

# HUMAN RIGHTS NOW!

*Newsletter of the  
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## The Up and the Down at MCLI

**Dear Friends of MCLI:**

These are great days at MCLI -- AND we have a funding emergency and need your help now!

**Rep. Barbara Lee just sent emails to all members of Congress about our "Undoing the Bush-Cheney Legacy" book, and the day BrassCheckTV.com listed it as the top video on its site we sold almost 100 copies!**

And we still owe \$15,000. AFTER receiving all of the donations listed on page 7, *for which we are VERY grateful!* We need the same number and amounts of donations every month from now on! We need you to send \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or whatever you can afford. ***Please make monthly donations if that is easier*** than sending one large check now, and mail a check or make a donation on line at [www.mcli.org](http://www.mcli.org). Also, can you ask a dozen friends to come to a book party for MCLI? (See page 8)

We have been consumed with the 4-Treaties Reporting Project, writing and publishing our new books, going to community meetings on Oscar Grant's case (see page 5) and immigrant rights (see page 3) and nuclear issues, and national conventions and planning CLEs, advising people in need, and.... So we spent too little time on fundraising.

MCLI has a remarkably small budget, considering the amount of work we do and the importance of this work (see pages 3-5). I contribute all my time. So do our Editor, Representative to the U.N. Committee meetings, our Archivist, and many others.

We have committed ourselves to mending our ways. A consultant is volunteering his time to help us develop a short- and long-term financial plan.

In spite of our funding issues, these are great days at MCLI. The National Lawyers Guild International Committee just enthusiastically welcomed **our proposed new Human Rights Training and Reporting Authorization Act** (see page 4). And Bernandine Dohrn recently told me that Chicago-based community organizations might be interested in MCLI's 4-Treaty Reporting Project since the City of Chicago has adopted the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We have a new project addressing the economic crisis: MCLI's **Eco-Econ Project** to provide MCLI's typical critical and creative ideas to work for ecologically sound economic plans and to help people survive this Depression. *Here our work is broadened by turning to folks active in the 1930s as well as the 1960s and '70s and '90s and '09.*

At this "dire moment" for the U.S., and the world, MCLI's work for peace law and human rights is more critical than ever. The future of MCLI is actually at stake so please make a donation now.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Fagan Ginger".

Ann Fagan Ginger for the MCLI Board

## Health Care for All?

*A Second Opinion: Rescuing America's Health Care*, Arnold S. Relman, M.D., The Century Foundation, Public Affairs, N.Y. 2007.

*Critical: What We Can Do About the Health Care Crisis* Tom Daschle, St. Martin's Press, 2008.

*Code Red: An Economist Explains How to Revive the Healthcare System without Destroying it*, David Dranove, Princeton Univ. Press, 2008

These three books, none of them very long, give us three quite different perspectives on the health care system. Arnold Relman is a former editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine and an emeritus professor at Harvard Medical School. During his career he witnessed the gradual commercialization of American medicine. A system based on nonprofit institutions turned into one based on investor owned profit making hospitals, nursing homes, dialysis centers, health insurance companies, and after the HMO Act of 1973, Health Maintenance Organizations. And a system composed largely of primary care physicians motivated by professional values turned into one made up largely of specialists and based on business practices. (Today some medical schools are even offering prospective doctors joint M.D./M.B.A. degrees).

Dr. Relman believes this transformation is the chief cause, but not the only cause, of the high and rising costs of medicine in the U.S. and also of our poor showing in comparison with the overall health status of the population in other industrialized countries (we are 36th in line). His book is an extended argument for de-commercializing health care and doing that by instituting a single-payer universal health insurance system.

