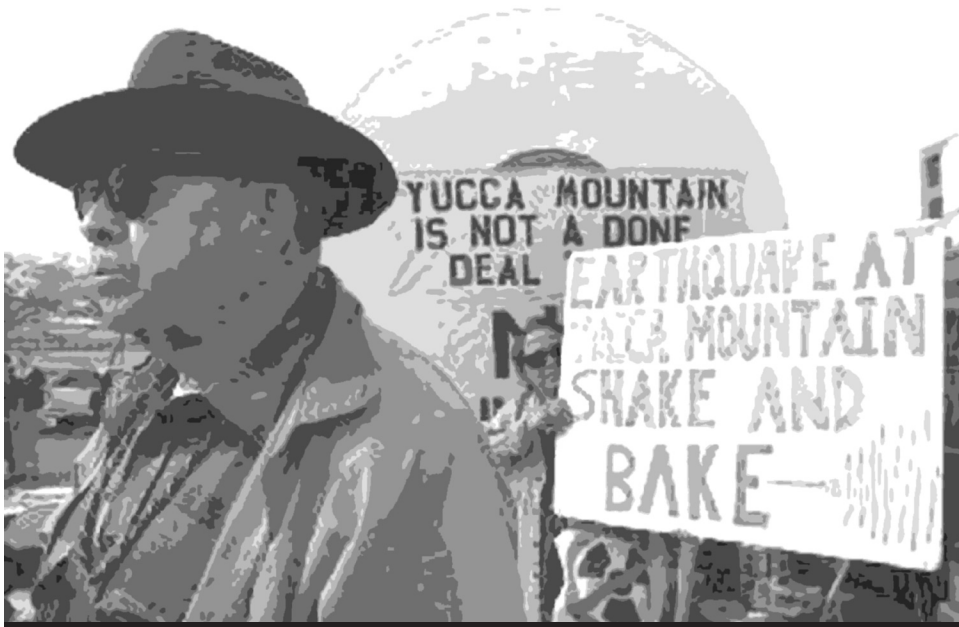


Mobilization Against War and Occupation Presents:

Resisting Colonialism in North America

The Western Shoshone Struggle for Sovereignty



Wednesday
April 27th
at 7:30 PM
Aboriginal
Friendship Centre
1607 East Hastings St.
KAYA Office (Lower Floor)

Featured Speaker and Film:



Carrie Dann
Western Shoshone Elder



'Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain'

The award-winning documentary about the struggle of the Shoshone Indians of Nevada to claim some twenty-four million acres of land ceded to them in an 1863 treaty with the US Federal government.

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What is the Western Shoshone Defense Project?

The Western Shoshone Defense Project's (WSDP) mission is to affirm Newe (Western Shoshone) jurisdiction over Newe Sogobia (Western Shoshone homelands in Nevada). The W.S.D.P. was established in 1991 by the Western Shoshone National Council to provide support to Mary and Carrie Dann, Western Shoshone grandmothers who were facing the confiscation of the livestock which they graze on Western Shoshone lands.

Since then, the Western Shoshone Defense Project has been involved with many other struggles against the continued theft of Western Shoshone land and resources, including a campaign against the 'Western Shoshone Distribution Bill.' Under this bill, which was ratified by George W. Bush in July 2004, Western Shoshone claims to 24 million acres of their traditional territory were subsumed in exchange for a forced payment of 15 cents per acre, a payment which was refused by the majority of Western Shoshone people.

Currently the major campaign of the Western Shoshone Defense Project is against the expansion of the Cortez Gold Mines, located on traditional Western Shoshone Territory. The Cortez Gold Mines expansion is a joint venture involving Placer Dome, a Canadian multinational corporation, and involves the theft of Western Shoshone resources.

Carrie Dann's visit to Vancouver is an important occasion to share the lessons, persistence and victories of the fifteen year campaign of the WSPD within the hundreds of years old struggle of Indigenous nations against American and Canadian colonialism. Carrie Dann's experience as a veteran Indigenous sovereignty fighter and leader is significant for all people opposed to colonialist and imperialist war and occupation from Newe Sogobia to Skwelkwek'welt to Palestine and Iraq.

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