the campaign against the biolab since the beginning. She organizes with SafetyNet and the Coalition Against the Biolab.



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