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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action,***

*reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on **Sundays, 8am & 6pm** on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.*

**WEEK of JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
		<b><u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action in more Detail</i></u></b>	
		<p>Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</p> <p><b>This week in the Alaska Legislature:</b></p> <p>--Mon 1:30 PM <a href="#">HB 129</a> FISH &amp; GAME: OFFENSES;LICENSES; PENALTIES -TELECONFERENCED-- <b>PUBLIC TESTIMONY</b> --</p> <p>-- 3:30 PM <a href="#">SJR 4</a> AK LEGALLY ACQUIRED IVORY USE EXEMPTION - TELECONFERENCED-- <b>PUBL' TESTIMONY</b> -</p> <p>+ <a href="#">HJR 12</a> OPPOSING GEN. ENGINEERED SALMON TELECONFERENCED-- <b>PUBLIC TESTIMONY</b> -</p> <p>--Tues 9am <a href="#">HB 213</a> PUBLIC SCH TRUST FUND-- <b>PUB T'MONY</b> --</p> <p>-- 1pm <a href="#">HB 121</a> OCC. HEALTH &amp; SAFETY CIVIL PENALTIES TELECONFERENCED-- Testimony &lt;Invitation Only&gt; --</p> <p>+ <a href="#">HB 124</a> BENEFIT CORPORATIONS* TELECONFERENCED-- Testimony &lt;Invitation Only&gt; --</p> <p>* "a type of for-profit corporate entity, authorized by 33 U.S. states &amp; D.C. that includes positive impact on society, workers, the community &amp; the environment in addition to profit as its legally defined goals. - <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>"</p> <p>1:30 <a href="#">HJR 17</a> HMONG VETERANS MILIT BURIAL RIGHTS</p> <p>+ <a href="#">HB 307</a> MILITARY JUSTICE &amp; MILITIA CIVIL RELIEF</p> <p>3pm - <a href="#">HB 298</a> NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES</p> <p>*+ <a href="#">HB 264</a> SHOPPING BAG FEES &amp; RECYCLING</p> <p><a href="#">HB 54</a> TERMINALLY ILL: ENDING LIFE OPTION</p> <p>-- Public Testimony Closed April 6, 2017 --</p> <p>+ <a href="#">HB 293</a> BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR POLICE &amp; Training</p> <p>--Thurs 1pm - <a href="#">SB 112</a> WORKERS COMPENSATION;DRUG DATABASE &amp; TEST</p> <p>3:30 SB <a href="#">SB 152</a> SEPT. 11: PATRIOT DAY</p> <p>-- 5- Senate &amp; House Legislative Councils will discuss Sexual &amp; Other Workplace Harassment</p> <p>--Fri 1pm - "An Act relating to penalties for discharges of oil and other pollution violations; relating to oil discharge prevention and contingency plans for commercial motor vehicles transporting crude oil; and providing for an effective date."</p> <p>&lt;Pending Introduction &amp; Referral&gt;</p> <p>3:30 - <a href="#">HB 130</a> GAME REFUGE/CRIT HABITAT AREA BOUNDARIES -- Public Testimony --</p> <p>*+ <a href="#">SB 158</a> OIL/HAZARDOUS SUB.:CLEANUP/ REIMBURSEMENT-- Public Testimony --</p> <p><a href="#">See more of the legislative schedule and links at this link.</a></p>	<p><i>Go to</i> <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a> <i>"Community News"</i> <i>for a link to</i> <a href="#">Community organizations and contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</a></p> <p><i>Contact your</i> <i>Legislative</i> <i>Information Office</i> <i>to be involved as</i> <i>legislation is</i> <i>created &amp; debated.</i> <i>In Fairbanks:</i> <i>452-4448</i></p>