Senator Tom Daschle had hoped to be the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. After years of experience in Congress working for health care reforms, his book presents what he considers a realistic estimate of what can be expected from Congress in the Obama administration. And what we can realistically expect on his view are some reforms that build on the existing system. Reforms that make it possible for more people to have health insurance, that make it hard for insurance companies to deny insurance to persons with pre-existing medical problems, and hopefully, establishing a voluntary public

health insurance plan that will compete with the private sector plans. Daschle also wants to create an impartial public/private entity similar to the Federal Reserve Board to regulate the health insurance companies. I don't believe students of the Federal Reserve would agree that the Fed does an impartial regulatory job (William Greider, for example, certainly does not in *Secrets of the Temple: How the Federal Reserve Runs the Country*, Simon and Schuster, 1987). Daschle, however, is convinced that Congress is not capable of doing the job itself

David Dranove is a Professor of Health Industry Management at Northwestern University. His book is a short course in the history and problems of health care policy in the United States, largely since the war. And that history illustrates the main problem for a commercialized system: what carrots and sticks can government best apply to drive the system in the direction of what best serves the public interest? The difficulties here are virtually endless. For example, if investor owned hospitals are paid by Medicare or Medicaid on a per diem basis, they will be tempted to keep patients days longer than really necessary. If they are paid on a set fee for a specific operation, they will be tempted to release the patient as soon as possible, even if - as we learned not long ago - that means simply dumping the person on the street. And how many of the 117 million CAT and MRI scans performed in 2007 were actually necessary? Did the equivalent of a third of the population of the U.S. really need scanning in one year, at a cost of \$300 to \$3000 a scan? It's not that doctors deliberately order unnecessary scans, but if one is in doubt and the hospital needs to pay for its machine and one is worried about a possible malpractice suit, better to be safe than sorry. So what sort of policies could be established to deal with this problem? My impression from Prof. Dranove's book is that reasonable policies can be devised by trial and error, but as long as the system is based on profit making, it will be a very rickety structure as far as the public interest is concerned.

None of these books addresses what I believe is a further source of the rising cost of health care in the U.S., and that is the increasing incidence of diseases that we have found to be produced by our high level of chemical, radiological and electromagnetic pollution. Instead of our industries shouldering the costs of dealing with these pollutants, the costs continue to be shifted onto the public in the form of disease, the diseases of industrial civilization.

- Editor.

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**"UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
IS THE LAW'  
AN IMMEDIATE HIT**

**Dec. 10:** On Human Rights Day, MCLI issued its 4th Little Book with Eleanor Roosevelt's picture on the cover holding a large copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The book has been an immediate success:

*"As I enter the California State Assembly, I will carry in my pocket 'The Universal Declaration of Human Rights Is the Law.' It will serve as a critical guide to help me identify the language of treaties ratified by the U.S. that contain specific rights declared in the UDHR,"* Bill Monning, Member of California State Assembly, 27th AD

*"The inspiring concepts in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights have become the law of the land that we can use in our daily work. That is the message of this handy new book by Ann Fagan Ginger. As we face the problems of 2009 and 2010, we can carry with us this little book and quote the treaty language to declare and enforce our rights,"* Bruce F. Knotts, Executive Director -- Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office

"Wherever I go and show the Little Blue Book -- UN-A, US Labor Against War, UUSC, Sierra Club / Greens -- people want to get a copy for themselves, and 'Oh, I better get one for my son/daughter,'" Ann Ginger reports.

The book is the first to prove language in three treaties the U.S. has ratified that turn the U.D.H.R. "declarations" into enforceable law.

Bonus: FD Roosevelt's very timely but little known "2nd economic Bill of Rights" is in the Appendix.

**MCLI Welcomes  
New Summer Intern**

MCLI is pleased to announce its selection of Casey Truelove as its 2009 summer Haywood Burns NLG intern. Casey is a second-year law student at the University of San Francisco and was selected from an impressive pool of applicants! She will be gathering research and contacts for the Four Treaty Reporting Project as well as updating the *Undoing the Bush Cheney Legacy* book, and MCLI's report on Durban 2.

