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Two Weeks with the Japanese Peace Movement: 70 Years After the Atomic Bombings



IPB Secretary-General Colin Archer reports (with photos) on his participation in the commemorations of the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings: the World Conference against A & H Bombs, + issues raised, visits to peace museums etc.

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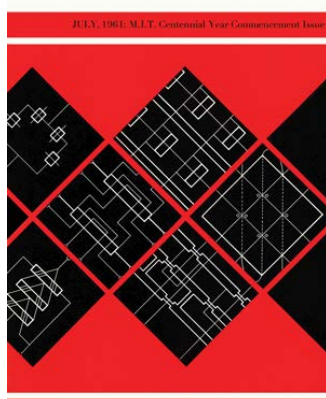


International Peace Bureau launches PeaceSpeak, online youth forum

PeaceSpeak is a forum for young people to speak up about peace, disarmament and military spending. The forum has already received submissions from eight different countries from young people aged 11-30. Check it out and encourage young people you know to submit!

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Technology Review



From the Archives: We don't make ourselves safer by favoring military spending over education

Excerpted from an MIT commencement address by Frank Stanton, who was president of CBS from 1946 to 1971. It was published in the July 1961 issue of Technology Review under the headline "An Educational Marshall Plan."

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Philippine military seeks almost triple defence spending amid China dispute

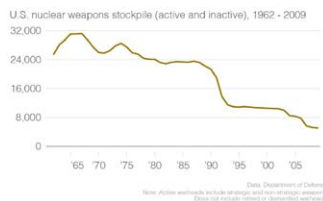
Philippine generals on Wednesday asked Congress to almost triple annual defence spending over the next five years to upgrade equipment amid an escalating marine dispute with giant neighbour China.

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Nuclear



Why US nuclear budget grows while the stockpile of warheads shrinks

It's a common misconception that the declining stockpile of warheads means a corresponding decrease in costs, says Tariq Rauf, Director of the Disarmament and Arms Control program at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, which tracks nuclear programs across the globe.

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CND welcomes Jeremy Corbyn's plan for defence diversification

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has welcomed Labour leadership front-runner Jeremy Corbyn's plan for a Defence Diversification Agency to redeploy the high-skilled workforce in the nuclear weapons sector, following a decision not to replace Trident

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Japan to restart reactor in test of Abe's nuclear policy

Japan is due to switch on a nuclear reactor for the first time in nearly two years, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe seeks to reassure a nervous public that tougher standards mean the sector is now safe after the Fukushima disaster in 2011. Opinion polls show a majority of the public oppose the move.

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Impacts



Transforming our world: The 2030 agenda for sustainable development

IPB Co-President Ingeborg Breines picks out the key elements for peace advocates in the UN agenda for sustainable development to be formally approved by the UN in September.

See also: Full text of the main document: **TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** and details of the UN Summit.

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Miscellaneous



Editorial: 'Unconstitutional' security bills set no limit on military logistical support in Japan

Discussions on the content of military logistics (or “rear-echelon support” in the parlance of current politics) to be provided overseas by Japan’s Self-Defense Forces have emerged as a focus of attention during deliberations in the Upper House over a controversial package of new security-related bills.

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Voices against militarism in South Asia

An editorial by Binalakshmi Nepram. "The rise of militarisation and weaponisation in South Asia is escalating at an alarming rate. A growing number of insurgency movements has led to an increase in fatalities, greater militarisation and weaponisation throughout the region..."

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