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Alaska Peace Center Community News and Opportunities for Action

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19th, 2017

BRIEFLY:

ALASKA-SPECIFIC EVENTS & CALLS TO ACTION - about issues of peace, justice, and sustainability -

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

MON, NOV 20th:--Fairbanks City Council Mtg 7-8pm

-- 9:30pm ch.9 TV Independent Lens Shadow World: the global arms trade, Invite your community members to viewing parties!

--Weeknights at 9: KUAC2 New Call-In Show, 1A, inspired by the First Amendment, celebrates free speech

TUES, NOV 21st: -- 3rd Annual Tribal Governance Symposium Nov. 21 Wood Ctr Ballroom

THURS, NOV 23rd (FNSB) Assembly regular mtg :--69pm

FRI, NOV 24th: -- 6pm Alaska Peace Center potluck & video

SAT, NOV 25th:--7pm - Fairbanks Community Peace Choir Winter Concert.

ALASKA-SPECIFIC EVENTS AFTER THIS WEEK:

-- Mon, Nov 27 Ground Water Contamination Compounds Information 6-9 pm

-- Dec 1-31 - drones quilt project exhibit

-- Dec.2-General FairbanksClimateActionCoalition Mtg

- Dec. 3- KWRK auction and potluck fundraiser
- Dec. 6, 8am5pm Fbks Symposium on Homelessness
- Dec. 10 - Human Rights Day Alaska Institute for Justice sponsoring human rights vigils
- ALASKA-SPECIFIC ONGOING ISSUES: Community News and Opportunities for Action:
- Podcast Available Social & Scientific Discovery of a Class of Emerging Contaminants: Per Polyfluorinated Chemicals
- Community Action on Toxics
- Citizens for Clean Air.
- >From Northern Center: plans to open the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge to oil & gas development to be voted on as part of the budget bill.
- Federal Tax Bill before Senate:DNC says the bill would add \$11k to Alaskans tax liability
- Alaskan Congressional delegation contacts

ALASKA-SPECIFIC NEWS FROM THE RECENT PAST:

- Alaska Legislatures Session4th Special Session, started October 23, 2017
- :: Fairbanks committing to uphold the goals of the Paris Agreement
- :: America's Wildest Place is Open for Business.
- celebration of Armistice Day
- civic engagement training
- Ready to Resist community call featured Joni Bruner, volunteer organizer with Alaska Grassroots Alliance

OUTSIDE ALASKA EVENTS & CALLS TO ACTION - on issues of peace, justice, and sustainability :

- URGENT! - plan to kill net neutrality
- tax bill "red alert" moment...week of action November 29-December 2
- Last year, the opioid epidemic killed 64,000 people in the U.S.: #1 cause of death for Americans under 50.
- Only Supporters of Peace Should Be Appointed to Nobel Peace Prize Committee: petition
- numerous up-to-date peace & justice events around the world
- the NFL officially threw its full support behind a bill to take on mass incarceration
- Tell the Senate Judiciary Committee it's time to support the Sentencing Reform & Corrections Act.
- Petition to Block ... the nomination of Big Pharma CEO Alex Azar to be secretary of the DHSS
- Another Trump Judicial Nominee 'Not Qualified'
- weakened rules meant to support independent local media
- Jan - Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases Conference

-- House debates U.S. support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen

OUTSIDE ALASKA - IN THE RECENT PAST:

--UN Climate Summit

-- Keystone Pipeline oil spills 210,000-gallon

-- Women and Donald Trump

-- ·Congress military policy bill passes. Ask Congress to reject increases in defense spending.

-- ·Senate breaks silence on nuclear weapons:

-- 1st director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will leave

-- The hazard of appointing mine owners to the position of policing the industry..

Community News and Opportunities for Action IN MORE DETAIL:

ALASKA-SPECIFIC EVENTS & CALLS TO ACTION - about issues of peace, justice, and sustainability -

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th: No local events of peace, justice, and sustainability are known for this date.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th:

--7-8pm Fairbanks City Council Mtg - City Hall, 800 Cushman St(FAF)

-- 9:30pm on KUAC TV ch. 9 [or at <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/shadow-world/>]: Independent Lens Shadow World: From Reagan to Obama, Thatcher to Blair, Shadow World reveals the shocking realities of the global arms trade, the only business that counts its profits in billions & its losses in human lives. Based on The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade, the acclaimed book by Andrew Feinstein, the film explores how governments, their militaries and intelligence agencies, defense contractors, arms dealers and agents are inextricably intertwined with the international trade in weapons, and how that trade fosters corruption, determines economic and foreign policies, undermines democracies and creates human suffering.

