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**Climate Catastrophe and Environment**

**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital With Esther Iverem, THE YEAR IN REVIEW PART 1: ISSA AMRO ON ISRAEL AS A FASCIST STATE, JILL STEIN ON UKRAINE, THE TYRE NICHOLS POLICE MURDER, MORE PIPELINES AS OUR PLANET BURNS, AND MORE... DECEMBER 22, 2023 10:00 AM TRT 55:00**

This is part one of our look back at 2023. From Palestine to a myriad of protests; from the climate crisis, to police terror, to the African Sahel: this year was a time of continuing and tremendous crisis for the world's global majority. And it was a time of resistance and for challenging U.S. empire like never before.

When international human rights activist Issa Amro visited Washington, DC in January 2023, dozens of Palestinians in the West Bank had already been murdered in the new year by IDF soldiers and illegal Jewish settlers. Also at the start of 2023, the brutal beating and murder of Tyre Nichols by Memphis police, captured on surveillance camera, reinforced the systemic nature of police abuse in the United States. This show also includes my conversation with 2016 GREEN party presidential candidate Jill Stein at the MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR PEOPLE'S NEEDS, NOT THE WAR MACHINE March 18th 2023 near the White House. Those opposed to President Biden's approval of the Mountain Vally Pipeline rallied outside the White House on June 8. And this year "On the Ground" joined individuals and organizations around the United States and world in honoring the 125th birthday of the artist and revolutionary Paul Robeson.

**CODEPINK RADIO Episode 227: Beyond the Cold War: A Feminist Foreign Policy for the Asia-Pacific, November 30, 2023, 11:00 AM, TRT 55:00**

Join Cale Holmes and Jodie Evans from CODEPINK's China is NOT our Enemy campaign as they invite journalist Li Jingjing, regional coordinator of the Korea Peace Now Grassroots Network Sheen Kim, Chamorro activist Monaeka Flores, and Former Co-Chair of the Asia+Oceania Subcommittee for Democratic Socialists of America Anlin Wang, to share their insights on what a pro-peace, feminist, decolonized, and sustainable foreign policy looks like in the Asia-Pacific region

**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital with Esther Iverem,: THE YEAR IN REVIEW PART 2: UKRAINE WAR SINKS EUROPE'S ECONOMY... 200 YEARS OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE... THE SAHEL STANDS UP... AND MORE... DECEMBER 29, 2023, 10:00 AM TRT 55:00**

This is part two of our look back at 2023, which, as we stated in part one, was a year of resistance. Key to that resistance was telling the true history of exploitation of the Global South by U.S. and European imperialist powers. 2023 marked 75 years since the 1948 Nakba genocide in Palestine, 50 years since the bloody U.S.-backed coup of Salvador Allende in Chile, and 200 years of the deadly U.S. Monroe Doctrine. With Ben Norton, Juan Gonzalez, Bassolma Bazie, and Yasmin from Maryland2Palestine.

**CODEPINK RADIO Episode 228: From Fargo to Washington DC: How Peace Was Present in 202, December 28, 2023, 11:00 AM, TRT 55:00**

Join Danaka Katovich for her discussion with two CODEPINK organizers in Fargo, North Dakota and the CODEPINK Co-Founder Medea Benjamin. The episode recaps the year CODEPINK had in Congress and discusses making changes locally in places like Fargo, North Dakota.

**CAPITALISM RACE AND DEMOCRACY: Palestine Resists US-sponsored Israeli Occupation, October 24, 2023, 2:00 PM, TRT 55:00**

This week, we dedicate our entire program to the struggle for a free Palestine. Israeli Pro-Palestinian activist and author Miko Peled discusses Zionism and its propaganda outside of Israel. Max Blumenthal and Aaron Mat of the Grayzone reveal how atrocity propaganda is manufactured. Massive rallies around the world in support of Palestine: we go to San Francisco and New York, as well as a banned rally in Paris. Mamehlwe Sebei, president of the General and Industrial Workers Union Of South Africa, explains why Israel is itself an apartheid state. Hatem Bazian (Center for Race and Gender, UC Berkeley) speaks to Steve Zeltzer about the current situation regarding Zionism and Palestine.

**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital With Esther Iverem, DECEMBER 15, 2023, 10:00 AM, TRT 55:00: ZEIN EL-AMINE ON MURDERED GAZA POET REFAAT ALAREER... PROTESTERS TARGET PENTAGON AND BOEING... HEADLINES ON GAZA, UNIONS, MASSIVE MILITARY SPENDING AND MORE...**

The murder of renowned Gaza-based writer and teacher Refaat Alareer galvanizes artists, activists and children to continue resistance to Israeli occupation, apartheid and genocide in Palestine. We speak to author and teacher Zein El-Amine. And at a March to Defund the War Machine near the Pentagon, protesters target the Biden Administration and offices of military contractor Boeing. Plus news from the White House and Capitol Hill with Historian Gerald Horne.