		<p><i>“Legislator introduces net neutrality bill ...JUNEAU ...Fairbanks Democratic Rep. Scott Kawasaki introduced House Bill 277 earlier this week that would protect net neutrality rules for Alaskan internet users. Now two senators are planning to introduce a joint resolution intended to send a message to Congress that Alaska does not support the repeal of the Obama-era net neutrality rules...” 1-26-18 at newsminer.com.</i></p>	
<b>Sunday</b> Jan. 28	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	<p><u><b>“Intersectional Feminism: The Work of White Folx</b></u></p> <p>Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition and the Hrrrl Scouts are hosting a webinar by a kick-ass group: Standing Up for Racial Justice - SURJ. Please join us for the webinar and then a group discussion. This webinar designed for feminists of all genders who experience white privilege.</p> <p>This interactive workshop will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A brief overview of intersectional feminist analysis</li> <li>-How to apply intersectional feminism to your organizing</li> <li>-Body based tools for increasing resiliency and decreasing white fragility</li> <li>-Exploring the relationship between whiteness and gender</li> <li>-Taking an embodied approach to anti-racist leadership development.</li> </ul> <p>If you can't join us, please check out the webinar here:  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/events/2102743643287459/">www.facebook.com/events/2102743643287459/</a></p>	507 Gaffney Rd  We'll have a whole bunch of coffee and some snacks, but feel free to bring some snacks or non-alcoholic drinks to share! Snacks rule.”
	all day	North Pole and Fairbanks - Stage 1 air alert in effect. Expires Jan 29 at 5pm. No burning w/o a NOASH*. For more info call 459-1234 or <a href="http://AQFairbanks.com">AQFairbanks.com</a> . * <b>“No Other Adequate Source of Heat”</b>	North Pole and Fairbanks non-attainment areas
<b>Monday</b> Jan. 29	until 5pm	<b>Fairbanks Stage 1 &amp; North Pole Stage 2 air alert</b> in effect. Expires Jan 30 at 4pm. No burning w/o a NOASH*. For more info call 459-1234 or <a href="http://AQFairbanks.com">AQFairbanks.com</a> . * <b>“No Other Adequate Source of Heat”</b>	North Pole and Fairbanks non-attainment areas
<b>Tuesday</b> Jan. 30	6 pm	<b>“Borough Mayor Karl Kassel is hosting a town hall mtg to talk about air quality and the burn restrictions.”</b> NewsMiner 1-17-18	North Pole Branch Library
	8 pm on KUAC TV 9.1	<b>Triangle Shirt Waist Factory Fire</b> on American Experience Reveals how public outrage following a deadly factory fire in 1911 led to workplace safety laws	Additional Airings 1/31/18, 2am on 9.1 2/2/18, 4 pm World 9.2 2/2/18, 9 pm World 9.2 2/3/18, 5 am World 9.2 2/3/18, 11am World 9.2
<b>Wednesday</b> Jan. 31	9 am AK time	Webinar Available: State of the Science: Children's Environmental Health in Alaska and the Circumpolar North Collaborative on Health and the Environment For more information and to RSVP for the webinar, go to: <a href="#">Webinar homepage</a>	online
	3-4:30 PM	FCAC Renewable Energy working group mtg contact <a href="mailto:fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com">fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com</a>	Cold Climate Hous'g Research Center, 1000 Fairbanks St..
	5:30-8pm	Alaska Leaping Forward - Organizing Event, hosted by Alliance for Reason and Knowledge. 10-year plan for Alaska economic prosperity  Take the Leap. Use the Eco-Districts protocol to create the metrics of a path for Transition. Use the Blue Economy model to design for Alaska a future of generational prosperity beyond oil, and eventually beyond money as the world embraces the Star Trek future of a resource-based economy. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1889809181349283/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1889809181349283/</a> .	Denny's Restaurant 1929 Airport Way, Fairbanks

