

Campaign



Hanoi summit collapses

CND Campaigns Officer **Sara Medi Jones** examines last week's Trump/Kim summit on the denuclearisation of North Korea, and why it's not all bad news.

AS LAST WEEK'S summit between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in Hanoi was abruptly cut short without an agreement, a photo circulated on social media of a table that had been laid for lunch between the two sides, but was never used. The empty room conveyed the stark message that things had not gone according to plan.

It has emerged in the days that followed that Kim had rejected Trump's big idea – that North Korea would completely denuclearise in return for an end to all sanctions. North Korea's Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho seemed to suggest that his country wanted to move much more

gradually, preferring partial sanctions relief, in return for closing their main nuclear weapons factory.

While it is hugely regrettable that the talks have stalled for now, the good news is that there is clearly the potential for further negotiations. The US and South Korea have even confirmed they will no longer hold large-scale joint military exercises.

It is also good news that relations have improved since 2017, when North Korea conducted its biggest nuclear test to date and Trump promised 'fire and fury'. But it remains to be seen how the US President who has spent the last year weakening and tearing up crucial arms control treaties can make diplomacy work

on the Korean peninsula.

It's particularly regrettable that the President who prides himself on his business background and has written a book entitled 'The Art of the Deal' seems ill-equipped to secure one. It is to be hoped that Trump now realises that he must learn his lesson for the next summit and let his team adequately prepare beforehand rather than rely on what he perceives to be a good relationship with Kim.

Lines of communication are now open, even if we don't yet

know if and when the next summit will take place. This is a crucial moment for diplomacy and a lot is riding on the next move. At a time of escalating militarisation internationally, an outbreak of dialogue in an exceptionally tense region should be welcomed and supported. If negotiations succeed, not only will the world be a safer place, but the peoples of Korea will finally be able to draw a line under close to seven decades of conflict and insecurity. The alternative is possible nuclear war.

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The 2017 Nuclear Ban Treaty: A New Path to Nuclear Disarmament Edited by Joseph A. Camilleri, Michael Hamel-Green, and Fumihiko Yoshida November 2018: 284pp Hb: 978-1-138-39354-7 £115

For the first time since the end of the Cold War, tensions in the Middle East, the Korean Peninsula, and in NATO-Russia relations have created new international concern over the threat of nuclear war. This book analyses the implications of the new UN nuclear weapon ban treaty in seeking to address global and regional nuclear threats. The contributors include IPPNW Co-President, Associate Professor Tilman Ruff, founding international and Australian Chair of ICAN.

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Groups Spotlight

This month: East Lancashire CND

One of the many groups commemorating the eighth anniversary of the disastrous nuclear accident at Fukushima this month is East Lancashire CND. The group will be holding an event locally, where they will be raising awareness of the dangers of nuclear power.

If you live in the area, why not get involved with this fantastic group which is doing great work on a range of issues? Get in touch, they would love to hear from you!



Contact 01254 886 439 or joanewest@sky.com for more information.



CND General Secretary **Kate Hudson** explains why CND is arranging a Global Dangers speaking tour.

THE HANDS of the Doomsday Clock remain at two minutes to midnight as the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* warns us of the existential threats we face in this turbulent and often terrifying world.

Alongside climate change, nuclear threats present the greatest global dangers, so we are acting to sound the alarm, to raise awareness and be a force for political change.

There's a lot to address – events are moving fast. It's hard to believe it's just ten years since President Obama made his famous Prague speech, committing to a nuclear weapons-free world. Then, with President Medvedev of Russia,

words were turned into actions, and the New START Treaty was signed. It made significant reductions to US and Russian nuclear weapons and was a real step in the right direction.

But now the terrain has shifted. Those moves towards disarmament have not only stalled – they have actually gone into reverse. Since Trump entered the White House, the whole principle of multi-lateralism has faced successive onslaughts. His administration is doing its best to destroy the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. US withdrawal and attempts to reintroduce sanctions on Iran will lead to greater instability in the Middle East and increase the

likelihood of more countries pursuing nuclear weapons.

And now he has announced that the US will withdraw from the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty with Russia. Russia has since done the same. This treaty has been a cornerstone of nuclear arms control since the Cold War, having eliminated thousands of nuclear missiles in Europe, playing a crucial role in ensuring that US missiles are not situated on our continent.

As if it can't get much worse, US withdrawal from the INF treaty also calls into question whether Washington will work with Moscow to renew the New START treaty in 2021, when it is due to expire. If they don't, once the Treaty expires there will be no restraints on nuclear weapons left. A grim prospect indeed.

And while the threat of conflict with North Korea may have somewhat receded, the threat of nuclear conflict between India and Pakistan has increased in the last few weeks – possibly the most dangerous situation between them for almost two decades.

In an increasingly dangerous world, the continued presence of nuclear weapons brings us all closer to the brink. Let's work to change the global balance – from danger to peace and hope.

If you are interested in hosting a Global Dangers Tour meeting or in finding out what's happening near you, contact enquiries@cnduk.org or 020 7700 2393

**Remember Fukushima –
Burnley event**

March 11th, 11:30am-1pm
Main entrance to Burnley
College, Princess Way, Burnley
■ Contact
davepenney75@gmail.com

Christian CND Embassies

Walk March 12th assemble
at 11am, Dick Sheppard
Chapel, London WC2N 4JH
■ Contact 020 7700 4200 or
christians@cnduk.org

**Haringey CND public
meeting: The end of
nuclear power in the UK?**

March 13th, 7pm-8:30pm
Jackson's Lane Community
Centre, 269A Archway Road,
Highgate N6 5AA
■ Contact
davidtrpolden@gmail.com

**Peggy Seeger in
conversation with Maxine**

Peake March 23rd, 5-7pm,
People's History Museum,
Manchester M3 3ER
■ Contact gmdcnd@gn.apc.org
or 0161 273 8283

Yorkshire CND Day of

Dance April 13th, 11am-
6:30pm, Victoria Hall, Saltaire,
Shipley BD18 3JS
■ Contact 01274 730795 or
email info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk

**Commemoration, Conflict
& Conscience Festival**

April 27th-28th University
of Bristol, Bristol BS8 1TH
■ Contact
lois.s.bibbings@bristol.ac.uk or
c.j.painter@leeds.ac.uk

**Remember Fukushima
Commemorate the nuclear disaster**

Vigil

outside the Japanese
Embassy, 101 Piccadilly
March 11th, 5:30pm

March and rally

March 16th, 12 noon
Assemble at
Japanese Embassy

Public meeting

March 19th, 7pm
Houses of Parliament

For full details see:

<https://rememberfukushima.org/>

For any enquiries, contact

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Surround Springfields!

April 27th, 9am-5pm
Westinghouse Springfields
Fuel Ltd, Station Road, Preston
■ Contact springaction2019@stopnewnuclear.org.uk

faslanepeacecamp@protonmail.com

Menwith Hill Vigil:

The weekly vigil is now
switching days – please contact
Sarah for details: 01765 600928
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Peace Camps

**Aldermaston Women's
Peace Camp:**

Second weekend of every
month.

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