

February
2021:
A New Year
Begins.

Fresno Center for Nonviolence

We are currently CLOSED until further notice regarding the Corona Virus Pandemic.
We miss you already



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Coffee, we have Fair Trade Coffee for half price.



We have coffee still in our office due to the Coronavirus and some have passed the expiration dates. It has been decreed that we shall depart with our hot beverages for half the regular price, (or best offer) for those that have expired. I have also checked with the teas and found that yes; teas do have expiration dates too. Even our chocolates that have recently come in also have expiration dates too, but we have never worried of keeping our chocolates bars for that long. So, while we have "expired" coffee, we will surrender for only \$4.50 instead of \$9. Our Teas may go for only \$2.00 instead of \$4.00. So please make a call in advance at (559) 237-3223 or come to the Center on Monday or Friday between 11-3pm for our half-off deal with our expired hot beverages. Thanks, and don't forget that you can still acquire regular unexpired coffee, teas and chocolate bars while they last.



Stir it, UP! Wednesday, February 10th at 3 pm **KFCF 88.1 FM**

In February, our radio show will be hosted by Josh Shurley with expected guests Gerry Condon and Helen Jacard of the Golden Rule and Veterans For Peace will be discussing the topic of nuclear weapons with the expected expiration of the START Treaty. If you have any questions, please call the Center at 559-237-3223. Although we are closed, we do pick up messages and respond to them.

Last month show was hosted by Josh Shurley and his guest, Fresno City College Professor Paul Gilmore reflecting on MLK Day and Civil Rights struggle. To hear it again go to this link:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/fcnv011321>

A Peace-Loving Valentine for a Lover of Peace.

Earle Reynolds (1910-1998), whose peace activism spanned 4 decades, beginning in the 1950s during the height of the Cold War. What really radicalized him was spending time in Hiroshima in the early 1950s. A trained anthropologist, in 1951, Reynolds was sent to Japan to study the effects of radiation on children by Harry Truman's Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission. Perhaps they hoped he would find minimal lasting effects on the children of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but he found just the opposite, turning him into a fierce anti-nuclear activist. In 1954 he published his preliminary results in a paper that exposed the truth about the horrific effects of radiation on the development of children. His was a pro-science stance. He was critiquing the Atomic Energy Commission

for hiding (or not releasing) the results of 13 years of research into the long-term effects of radiation. Perhaps they were trying to minimize public panic, perhaps trying to justify the continuing expansion of the US nuclear stockpile during the Cold War. Science was being silenced by politicians then as it is now.

Reynolds is perhaps best known for his attempt to disrupt nuclear testing in the Pacific by sailing his ketch, 'The Phoenix of Hiroshima', into the US nuclear test zone around the Bikini Atolls in the Marshall Islands in 1958. This journey was inspired by a chance encounter in Honolulu Harbor with the crew of the Golden Rule. The boats ended up being docked side-by-side with neither crew realizing what was happening. Reynolds got to know the crew of the Golden Rule and what they had been up to. Earlier in 1958 the Golden Rule had been the first boat to try to disrupt US nuclear testing in the Pacific by intending to sail into the test zone, but they never made it that far. They were intercepted by the US Coast Guard and held in Honolulu, where Reynolds met them. Reynolds decided to carry on with the mission of the Golden Rule by sailing his own boat into the test zone. Officially bound for Hiroshima, he took a detour by way of the Marshall Islands. The Coast Guard met up with him at the boundary but did not stop him on the spot. He sailed well into the heart of the test zone and spent the night there. The next morning the Coast Guard boarded the ship and arrested Reynolds, ordering the rest of the crew to sail out of the test zone. When they were just minutes outside the boundary of the test zone the sky lit up with a nuclear detonation close to the area where they had been. They would have been in the immediate fallout zone if they had stayed. Tried and convicted in Honolulu, his conviction was overturned in 1960 by an appeals court on the grounds that the AEC rule prohibiting sailing into the test zone was itself not lawful. Reynolds continued his anti-nuclear and peace activism for another thirty years.

In 1961 Reynolds used his boat to attempt the delivery of hundreds of letters urging peace addressed to the Soviet government. He was trying to sail into a port in Siberia but was turned back by the Soviet Navy. During the Vietnam war he gathered medical supplies for the victims on both sides, sending supplies to Saigon in the south, and in 1967 used the Phoenix to hand-deliver the supplies Hanoi in the north. Later he settled in the Santa Cruz area where he taught Peace Studies at both UC Santa Cruz and Cabrillo College. During the 80's, he visited Fresno and did a guest presentation in one of my classes. It was an honor to have him there. We love you Earle, and love what you did with your life.

– Professor Emeritus Gerry Bill.



Pictured above: Earle Reynolds (middle) with family and friends.