

COME TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE in NYC, MARCH 13 and 23!

On Monday, March 13, Judge Claudia Morcom, representing MCLI, and leaders of ACLU, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty Intl, Center for Constitutional Rights, AFSC, World Organization for Human Rights, and others will make brief presentations to the UN Human Rights Committee on Issues of U.S. human rights violations. ***One must get a pass to attend. Contact MCLI.***

On Thursday, March 23, from 6-8 p.m., MCLI will join the National Lawyers Guild, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Columbia Human Rights Institute, Unitarian Universalist UN Office, Brooklyn St. Paul Community Baptist Church, Int'l Commn. of Inquiry on Bush Administration Crimes Against Humanity, labor and Arab and Muslim anti-discrimination organizations, for a panel discussion: Challenging the 2005 U.S. Report to UN Human Rights Committee. Committee members will hear what the U.S. Government is/is not doing to carry out the commitments it made when it ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), with its reporting requirements.

Mar. 23 meeting at 777 UN Plaza at 44th St., before First Ave., NYC.

The March 23 meeting builds on the Committee requests to NGOs to submit Issues raised by the U.S. Report. The Committee will consider these Issues at length at its July meeting in Geneva.

Cong. Barbara Lee is presenting a report to Congress in February based on MCLI's 13 Issues, emphasizing U.S. failure to report properly to the UN, inaction re Katrina, and continuing Government practices resulting in racial discrimination.

After reading the 200 page official U.S. combined 2d/3d Report to the Committee, Ann Fagan Ginger prepared Issues of particular concern to MCLI and Polly J. Halfkenny, general counsel for United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, prepared Issues related to Labor. The 13 Issues, with footnote citations to sources, are largely based on MCLI's report book, "Challenging U.S. Human Rights Violations Since 9/11." Human Rights Advocates joined in this submission.

***The full Issues document by MCLI is available at
http://www.mcli.org/Issues_dec19B.pdf.***