Per info@codepink.org: The film is based on the book by Divest from the War Machine Summit speaker Andrew Feinstein. The film takes you into the seedy underworld of the global arms trade & shows why our campaign is needed now more than ever. Invite your community members to viewing parties! We want you with us as we build this campaign to stop our cities, schools, churches and pension funds from making a Killing on Killing! There are some mayors, students and fund managers already taking on projects... Reach out to friends to join you in watching The Shadow World Monday night.

Follow it with a discussion about what we all can take on locally. Let us know if you need

support. Email taylor@codepink.org.

--Weeknights at 9: KUAC2 (9.7 on KUAC TV) Adds New Call-In Show, 1A, about a changing America. Host Joshua Johnson convenes a daily conversation about the most important issues of our time. 1A brings context & insight to stories unfolding across the country & the world. With a name inspired by the First Amendment, the show celebrates free speech and the power of the spoken word. 1A explores important issues such as policy, politics, technology and what connects us across the fissures that divide the country.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st: -

-- from Fairbanks Daily News-Miner: Land-Water-Life is the theme of the 3rd Annual Tribal Governance Symposium Nov. 21 Wood Ctr Ballroom at UAF. The 3-day symposium will feature speakers, panels and storytelling around shared meals, with a goal of exploring innovative ways that Alaska Native communities can increase self-governance and community development. First Alaskans Institute is co-hosting the event for the first time. More than 200 people from around the state are expected to attend.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd: No local events of peace, justice, and sustainability are known for this date.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd:

--69pm - Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Assembly regular mtg in Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal Street. Regular mtgs are on alternate Thursdays unless the presiding officer schedules otherwise. All regular & special mtgs, committee mtgs, & gatherings of more than 3 assembly members are public mtgs and are streamed live via the borough website; Regular Assembly mtgs are aired live on Public Radio (KUAF-FM 89.9). Agenda & more information: www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th:

-- 6pm Alaska Peace Center potluck & 7pm video of Divest from the War Machine Summit, at 3535 College Rd, suite 203.

info@alaskapeace.org.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th:

--7pm -Please come to the Fairbanks Community Peace Choir Winter Concert. The concert is hosted at the Unitarian Universalist building at 4448 Pike's Landing Road (across from the Princess Hotel.) Suggested donation is \$10. Snacks and desserts will be served after the show. This concert is dedicated to (Eleanor) Teri Viereck, a beloved choir member who died in October. The choir is directed this semester by Gianna Drogheo, and is accompanied by pianist Dr. Paul Krecji.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th: No local events known.

ALASKA-SPECIFIC EVENTS AFTER THIS WEEK:

-- *6-9 pm, Mon, Nov 27*Purpose: Informational and Community Gathering of interested persons

*Topic: Ground Water Contamination Compounds Information in S. Fairbanks & other areas in the *Noel Wien Library

Auditorium*Facilitator: Joni Scharfenberg, Director,Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD)

*Guest Speaker: Pam Miller, Director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) to speak on studies that summarize the health effects

of PFOA/PFOS contaminants *Audience participation*Contact: Dave Berrey (480-395-6548 cell) <wakeupalaskawater@gmail.com>

-- Dec 1st -31st - drones quilt project exhibit to remember the victims of U.S. combat drones will be on display at the Noel Wien Library,

at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, and at Chena Ridge Friends Meeting. There will be other displays in Wasilla and

other Alaska locations in early 2018. See <https://dronesquiltproject.wordpress.com/about/>

--Dec.2- General Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition Mtg: Save The Date! Please join us from 10a - 2p, location to be determined. Coffee and mingling will begin at 915a. A light lunch will also be provided, please bring a dish! Together we will share lessons learned from 2017 and we will collaborate for ideas for 2018. Look out for more info!! If you would like to hear more details about what FCAC is currently working on or how you can get involved please email us at fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com or check out our website for working group contacts and more! You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter! With hope, FCAC Council

-- Dec. 3- KWRK announces its annual auction and potluck fundraiser for 4 p.m. on Sunday December 3rd. It will be held at the McGuire/Alden residence, corner of Fairhill & Kniffen. Bring auction items, especially home cooked foods. For more information call Birch at 451-6063.