**CONGRESS MEMBER  
BARBARA LEE  
USING "UNDOING THE BUSH-  
CHENEY LEGACY"**

**Feb. 8:** At a book party for her new memoir, *Renegade for Peace and Justice*, Congress member Barbara Lee talked with MCLI's Ann Fagan Ginger about what MCLI is doing. Ann gave her a copy of *Undoing the Bush-Cheney Legacy* and described how Lee could use this in her work in the new Congress.

Lee was immediately enthusiastic.

The next day her office called to say that Lee wanted copies to give to every member of Congress. Within a day this had become a request that MCLI send her D.C. office a PDF copy that every Congress member could print out.

Kot Hordynski, Office Manager, and Richard Challacombe, MCLI Photo Editor, prepared the 190 page second edition of the book and sent it to Lee's D.C. office.

Feb. 18, Lee's office reported that Cong. Lee had sent an email to every member of Congress describing the content of the book and how to get their PDF copy. Then she sent a second email repeating this announcement.

Feb. 17: Ginger attended a meeting addressed by Sen. Bernie Sanders and gave him a copy, which he accepted gratefully.

If you want to contact your Congress member on the over 50 statutes, signing statement, executive orders, and regulations they need to amend or repeal, order your copy now by phone or online (see page 7), and get a copy for someone else working in these first 100 days -- and till the job is done!

**Petition Filed With Inter-American  
Commission On Human Rights**

**Dec. 18:** Latino Justice Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund (PRLDEF) filed a petition with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights denouncing the U.S. for failing to meet its obligations to ensure the security of Latinos residing in the U.S. Local police are not protecting Latinos from hate crimes and the situation has deteriorated as many municipalities have taken on policing formerly done only by the federal immigration authorities. Recently three Latinos have been killed and many have reported attacks and beatings.

MCLI signed onto the petition at the suggestion of Board Member Steve Bingham.

For a copy of the petition visit:  
[www.LatinoJustice.org/civilrights/HumanRights/index.html](http://www.LatinoJustice.org/civilrights/HumanRights/index.html)

## A HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING & REPORTING AUTHORIZATION BILL?

Could the new Congress vote to authorize the Department of Justice to conduct training sessions on human rights for all relevant federal agencies, in D.C. and throughout the U.S., and to give the Department of State funding to do what the U.S. agreed to do when it ratified four U.N. treaties?

MCLI is asking this question to really end racism in government under the Obama administration and to cause the U.S. to fulfill its duties under ratified treaties: Convention Against Torture, Convention on Elimination of Racial Discrimination, International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights, and International Labour Organization Convention on Elimination of Child Labour.

The Bill could authorize funding for the Civil Rights Division of DOJ to conduct training sessions for FBI agents, U.S. Marshals, and everyone in government needing such training so the Depression does not lead to worse discrimination by race and class.

The Bill could provide funding for DOS to:

- \* publicize the treaty texts in all federal agencies
- \* notify all state attorneys general to notify all relevant state, county, and city agencies
- \* prepare and submit the required reports on time to the four U.N. committees: HRC, CERD, CAT, CRC, and ILO
- \* respond to the Concluding Observations of each of the Committees fully and on time.

**Eric Brenman, Secretary, Berkeley Peace & Justice Commission**, says the City decision to make the required reports: "... recognizes that human rights are high priority issues for City officials, civil servants, and City Commissions given the knowledge that factual and statistical reports are provided to support the U.S. reports to the [U.N. Committees], to be reviewed in Geneva and New York."

\* The International Committee of the National Lawyer's Guild strongly supports this bill.

\* The Four Treaties Task Force of the Social Justice Center of Marin also supports this bill.

For more, go to: [www.mcli.org](http://www.mcli.org)

## MCLI Intern Passes N.Y. Bar

Christiana Martin, who was a pre-law intern at MCLI from Sept. 1995 to Aug. 1996, has graduated from CUNY Law School and passed the New York Bar exam.

