

## **TO THE RAMPARTS!**

### ***An Alert To Mobilize***

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This CALL TO CONTEMPLATION, issued in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, Birthday, is intended to inform and motivate our readership. As the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) shifts its mission from research to weapons production, we hope to precipitate reflection, introspection, and action by the public and elected officials. We continue to periodically highlight special opportunities to responsibly, peacefully, and vigorously advocate for an immediate halt of the US Empire's ownership, production, and threatened use of nuclear munitions.

Through his participation in a direct action at NATO's Joint Air Force Base Buchel in Germany, VFP member (Prescott chapter) Dennis DuVall, aged 78, became on May 11, 2020, the first US citizen prosecuted by a German District Court. Mr. DuVall was protesting the presence of twenty B-61-3 and B-61-4 strategic nuclear bombs (with a yield of 340 KT each, or 22.66 times the yield of the device detonated over Hiroshima). Incidentally, we note that the US is in the process of updating the currently deployed "dumb" B-61s to become "smart" B-61s.

This week, on January 22, the UN's Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) becomes international law and is binding on all signatories. Regrettably, none of the nations known to possess or in the process of acquiring nuclear weapons are signatories to that Treaty! The TPNW explicitly makes it a crime to: develop, test, produce, manufacture, acquire, possess or stockpile, transfer, control or receive, use or threaten to use, station, or deploy nuclear weapons.

All Americans, especially New Mexicans, ought to contemplate that it is highly likely that the uranium in the US weapons, (leased to the government of Germany), "forward deployed" as "Protection Level 1 Resource," at Buchel Air Base was mined near Gallup, NM. Similarly, the uranium was probably enriched at Eunice, NM. The technology for the device may have been engineered or developed at Los Alamos Lab, and the devices were likely tested and certified at the Sandia Lab. No matter where the devices were manufactured, the low-level waste may reside in the WIPP near Carlsbad. Prior to deployment, the weapons may have joined the approximate 2,000 other nuclear weapons stored at AFB Kirtland in Albuquerque, the home of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center and the Air Delivered Capabilities Directorate. We additionally note that AFB Kirtland is also the home of the Defense Nuclear Weapons School, which teaches courses, among others, entitled, "Theater Nuclear Operations" and "Integrated Munitions Effects Assessment."

Mr. Duvall's actions highlight sad ironies. Last August, according to *Der Spiegel* magazine, the US Air Force flew all 20 of the thermonuclear bombs from Buchel to AFB Kirtland for installation of new software with codes used for arming and detonating the bombings. Within 24 hours, the devices were on a C-17 "Globemaster" cargo plane (thank you, Boeing!) for return to Buchel. Secondly, it is not lost on this Environmental Committee that the pilots at Buchel who practice delivering the B-61 ordnance on Russia may have been

trained at AFB Holloman in Alamogordo, NM. The members of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Force Squadron stationed at Buchel as well as the Luftwaffe pilots at Buchel, may have flown across the southeastern New Mexico skies.

In closing, we urge our readers to recognize that the Rogue Empire, aka the US military industrial complex and Departments of State and "Defense," is currently violating the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany by stationing nuclear weapons and conducting drone operations elsewhere on sovereign German soil; the Nuremberg Charter and Principals by planning the use of weapons of mass destruction; and after January 21, 2021, the UN's "Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons."

*Special Note:* To The Ramparts! Volume #2, Issue #4, slated for issuance in late March 2021, will outline recommended strategies and goals for activism for the remainder of 2021. The Committee welcomes suggestions and input for that issue. Kindly send your thoughts to John Wilks, at [johnnewilksiii@windstream.net](mailto:johnnewilksiii@windstream.net) or Bill Tiwald, at [vhtiwald@gmail.com](mailto:vhtiwald@gmail.com).