-- Dec. 6, 8am5pm Fbks Symposium on Homelessness at Westmark Hotel & Conference Ctr, 813 Noble St: The Fbks Housing & Homeless Coalition (FHHC) in affiliation with the North Star Community Foundation (NSCF) will be hosting this Symposium. The theme: This is What Success Looks Like. The symposium will focus on implementing the two most successful housing programs available, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid ReHousing (RRH) programs. Fbks has a few PSH programs and a RRH program, but the need for these programs is much greater than the current capacity. This symposium will not only highlight individual successes from local programs, but will also bring in leading experts, funders, government officials, service providers, and property owners to begin to implement the Alaska Supportive Housing Plan. This plan is the result of an enormous amount of research in 2015, but has yet to be implemented fully at the local level. The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) was heavily involved in the plan and will be providing the authors of the plan to help facilitate the symposium. Everything will be in place at the Fairbanks Symposium on Homelessness to initiate additional local PSH &/or RRH programs. For more info + a

complete schedule of events please visit <http://www.fairbankshomeless.org/upcoming-events.html> or contact Scott Wiser: swiser@fairbanks.us or Mike Sanders: [msanders@fairbanks.uswww.facebook.com/events/465679847123342/?ti=icl](https://www.facebook.com/events/465679847123342/?ti=icl)

-- Dec. 10 - Human Rights Day Alaska Institute for Justice sponsoring human rights vigils in Town Squares at 2 pm. www.akijp.org.

ALASKA-SPECIFIC ONGOING ISSUES: Community News and Opportunities for Action:

--Podcast Available Social & Scientific Discovery of a Class of Emerging Contaminants: Per-& Polyfluorinated Chemicals

More than 15 million Americans in communities from Maine to Alaska drink water contaminated with toxic chemicals that can be traced to military & industrial sites. There is mounting scientific evidence of the link between exposure to these highly fluorinated compounds known as PFASs, and a wide range of adverse health effects. Listen to the Podcast recorded November 8, 2017, at the web site of Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT): <https://www.akaction.org/>.

-- >From Northern Alaska Environmental Center (NAEC) Week of 11/13/17 :On Wednesday, the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee, chaired by our own Senator Lisa Murkowski, voted 13-10 in favor of Murkowski's bill to move forward plans to open the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge to oil & gas development. The proposal will now move to the floor of the Senate to be voted on as part of the budget bill. Sen Murkowski has repeatedly stated that the area open to development will be limited to 2,000 acres, but as Trustees for Alaska points out, "This language only addresses the surface acres covered by production and support facilities. It does not include roads or mines, and it does not include the actual footprint of the pipelines that could run for hundreds of miles across the coastal plain. It would at most include only the footprint of the posts supporting those pipelines." ...We urge you to continue contacting your elected officials, write letters to your local papers, and share with your communities what this vote means for the Refuge. We will continue to stand with the Gwich'in Nation, who issued this statement following last week's meeting of Gwich'in elders, chiefs, youth, and allies in Fairbanks: We have to stand united to protect our way of life. The threat to the Arctic Refuge is a threat to the Gwich'in Nation; and we will stand strong in unity against any destruction to our way of life.

:: ... The Western Arctic is facing unprecedented oil and gas lease sales in some of the most ecologically rich regions of Alaska. Plans for the proposed 220-mile road to the Ambler Mining District, which threatens subsistence resources and valuable recreation areas in the Brooks Range, move forward, with the Bureau of Land Management accepting scoping comments until January 31.