She joins the 400 pre-law and law school interns MCLI has worked with since 1965.

## Alison Des Forges -- Presenté

Alison Des Forges, human rights activist and world's foremost expert on Rwanda, died in New York plane crash from Newark to Buffalo on February 12, 2009. Des Forges was senior advisor to Human Rights Watch's Africa division for almost twenty years.

Kenneth Roth, Exec. Dir., Human Rights Watch: Des Forges was "truly wonderful, the epitome of the human rights activist - principled, dispassionate, committed to the truth and to using that truth to protect ordinary people. She was among the first to highlight the ethnic tensions that led to the genocide, and when it happened and the world stood by and watched, Alison did everything humanly possible to save people. Then she wrote the definitive account. There was no one who knew more and did more to document the genocide and to help bring the perpetrators to justice."

Ms. Des Forges testified as an expert witness at 11 genocide trials at the tribunal based in Arush, Tanzania.

But the murder of unarmed children, women and men did not end. This time the victims were Hutu civilians -- 30,000 -- killed by Tutsi forces of the Rwandan Patriotic Front that formed a new government in Kigali. This was an unpopular story in 1994. Human rights advocates now denounced her for reporting on Tutsi atrocities against Hutus. She was literally shouted down at speaking engagements in Europe. According to the Washington Post, the Clinton administration, traumatized by the genocide and shamed by their failure to stop it, gave the new Tutsi government a pass on its abuses against Hutu civilians.

Des Forges asked, "Where do we cross the line in order to call genocide by its right name? Is it 500,000, ...800,000 that must die before we use the word 'genocide'?" Some want to say that this genocide is the result of age-old hatreds, tribal warfare... but no, it was done systematically, by a definite recognizable group and the international community could have and should have intervened. But they did not.

Des Forges also brought Bill Clinton to task by exposing him when he stated that the cries of the Rwandans had not penetrated the White House. Des Forges said "that is simply not true. The Pentagon and the White House knew." This has been validated by the recent release of Pentagon documents.

A mere 5 feet tall, Alison Des Forges was mighty in word, deed and principles. The ordinary people of Rwanda and the world will miss Alison Des Forges and her stand for justice. As MCLI and others continue the struggle for human rights, her examples should remind us that reporting, testifying, exposing, and shaming the perpetrators of genocide and/or crimes against humanity empowers all those engaged in the cause of justice.

by Victoria Sawicki – Whose friend worked closely with Alison Des Forges

**MCLI Joins Efforts To  
Convince New Administration To  
Participate In DURBAN REVIEW  
CONFERENCE**

The UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban in September 2001 drew hundreds of NGO members from the U.S. MCLI attended and encouraged Congress member Barbara Lee to attend and make a presentation, which she did.

Now Durban 2 (or the Durban Review Conference) is being organized, to take place in Geneva April 20-24. The Bush Administration planned to boycott this meeting because it walked out of the first Durban Conference after the body voted to seek reparations for descendants of slavery in all nations where slavery had existed.

On Feb. 9, MCLI signed onto a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, with copies to Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., and Congresswoman Barbara Lee, prepared by Ejim Dike at the Urban Justice Center. Over 35 organizations and almost 40 professors and activists signed onto the letter, which states:

*"In this new day of optimism for a renewed commitment to human rights, it is imperative for the United States to take a leadership role in engaging with the global community to combat racism...."*

The State Department recently indicated it is reconsidering how the U.S. should participate.

Judge Claudia Morcom (ret.), MCLI Board Member, will represent MCLI at the Conference.

**HELP WANTED**

MCLI is looking for a dedicated, detail-minded person to put together the 13th ed. of our "Human Rights Organizations & Periodicals Directory" Contact us at (510) 848-0599 M-F 11am-6 pm.