	7 pm	<b>Northern Voices: The Fairbanks North Star Borough Sustainability Commission:</b> Jimmy Fox, a commissioner, will share thoughts on issues the new sustainability commission could explore, and how the public could be involved. But he'd also like to know what's on your mind.	Noel Wien Library auditorium
<b>Thursday</b> February 1st	5-7pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly meeting</b> Monthly APC business meetings are held in the APC offices on the 2nd floor of the College Mall Building. The stairs are at the west end and share a common entrance with the Fuji Steakhouse. <i><b>All are welcome!</b></i>	APC office, 3535 College Rd Suite 203, Fairbanks
	7-9pm	Gender Pioneers Support Group: "Gender Pioneers is a peer-to-peer support group for all transgender, genderqueer, genderquestioning or otherwise gender-bending folks in Alaska's interior. Meetings are also open to friends, family members and supporters. We meet the first Thursday of each month."	For location details please email genderpioneers@g mail.com.
		<u><i><b>After This Week</b></i></u>	
Tues. Feb.6 - Apr. 28	6:45- 8:30pm	The Spring semester of the <b>Fairbanks Peace Choir</b> practices start Tuesday, Feb. 6. Come join us! We gather for snacks at 6:30, then warm up at 6:45. We are done by 8:30. We ask for a \$75 donation to pay for the music, conductor and accompanist. But there are scholarships, so please don't let this discourage anyone for whom that is difficult. Our motto 'Creating a culture of Peace through song' finds increasing relevance in today's world. Directed by Flyn Ludington and accompanied by Dr. Paul Krejci. For info call 322-2521.	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd. (Across from the Princess Hotel).
<b>Monday</b> Feb. 12.	12 noon & 6 pm	<b>"Mayor: What should the borough cut?"</b> Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Karl Kassel said he is looking at eliminating borough services and closing facilities. He wants guidance from area residents about what to close and what to cut. A telephone survey started on Thursday in which about 400 residents will be contacted about their priorities on borough services. Two town hall meetings are planned at Pioneer Park at noon and 6 p.m. on Feb. 12." Read the rest of the article at <a href="http://newsminer.com">newsminer.com</a> 1-26-18.	Pioneer Park
March 24          <b>until</b> <b>March 9th</b>		<u><b>Decolonize Your Mind: Untangle History - Building Liberation</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday, March 24, 2018 10:00 AM 11:00 AM</li> </ul> Save the date for a Native Movement/FCAC training focused on decolonization, details to follow!! In the mean time, this is how we define decolonization: the conscious -- intelligent, calculated, & active -- unlearning & resistance to the forces of colonization that perpetuate the subjugation and exploitation of minds, bodies, & lands. And it is engaged for the ultimate purpose of overturning the colonial structure & realizing Indigenous liberation. Training with <a href="http://www.nativemovement.org/">Native Movement</a> Also: <b>ACTION ALERT:</b> Trump Administration announces " <a href="#"><u>National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.</u></a> " Public commenting period open until March 9th, 2018. <a href="#"><u>Learn more HERE</u></a> <a href="http://www.nativemovement.org/"><u>http://www.nativemovement.org/</u></a>	

**Good News category:**

*from Associated Press Juneau: “EPA won’t lift Pebble restrictions”* Read the article at [newsminer.com](http://newsminer.com) 1-27-18

## Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

### Peace

from *Veterans For Peace*: " **Stop Banking the Bomb**: ... one part of an international strategy to get the U.S. government to listen to its people. **PNC Bank has loaned \$1.186 billion dollars to 8 corporations that manufacture nuclear weapons**. As the 7<sup>th</sup> largest bank in the U.S., ... if PNC Bank "divests" of these immoral loans, they will send a powerful message to the U.S. government & the whole world.

#### Olympic Truce Action: Diplomacy NOT War

We in the U.S. have special responsibility to demand diplomacy, not war, with North Korea. An ad hoc network, **the Korea Collaboration, calls for weeks of action during the Winter Olympics** (Feb. 9-25) and **Paralympics** (March 9-18), as well as the broader period of the **Olympic Truce** (Feb. 2 - March 25). We call on groups & individuals to organize events in your communities. **Get ideas on ways to take action!** **Athletes for Peace** "call upon the US Olympic Committee to fully support both Korean governments' current efforts to restore a peace process... **Sign the Open Letter!**"

**Week of Action** #divestfromwar Feb 5-11  
Save the Dates: Upcoming Event  
Jan 27-Feb 3 - "**We Are All America**"  
**Week of Action with Veterans Challenge**  
**Islamophobia**

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from *U.S. News & World Report* :  
"Where in the World Is the U.S.  
Military? Everywhere  
By *C. Besteman* & *S. Savell* / 1-12-18

**American counterterrorism forces are active in 40 percent of the world's countries – and their presence comes with striking repercussions.**

As we enter the 17th year of the United States' "war on terror," ... take stock of where our troops are located and for what purpose. The deaths of U.S. soldiers this fall in Niger were a stark reminder that ...even many of our country's lawmakers, aren't exactly sure what the war on terror looks like, much less where many of our

### Justice

*The most important provisions of SB91, the 2016 Alaska criminal justice revision passed with bipartisan legislative support, only got funding applied for these provisions starting Jan. 1, 2018, when "2,231 unsentenced men and women were being held behind bars," per this ktuu report. The law mandated use of a pretrial assessment tool (to comply with our state constitution) and created "the \$10.2 million Pretrial Enforcement Division of the Alaska Dept of Corrections. ... 60 new pretrial officers, & others trained for that duty in local police depts & parole offices, are charged with monitoring defendants released before trial." The new guidelines are online here and the new Alaska Dept of Corrections Pretrial Enforcement Division website is here. These will be receiving scrutiny in the legislature in the near future. Access the AK Criminal Justice Commission Annual Report 2017 and much background material via a link on this page.*