-- Federal Tax Bill before Senate:DNC says the bill would add \$11k to Alaskans tax liability (KUAC). Per MoveOn.org: Republicans are currently rushing a tax scam through Congress that would be an enormous giveaway to corporations and the wealthiest Americans by putting the burden on everybody else. In Alaska alone, the richest 1% would receive \$232,500,000 in tax breaks in 2018, if the proposed tax scam is passed. That's the equivalent of 28,451 health

insurance premiums, 39,274 Pell Grants, or 2,204 infrastructure-related jobs in the state.¹
(See more under Outside Alaska Events)

--Alaskan Congressional delegation contacts:

Rep. Don Young in Fbks 456-0210, in D.C. 202-225-5765;

Sen. Lisa Murkowski 456-0233, in D.C. 202-224-6665;

Fbks: Courthouse Square, 250 Cushman Ave., Suite 2D; Phone: (907) 456-0233, Fax: (907) 451-7146

Sen. Dan Sullivan 456-0261, in D.C. 202-224-3004.

And/or go to [https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?](https://cqrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=417253&utm_campaign=action&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak)

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to edit & sign an email that will be sent to our Senators

ALASKA-SPECIFIC NEWS FROM THE RECENT PAST:

-- Alaska Legislature 4th Special Session, which started October 23, 2017, will have technical committee mtgs until Tuesday. They did not create a fiscal plan, but passed SB54, which, (per sen.bertha.gardner@akleg.gov;) included several good fixes to SB 91, but there are many issues with the bill that could have been worked out in a conference committee of House and Senate members. Senate leadership chose instead not to fix the problems - all but assuring that the state will go to court, having to defend what legal experts call an unconstitutional bill. The major constitutional issue we face is that the minimum jail time range for first offense of a C felony is the same range as for a class B felony which violates the constitutions due process clause. Simply stated, you cannot have the same punishment for a more serious offense as for a lesser offense.

-- from NAEC: :: FNSB Mayor Karl Kassel signs Climate Mayors Agreement. Kassel puts Fairbanks on the map by joining mayors around the country in committing to uphold the goals of the Paris Agreement, of which the United States is no longer a member. The agreement states, "As 383 US Mayors representing 68 million Americans, we will adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement. We will intensify efforts to meet each of our cities current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, and work together to create a 21st century clean energy economy." Thank Mayor Kassel by email at mayor@fnsb.us. More info: <http://climatemayors.org/actions/paris-climate-agreement/>

:: America's Wildest Place is Open for Business. "[The National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska] deserves attention, now more than ever. The Trump administration has declared the nations public lands and waters open for business, particularly to oil and gas companies. In its first 6 months the administration offered more onshore leases to energy companies to drill on public property than the Obama administration did in all of 2016, the Secr. of Interior, Ryan Zinke, boasted to the conservative Heritage Foundation in late September. New York Times.

-- Two dozen people showed up for the Fairbanks celebration of Armistice Day, Nov. 11, quietly reflecting on the sense of joy felt around the world when WWI ended, ringing bells, and singing. Several veterans spoke about why they choose to celebrate Armistice Day. One Vietnam Veteran also sent this link he hopes people will follow, read, and heed: AKA Vietnam

21st century: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/commentary-why-are-we-still-in-afghanistan/>

-- American Civil Liberties Union-Alaska (alerts@acluak.org) held a civic engagement training in Fbks on Nov. 15, talking about how to make an impact & promote equality & justice in Fairbanks...We hope you'll join the effort to protect every Alaskan's constitutional rights.

--Nov. 15 Ready to Resist community call with Senator Bernie Sanders also featured Joni Bruner, volunteer organizer with Alaska Grassroots Alliance, [who] reported on the Tax Rally & Hot Cocoa event that she led Tuesday in Anchorage to persuade her two Republican senators to reject the tax scam that will hurt Alaska residents. Sen. Bernie Sanders broke down how the GOP tax scam would take away our health care, and transfer billions of dollars in wealth from middle-class and working-class families to already-wealthy millionaires, billionaires, and corporations; what the state of play is in Washington, D.C.; and real actions that we can all take where we live to stop this plan, just as we did with Trumpcare. You can listen to the audio, link to Facebook video of the event, and/or subscribe to future Ready to Resist calls (usually Sundays at 4p AK time) at <https://act.moveon.org/survey/readytore sist>.

