

PIVOTING FOR PEACE IN ASIA/PACIFIC

CHALLENGING US MILITARISM AND CORPORATE DOMINANCE



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FRIENDS MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE

5 LONGFELLOW PARK, OFF BRATTLE ST.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Hideki Yoshikawa, environmental campaigner; leader of the Okinawa movement against U.S. military bases; professor at Univ. of the Ryukyus and at Meio Univ.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

The Pivot: Motivations, Dimensions, Impacts, Possible Consequences

Joseph Gerson, AFSC: *Overview*

Duncan McFarland, UJP: *Chinese foreign & military policies*

Alex Brown, President, IUE-CWA Local 201: *Trans Pacific Partnership*

Introductions: The Most Dangerous Hot Spots

Hyun Lee, Nodutdol for Korean Community
Development: *Northeast Asia*

Yuiichi Moroi, Temple University: *Senkaku/Diaoyu; Japan-China-US*

Impacts of the Pivot at Home: Building a Movement

Bruce Gagnon, Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space: *Solidarity*

Mike Prokosch, New Priorities Network, Dorchester
People for Peace: *Move the Money, Costs of the Pivot*

Speaker from Asian American Resource Workshop: *The View from Asian American Communities*

Amidst the crisis over Ukraine, President Obama is returning to Asia and the Pacific in April to press a military, economic and diplomatic “Pivot” to Asia and the Pacific. The goal: to “manage China’s rise” in ways that ensure continued U.S. dominance. 60% of the Air Force and 60% of the Navy are being deployed to the region. Military alliances are being deepened, new military bases built, and hundreds of billions of dollars diverted to deploy dangerous advanced weaponry. And the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement is being negotiated in secret.

Though most Americans don’t realize it, we’ve come to the brink of war – potentially nuclear war – twice in the last two years, first during tensions with North Korea and then over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands. Our hundreds of military bases have devastating impacts on people in “host” communities. And TPP will cost us jobs, worsen working conditions and assault the environment, all to increase U.S. economic leverage over China and further maximize corporate profits and power.

This one day conference will bring us to date on what is happening in Asia/Pacific, how it will affect us here at home, and what we can do. Join us as we build our ability to pivot for peace, instead of for war.