**People of Eureka and Arcata Say No To  
Army Recruiting Youth Under 18**

**Fall:** 2,200 people in Eureka, California signed petitions to put on the ballot a measure prohibiting U.S. military recruiters from seeking to recruit anyone in the city under 18. So did 2,200 people in Arcata.

They debated with members of the American Legion and others. They acted when the news is that there are 200,000 veterans of this and previous wars who are homeless. And the news is that 18 veterans commit suicide every day.

Nov. 4 they voted. They won by 57% in Eureka and by 73% in Arcata among 38,000 citizens. The U.S. Department of Defense asked the U.S. Department of Justice to sue in federal court to prevent enforcement of this decision.

MCLI suggested including in the City's defense the 9th and 10th Amendments and Art. I, Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

For updates, visit:

<http://www.stoprecruitingkids.org/>

**A Friend of the Court  
Appearance Supporting Prosecution of  
THE BART POLICEMAN WHO  
KILLED OSCAR GRANT?**

**Feb. 18:** The Alameda County District Attorney will present his case charging BART police officer Johannes Mehserle with murder for killing Oscar Grant, a young African American working father, on a BART platform early in the morning of Jan. 1. The police said there was an altercation among young men of color. According to many witnesses, and video captured by cell phones, Mehserle forced Grant to his knees, and shot the shackled man in the back, killing him.

Charges were brought after many Oakland community leaders and angry youth held meetings and marches demanding action because this killing by the police was the latest of many attacks that have gone unprosecuted.

Rev. Daniel Buford, MCLI vice president, reports concern that BART and Oakland police may fill the courtroom during trial, seeking to affect the diligence of the prosecution and the vote of the jury.

MCLI asks: Could the National Lawyers Guild and other concerned NGOs make an appearance as friends of the court (amicus curiae) in support of the prosecution, as they have often appeared amicus supporting African Americans, political radicals, and "unpopular" defendants?

The friend of the court appearance would bring to the attention of the court and the jury legal precedents the prosecutor would not include in his presentation, i.e., that the police killing violated U.S. and California criminal law, and also treaties the U.S. has ratified. This treaty law is the supreme law of the U.S. and the states under the U.S. Constitution, and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby. (Art. 6, sec. 2)

The United Nations Charter provides that every ratifying nation agree to "promote: ...universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race,..." The Convention on Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination is even more specific, ratified by U.S. in 1994.

For the latest news on this, go to [www.mcli.org](http://www.mcli.org)

**First Conviction in U.S. For Torture  
Committed In Another Country**

**Miami, Jan. 9:** For the first time in U.S. history, a federal jury voted to convict a U.S. resident, Charles "Chuckie" Taylor, of torture he committed in another country, Liberia. U.S. District Judge Cecilia Altonaga sentenced the 31 year old son of Charles Taylor, former Pres. of Liberia, to 97 years for leading a campaign of torture against opponents of his father.

**MCLI Comment:** Any other nation having a similar law might arrest, try, and convict George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld of war crimes, crimes against peace, torture, and other acts forbidden in treaties ratified by the U.S. (See p.6)

***The Constitution in Crisis: The High Crimes of the Bush Administration and a Blueprint for Impeachment***, Rep. John Conyers, Jr. and Staff, Skyhorse Publishing, NY, 2007. A Review

This book was published two years ago, but it is a powerful and fascinating work that should be a permanent part of every library and every school library. Not only does it present, step by step, the evolution of the lawlessness of the Bush Administration, but it also follows the struggle of patriotic Congress men and women trying to reign in the Administration. Their struggle was against almost hopeless odds. They could not get committee hearings because all the committees were in the hands of Republican Party loyalists, that is, persons whose only perceived obligations were those to their own Party. They could not get investigations of clear violations of law because the Justice Department was in the hands of the similarly irresponsible Alberto Gonzalez. They could not get a Resolution of Inquiry passed in Congress because it could never get to the floor for a vote. Letters to the President, Pentagon, or other administration officers sometimes from fifty or more Congress people received no replies. And the Fourth Estate was no more mindful of its own responsibilities, responsibilities inseparable from the right to a free press.