OUTSIDE ALASKA EVENTS & CALLS TO ACTION - on issues of peace, justice, and sustainability :

--from popularresistance.org: URGENT! -in just 3 days -The FCC is about to announce a vote on its plan to kill net neutrality. We have just days to stop censorship, throttling, and extra fees online. Congress needs to hear from Internet users like you right now. Learn more and get connected to your congressfolks at <http://protectourinternet.org/>

--"[The impending tax bill vote in the Senate] is a "red alert" moment...week of action November 29-December 2 when MoveOn members will organize hundreds of events around the country outside of congressional offices and in public spaces to elevate the stories of people who will be hurt by this bill and build pressure on Congress to vote no. We need to organize to make sure that events happen in every key district and that our flagship events are packed with people; We'll create videos, petitions, and social media content that will drive home the costs of this tax scam and health care repeal by highlighting stories of those would lose health care, of middle-class families whose taxes would rise, and of veterans, teachers, grad students, and others who would pay more, just so ... corporations [get] a giveaway. from MoveOn.org.

--from info@cpdaction.org: Last year, the opioid epidemic killed 64,000 people in the U.S.: the #1 cause of death for Americans under 50. This is a PUBLIC HEALTH crisis. But the government hasn't provided any public health solutions. Trump says he wants to end the opioid epidemic, yet his administration continues to attack affordable health care programs like Medicaid, the biggest funder of opioid treatment and services. If you care about tackling the opioid epidemic, you care about Medicaid. #SaveMedicaid. If our government is serious about ending the opioid crisis, we need them to allocate funds to make opioid treatment safe, affordable, and accessible...Send a message to your Members of Congress urging them to protect Medicaid and fund better access to opioid treatment now!

--from info@worldbeyondwar.org: Only Supporters of Peace Should Be Appointed to Nobel Peace Prize Committee; A petition to the Norwegian parliament [which] this month will vote on new members for the Nobel peace prize committee. It's important that members of the committee be dedicated to Alfred Nobel's vision of peace by peaceful means. Sign the petition at <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/only-supporters-of-peace-should-be-appointed->

to-nobel-peace-prize-committee?

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Also check out numerous up-to-date peace & justice events around the world at www.worldbeyondwar.org, including Peace Education Symposium and PEOPLES COMMITTEE TO FREE JULIAN ASSANGE say: LET HIM GO! & Yemen: the worlds worst humanitarian disaster on 18 Nov 17; and George Lakey: "A NATION DIVIDED What can we learn from the Nordics? 19 Nov 17 (Lakey, author of Viking Economics, held inspiring workshops & talks in Fbks in 2016) - and much more.

--from ACLU: A few weeks ago, an unlikely ally the National Football League officially threw its full support behind a bill to take on mass incarceration in America. With broad, bipartisan support, the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act now represents our best chance in yrs to reform America's extreme and discriminatory sentencing policies. But if key Members of Congress don't hear from enough of us soon, it could get stuck in committee forever. Tell the Senate Judiciary Committee it's time to support the Sentencing Reform & Corrections Act. The U.S. is drastically out of the step with the rest of the world when it comes to sentencing. We imprison more of our population than any other country, even though study after study shows it's hurting our communities and doesn't lower crime rates. We know that extreme sentencing is especially harmful to communities of color. A Black [or Alaska Native] person is 10 times more likely to be incarcerated for a drug conviction, despite the fact that white & Black people use drugs at the same rates. This bipartisan legislation has broad and growing public support. But in order for it to become law, it first has to be passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

--Petition to the U.S. Senate: "Block ... the nomination of Big Pharma CEO Alex Azar to be secretary of the Dept of Health & Human Services. A pharmaceutical industry executive who repeatedly raised the price of life-saving medicines has no place in government." at https://act.credoaction.com/sign/alex_azar.

-- Another Trump Judicial Nominee 'Not Qualified' "Another one of President Donald Trumps judicial nominees this time, to the powerful appellate courts has been deemed "not qualified" by the American Bar Association." <http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2017/11/15/trump-remakes-judiciary>.

-- from the AP via FDNM: Federal regulators have weakened rules meant to support independent local media. Now, one company can own newspapers and broadcast stations in one market, undoing a ban in place since 1975. Thursdays decision by the Federal Communications Commission also makes it easier for one company to own two broadcast TV stations in one market and coordinate operations with stations owned by others... Free Press, a group that opposes media mergers, said Thursday that it will challenge the rule changes in court.