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from *ACLU\* of Alaska*: "Our **2018 legislative priorities** in Juneau: We will be tracking over 75 bills on everything from cyber privacy to abortion rights. Here are the top 5 bills we are most keenly tracking: "[We] **Oppose**: HB 205: Prohibit Sanctuary Municipalities [which] infringes on the ability of local law enforcement to protect the rights of immigrants and people of color in their community; HB 266 and SB 124: Abortion Procedures; Child Surrender [which] substitute the will of the legislature for the judgment of the healthcare providers who are best equipped to make decisions for their patients, [and] add unnecessary restrictions on legal abortion that force Alaskan women to spend significant time & money to access the medical care they need. SB 127: Criminal Law; Parole; Probation; Sentencing would repeal key aspects of criminal justice reform that invest in programs proven to reduce crime and responsibly lower Alaska's incarcerated population. "[We] **Support**: HB 230: Telecommunications & Internet Privacy [which] protects Alaskans' private, personal information from being sold

### Sustainability

from *info@standforsalmon.org*: "Last week, signatures from nearly 50,000 Alaskans were submitted, ensuring an effort to **update Alaska's salmon habitat permitting law** is headed to the ballot.

Now the Legislature ... will have one more chance to address this issue and pass **HB 199** before the initiative heads to the ballot. **Click Here to Urge Legislators to Listen to the People and Get the Job Done.** Through initiative and legislative processes, we propose common-sense updates to a critical 60-yr-old law that guides development projects in salmon habitat. It is imperative that we create clear guidelines that would bring certainty and stability to development projects. We need to ensure that Alaskans will have a voice in decisions that could impact our wild salmon – so your voice is critical today! **Help us keep the momentum going.** Thank you for joining us in telling Alaska's leaders to support this bill. *Please share widely!* Sincerely, Stand for Salmon"

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*Northern Alaska Environmental Center*:  
**"Fbks Speaks Out: Protect Our Oceans"**  
If you missed Tuesday's event in Fairbanks, where about 35 Indigenous leaders, environmental advocates, and citizens invested in public process gathered to speak out against the Trump administration's attempt to open almost the entirety of Alaska's coastal areas to offshore drilling, you can still watch the livestreamed video at Defend the Sacred Alaska's Facebook page...

**Ambler Scoping Deadline January 31**  
Eleven communities have submitted resolutions of opposition, plus four group or organizational statements of opposition. Send comments to **blm\_ak\_akso\_ambler-road\_comments@blm.gov**. Copy your representative, as well as Rep. Andy Josephson and Rep. Geran Tarr, co-chairs of the House Resource Committee"

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from *Fairbanks Climate Coalition calendar via fairbanksclimateaction.org*:

**Action Alert: Alaska Offshore Ocean & Coastal Drilling public commenting period open until March 9th, 2018!**



military operations are located. According to a [new map](#) published this week by the Costs of War Project at Brown University's [Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs](#), **the U.S. is waging this war on terror in 76 countries** – or more simply put, 40 % of the countries on this planet... [A] across Africa, the U.S. military is providing massive amounts of military technology, hardware, training and expertise to local African militaries and police forces... Drone strikes to kill terrorist targets have increased substantially, causing hundreds of civilian casualties... AFRICOM's ...new "security paradigm" shifted U.S. away from diplomacy, democratic institutions, and civil society, toward military action... militarized solutions: During the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, the U.S. sent 4,000 troops to help eradicate the disease (instead of helping, they caused riots in local communities). Taken altogether, this clearly shows that the militarization of Africa is a major U.S. foreign policy objective. And to what end? Only after being targeted by the U.S. military did local insurgencies like Al Shabaab in Somalia and al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb expand into serious regional terrorist operations. According to the latest [Pentagon report](#), there are now more than 20 terrorist groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rather than quell terrorist activity, U.S. counterterrorism seems to link to exactly the opposite, fomenting insurgent recruitment in Africa and the Middle East. ..." Read the rest of the article and see the map at the link at top.