The report is divided into two parts. The first is on violations of the statutes on committing fraud against the United States, making false statements to Congress, the War Powers Act, misuse of government funds, improper detention, torture, and inhumane treatment, the Anti-torture statute, the War Crimes Act, and many others. Texts of these laws are provided in an appendix. Part II deals with violations of statutes regarding surveillance and civil liberties. The whole is supported by 1401 footnotes to sources. The book is available new from alibris.com for \$2.95.

In her introduction to the report, Elizabeth Holzman -- who served on the Judiciary Committee when Hearings were held on Nixon's impeachment -- comments that "This is the third time in the last sixty years that presidents [Johnson, Nixon, and Bush] have, through lies and deception, embroiled this nation in wars or substantial military action, each of which was disastrous in its own way...This pattern of impunity for presidents must stop. Impeaching President Bush for lying to get us into a war will not only protect us from him, but also send an un mistake-

able message to future presidents, never again."Of course it is too late for impeachment, but it is not too late for indictment.

*The Broken Branch: How Congress is Failing America and How to Get it Back on Track*, T.Mann and N.Ornstein, Oxford Univ. Press, 2008.

A detailed study by two political scientists of the changes in institutional practices in Congress, beginning under the Democrats, that paved the way for the massive shift of power from the Congressional to the Executive Branch under the Bush regime.

- Editor

**Abhayraj Naik: Meiklejohn and Yale University Fellow**

I first came across an MCLI publication in early 2008 when carrying out research for my Masters course at the Yale Law School. Swamped with course work as I then was, I didn't bother looking into MCLI or the projects it was involved with. Thankfully, I had another opportunity soon enough.

My independent research brought me to the Bay Area, and MCLI was mentioned at my very first meeting in San Francisco. This time around, I spent some time going through the MCLI website and also reading about MCLI's activities (and Alexander Meiklejohn's ideas) on the Internet. Based on what I read, I knew that I would simply have to involve myself with MCLI in one way or the other. For starters, I have not seen a clearer or a more sustainable vision for human rights protection in the US than MCLI's 4-Treaties Human Rights Reporting Project.

Each of my visits to MCLI over the past two months has been wonderfully educative and enjoyable. Ann has been extremely welcoming and has graciously guided me in formulating a long-term project to create human rights indicators that augment treaty-based human rights reporting. I hope to use these indicators in addressing the tragic incidence of torture in the northeast region of India, and I am sure that this project will prove useful for human rights reporting in many different parts of the world.

I am committed to education and to preserving and improving humankind's common heritage -- and I am convinced that the start of my serendipitous association with MCLI bodes well for the future.



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**Save these dates! -- Upcoming MCLI events:**

***Sunday Evening, March 29th,  
Richmond, CA***

**Fundraising PARTY!**

Music, good conversation, interesting people,  
and refreshments provided. Date is tentative but  
a party will happen! So **please call Vicki  
Sawicki for details (510) 237-3987**

***A Day in May in Sacramento  
Book Party!***

**Susan Scott, Solidarity Lawyer,**  
and **Ann Fagan Ginger, MCLI Editor,**  
discussing *Undoing the Bush-Cheney Legacy: A  
Tool Kit for Congress and Activists* as the first  
100 days come to an end. If you are in the  
Sacto. area, email: [syscott@prodigy.net](mailto:syscott@prodigy.net)

***Tuesday, April 21 7 p.m.,  
Santa Cruz, CA***

**Ann Fagan Ginger** discussing  
*Undoing the Bush-Cheney Legacy: A Tool Kit  
for Congress and Activists* and *The Universal  
Declaration of Human Rights Is the Law*  
Holocaust Remembrance Day with Women's  
International League for Peace & Freedom  
**at the Quaker Meeting House  
225 Rooney St, Santa Cruz**

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