



# *Women and Social Movements*



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# *Social Movements*

- Abolition: Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
- Temperance: Prohibition, 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1919 (repealed by 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment, 1933)
- Suffrage: 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1920
- Civil Rights: Segregation, Discrimination (Title VII: race, color, religion, national origin, gender), 1964
- Women's Liberation: Title IX of the Patsy Mink Educational Amendments, 1972
- Equal Rights: Amendment passed in Congress, 1972

# *Peace Movement*

## Peace Palace, The Hague



# *Determined Women*

Jane Addams



Carrie Chapman Catt



# *Beginnings of Peace Movement*

- **Women's Peace Congress** (1/10/1915): D.C.'s Willard Hotel, 3,000 attendees invited by Pacifists/Suffragists IWSA Pres. Carrie Chapman Catt and Jane Addams; created "Program for Constructive Peace" and formed Woman's Peace Party.
- **The Hague Congress** (4/1915): Peace Palace, 1,500 attendees (47 from the U.S.), Woman's Peace Party President Jane Addams presiding, passed 20 resolutions, including a proposal to carry Congress resolutions to WWI warring leaders to initiate and accept mediation. Women met with leaders during 35 visits, but no leader agreed to mediate an end to the war.

# *The Hague Congress Resolutions*

“We women at this International Congress:

- protest against the madness and horror of war
- urge the governments of the world to put an end to this bloodshed and to begin peace negotiations
- urge the governments of all nations to refer future disputes to arbitration and conciliation.”

# *Advocates of Peace and Women's Rights*

## Jane Addams, 1860 - 1935

- Founded Hull House, 1889
- Authored articles, speeches, and 4 books: *Newer Ideals of Peace*, 1907
- Pres., Nat'l Conf. of Charities and Corrections, 1909 – 1915
- Pres., Woman's Peace Party
- Child/Women labor rights, laws
- ACLU, NAACP, NAWSA
- Pres., WILPF, 1919 - 1929
- Nobel Peace Prize, 1931
- Supported League of Nations

## Carrie Chapman Catt, 1859 - 1947

- Sup. of Schools, Mason City, at age 24
- Pres., NAWSA, 1900 - 1904/1915 -1920: "Winning Plan," 19<sup>th</sup> Amend.
- Pres., Int'l Woman Suffrage Alliance, 1904 – 1923; nine years worldwide
- League of Women Voters, 1920
- Founder, Committee on the Cause and Cure of War, 1925 -1932
- Authored articles, speeches, books: *Why Wars Must Cease*, 1935
- Supported League of Nations, United Nations

# *WILPF's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2015*





# *What Does WILPF Do?*

- Connects Peace, Environmental, Racial, and Social Justice Issues
- Opposes War and Militarism
- Supports a Just Economy and a Healthy Planet
- Advances Human Rights

# *WILPF Advances Human Rights*

WILPF works to dismantle injustice and discrimination based on race and ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, age, and citizenship status.

## Eleanor Roosevelt: UDHR



# *WILPF Peace Endeavors*

- Int'l Com. of Women for Permanent Peace, 1915
- Universal Disarmament, 1932
- Hearings on arms industry, 1934
- Protested WWII/internment
- Protested nuclear testing, 1948
- Opposed NATO creation, 1948
- Limited Test Ban Treaty, 1963
- "Feed the Cities, Not the Pentagon," 1975
- Stop the Arms Race, 1982
- Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty campaign, 1984
- "Two-state Solution," 1991
- "Peace Train/Peace Tent"
- Resolution 1325, 2000
- Promoting the 1995's PFA
- Race, Cuba, U.N., Iraq
- Environment, water, 2000s
- Congresses worldwide

# WILPF-US Committees

- **Cuba and Bolivarian Alliance** (endorses restoring relations with Cuba and Venezuela and the Saving Lives Campaign)
- **Earth Democracy Issues** (holds the U.S. military accountable for its egregious carbon footprint, criminal contamination of water and chemicals around all military bases)
- **Middle East Peace and Justice Action** (helps promote human rights in Palestine and supports NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD CAMPAIGN)
- **Women, Money\$ & Democracy** (moves toward a feminist economy, promotes Public Banking, living wage models, and a society prioritizing life and the common good)
- **DISARM/End Wars** (organizes to MOVE THE MONEY FROM MILITARISM TO A PEACE ECONOMY)
- **Advancing Human Rights** (works to end mass incarceration and the death penalty, promotes reparations for people of African descent, supports immigration justice and ending border militarism, and promotes UN4 Women)

# *Nuclear Ban Treaty Collective*

Here's what's coming up:

- **Media Workshop, June 1st**

In the lead-up to the official press release of our Statement, we will be holding a media workshop webinar focusing on writing impactful Letters to the Editor. The result will be a tidal wave of voices calling media attention to the unacceptable threat of nuclear weapons and to the Ban Treaty as a powerful tool to address it. The timing of this workshop is designed to maximize the impact of the release of the Statement on June 7th. We expect this to be an energizing and informative workshop and welcome widespread participation. The program will also be available on youtube if you're not able to attend. Keep an eye out for your invitation, coming soon!

- **Release of the Statement, June 7th**

We plan to release the Statement and the list of its signers on June 7. We urge all signers to contribute Letters to the Editor, and/or otherwise engage, alert, and leverage the media (popular, social, internal!) to promote the Statement and build out the discourse around the Ban Treaty. We also invite groups to plan a public event, such as a reading of the Statement at a local nuclear site, legislative office, or otherwise relevant location, on June 7th. This will serve as a building block for broader attention, both in the media and in the general public, to the TPNW.

- **User-friendly resources coming your way**

We are working on a set of accessible, user-friendly materials that we hope will support you in your efforts! These will include how-to's on working with media, talking points, easily digestible (and shareable!) fact sheets on the TPNW, etc. Keep an eye out for these coming your way next week!

- **Find us on social media!**

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)! Our handle on both platforms is [@NukeBanCollab](#) (not case-sensitive!)

**We're here to support your efforts!** This is a mutual and collaborative effort, and we'd love to hear from you about ideas, suggestions, questions, or what would be most helpful to facilitate and build this campaign.

I would love to connect with you directly, and truly look forward to working together. Peace is possible!

With warmest wishes,

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