--from the United National AntiWar Coalition -UNAC- --Jan 12-14 - Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases Conference in Baltimore, MD; see schedule at <http://noforeignbases.org/conference-schedule/>

-- from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): House debates U.S. support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen: Led by a bipartisan group of representatives including Ro Khanna (CA) & Thomas Massie (KY), the House debated U.S. support for Saudi Arabia & admitted that this support is unauthorized. It's time for Congress to reclaim its authority by

passing legislation to end U.S. involvement.

OUTSIDE ALASKA - IN THE RECENT PAST:

--UN Climate Summit in Bonn, Germany-CoP23 (Conference of Parties) See <https://popularresistance.org/newsletter-people-act-where-us-fails-on-climate/>

-- Keystone Pipeline oil spills in South Dakota (Natural Resource Defense Council). Per AP: Discovery of a 210,000-gallon leak ...would seem to be poor timing 4 days before regulators in Nebraska decide whether to allow a major expansion of the system, but officials said state law does not allow pipeline safety to be a factor in their decision

--from Brave New Films: Women and Donald Trump at <https://www.facebook.com/bravenewfilms/videos/10154818486542016/>

--from FCNL: Congress military policy bill passes: Congress sent the annual National Defense Authorization Act to the president to sign into law. The bill authorizes \$700 billion in military spending, fails to limit the presidents authority to wage war around the world, and paves the way for the U.S. to develop a new banned missile. Here's the good news: this bill only sets policy. You can still ask Congress to reject increases in defense spending.

Senate breaks silence on nuclear weapons: For the first time in 40 years, Congress is re-evaluating the presidents authority to use nuclear weapons. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing in which they discussed the restraints that are - or should be - in place to keep the president from using a nuclear weapon without authorization.

--from AP via FDNM: Richard Cordray, 1st director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, said he will leave the agency by the end of the month. While Cordray was able to implement many new regulations on banks, credit card companies and debt collectors, he also lost some notable battles. The GOP-led Congress recently overturned a new CFPB regulation that would have allowed banking customers to band together to sue their banks in a class action. Another rule, aimed at regulating the payday lending industry, also faces a potential veto from Congress.

We go on with commentary from Rob Mulford on the hazard of appointing mine owners to the position of policing the industry...--.. from coal miners with the shared experience of working Mid Continent Resources Coal Basin Mines approximately 8 miles from the village of Redstone, Colorado, back in 1979 and 1980. These mines took the lives of 47 of our fellow coal miners in the 30 years of their operation. Tom and Stan's dark evocation of workplace environs are not uncommon with others who shared our experience. The vivid imagery of workplace oppression, coupled with the recent Senate confirmation of David Zatezaloto the position of Assistant Secretary of Labor, Mine Safety & Health Administration, should serve as a harbinger for the approaching dark cloud of workplace deaths and lifetime crippling injuries....All this, and more evidence that time limits me from addressing now, pales in comparison to the crimes of another mine executive, the one who encouraged Zatezaloto to apply for the position, and Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to endorse him, Robert Murray, chairman of the mining giant Murray Energy. The fact that Mr. Murray's operations will fall

under Zatezalos enforcement jurisdiction is, to say the least, problematic.

****This was a quote from the commentary; for the entire transcript, please contact mulford.rob@gmail.com.****

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our website: www.alaskapeace.org, where you can get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent; also see Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Alaska-Peace-Center-619715171424944/>).

This summary of issues of importance to citizens of Interior Alaska, and information on how, when and where to take action on those issues, has been brought to you by the Alaska Peace Center. The Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice and sustainability - individually, in our community and globally - with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution. We bring in speakers, sponsor exhibits, and encourage dialogue within our community on these issues. We also maintain an office in conjunction with this radio station, KWRK. If you would like to support these activities you can make a donation via PayPal at our website, www.alaskapeace.org, or if you would prefer not to subsidize PayPal you can send a check to the Alaska Peace Center, 3535 College Road Suite 203, Fairbanks, AK 99709.

Feedback to, and submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome at info@alaskapeace.org.

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