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*from worldbeyodwar.org:* "**Feb 14** – a special treat for those who love our planet. The makers of the film "**The World Is My Country**" will be giving World Beyond War supporters a **free screening week (February 14-21)** before the film is released on TV or in Theaters! (See trailer: [TheWorldIsMyCountry.com](#)) In early Feb we'll let you know how to get your special code to watch this exciting film which Martin Sheen calls "a roadmap to a better future."  
**Feb 26 – Online Course Begins – War Abolition 201: Building the Alternative Global Security System**  
**April 22 – War Hurts Earth Actions for Earth Day** The full list of events all over the globe is available [on our website](#)."

without their knowledge or permission by internet & tele-communications companies;  
HB 277: Broadband Internet: [Neutrality/Regulation](#) [to] safeguard Alaskans from the effects of last month's FCC vote to repeal net neutrality. We support the right of every Alaskan to advocate for a free, fair, and open internet.  
**Do you know your state senator and representative? Find out who they are and call or email them to express your opinions about these bills!**  
Sincerely, Rashika Rakibullah  
Lead Organizer [ACLU of Alaska](#)  
\*American Civil Liberties Union

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"...for more than a decade and through three Alaska governors, ...**clemency requests — now numbering 274** — have sat **in limbo**, as the state wrestled with establishing a review process..." Read the article at [newsminer.com](#) 1-26-18.

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*from [http://noforeignbases.org](#):*  
**CALL TO GLOBAL ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL U.S. OCCUPATION OF GUANTÁNAMO**  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 is the **115th Anniversary of the seizure of Guantánamo** from the Cuban people as a result of the provoked Spanish-American War. The U.S. forced the Cuban Constitutional Congress to cede the Bay of Guantánamo to U.S. control. Based on the Resolution unanimously adopted at our Conference Against U.S. Military Bases (please go to NoForeignBases.org to read full text of the Resolution), we call upon on our Brothers & Sisters around the world to organize actions against U.S. illegal occupation of Guantánamo and demand that the U.S. Government promptly withdraw all its forces & personnel from Guantánamo Bay and immediately declare ALL agreements ceding control of GuantánamoBay to the United States to be null and void. Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases  
January 26, 2018"

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**Alaska Peace Center Newsletter**  
Issue 14 has been printed! If you would like a copy, email [info@alaskapeace.org](#).

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*from [http://vietnamfulldisclosure.org](#) 1-26-18 :* "**Vietnam, US begin Agent Orange cleanup at former wartime air base ...** some spots at the airport had the highest levels of dioxin contamination in the world, at 1.18 million parts per trillion (ppt)... 100ppt is considered high..... 1961-1971, the US Army sprayed some 80 million liters of Agent Orange over 30,000 square miles of southern Vietnam. Dioxin, a highly toxic chemical contained in the defoliant, stays in the soil and at the bottom of lakes and rivers for generations. It can enter the food chain through meat, fish & other animals, and has been found at alarmingly high levels in human breast milk.  
Between 2.1 to 4.8 million Vietnamese were directly exposed to Agent Orange & other chemicals that have been linked to cancers, birth defects and other chronic diseases before the war ended in April 1975, according to the Vietnam Red Cross." [Read the rest of the article.](#)

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**The Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace** was launched in 2015 in Geneva with the task of developing a set of proposals aimed at strengthening the global framework to prevent and resolve water-related conflicts, and facilitate the use of water as an important factor of building peace and enhancing the relevance of water issues in national and global policy making.

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"**84 more teaspoons of salt** That's how much extra salt school kids will consume if we don't stop Trump's proposal to delay salt reductions in school meals. We already know that high salt intake is linked to high blood pressure, even in kids, which can lead to heart disease and stroke later in life. [January 29th is the cutoff for public comments on Trump's proposal](#) Special interests are working hard to convince the Trump Administration to replace healthy school foods with salty snacks. [Stop them by signing the petition today!](#) After you're done signing, [share the petition on Facebook to increase your impact.](#)"  
*from Center for Science in the Public Interest. .*

## Spotlight

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists Announced the Doomsday Clock reaches 2 minutes to midnight, closest ever to annihilation**

This week's radio news includes an audio segment explaining their rationale and why we need to change course.

*Songs that increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability  
played with today's newscast:*

*--Death In Disguise by Fred Small*

*-- Civil Defense Sign by Mark Spoelstra*

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*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***

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*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome.  
Please include "for news" in the subject line.*

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*May Peace be with you! Have a good week!*

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***"True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice." Martin Luther King, Jr.***