**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital With Esther Iverem, OCTOBER 27, 2023: MIKO PELED ON GENOCIDE AND RESISTANCE PALESTINE... GERALD HORNE ON THE FAR-RIGHT TAKEOVER OF THE HOUSE AND MORE... PLUS BONUS CONTENT: IS ISRAEL PLANNING TO USE SARIN IN GAZA?**

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**Caribbeana, Saturdays weekly, 6:00 PM 3 Hours**

Caribbeana presently airs on WPFW 89.3 FM and is a central authority on Caribbean culture of past to present exposing anyone to Caribbean music, news, and culture. It is one of the few Caribbean organizations based in the United States that services all individuals interested in Caribbean culture and its Diaspora through media, technology, and journalism. This program provides pertinent news from and about the Caribbean as well as about the Caribbean Diaspora throughout the world.

**Konbit Lakay, Wednesdays 7pm, 2 hours. Weekly,**

Our unique Haitian-centered, dual language public affairs and music program serves the DC Haitian community, produced, and hosted by Eugenia Charles.

## Health Care, Housing, Jobs

### **We the People, December 27th, 11:00 AM, TRT 55:00. Micro Activism: Small Actions, Big Results, How You Can Make a Difference in the World**

Guest: Omkari L. Williams has worked as a political consultant and life coach for 30 years, with an emphasis on supporting activists who identify as introverted or highly sensitive. As a queer Black woman, she shares her own story of challenging injustice to empower others in making a difference in their communities.

Ms. Williams has written, *Micro Activism: How You Can Make a Difference in the World*. She leads workshops and trainings and is host of the popular podcast, *Stepping into Truth*, where she interviews people doing activism in their own unique ways. To help people identify their own way of activism she created the *Activist Archetype Quiz* ©. Williams was born and raised in Manhattan and now lives in western Massachusetts.

### **We the People; Wednesday, November 8th, 11:00 AM, TRT 55:00. There Is Hope, You Are Not Alone Regarding Mental Health: Washington, DC & Prince George's County, Mental illness affects everyone, what family, friends and community can do...**

Guests: Jean Harris has been President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Washington, DC (NAMI DC) for the past seven years. She also serves as the volunteer Interim Executive Director. She is former board member on the National Kaiser Permanente Board of Directors. She has worked in the administrations of Mayors Barry and Williams (District of Columbia) regarding mental and/or behavioral health and served as project manager for the prototype, Behavioral Health Manage Care Project which transitioned into the current DC Behavioral Health delivery system.

Ms. Harris received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She is a third generation Washingtonian.

Jean "JB" Moore is a veterans and mental health advocate serving currently as the Executive Director of NAMI Prince George's County. She is passionate about building organizational capacity and infrastructure to help improve the quality of life for individuals and their families impacted by mental illness.

Ms. Moore is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War with a honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force after serving eight years as a Mental Health Clinic Manager and Technician providing psychological services to military members and their families.

### **CAPITALISM RACE and DEMOCRACY: December 12, 2023, 2:00 PM, TRT 55:00. Health Care Workers Protest Israel Bombing Hospitals; Bolivia Severs Ties with Israel**

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators staged worldwide protests to call for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip on November 4. Pacifica's Thomas O'Rourke reports on the massive rally held in Washington DC. On November 3 dozens of supporters of Palestine entered a restricted area at the Port of Oakland and stopped a Pentagon Ready Reserve Fleet ship carrying military cargo to Israel. Participants spoke to Pacifica's Steve Zeltzer about why they were trying to stop the ship. Ongoing Israeli war crimes in Palestine have caused diplomatic reverberations in Latin America. The nation of Bolivia has severed official relations with Israel, while other countries have recalled their ambassadors to Israel in protest over Israeli atrocities. Don Debar speaks with Nicaragua-based journalists Camila Escalante and Stephen Sefton. Over 100 healthcare workers and unionists rallied at San Francisco General Hospital to demand an end to the bombing. South African unionist Memethlwe Sebei talks about a national labor tribunal on

the situation of workers in Namibia, the workers struggle in South Africa and the connection between the Zionist regime in Israel and apartheid South Africa.

**Sojourner Truth Radio, With Margaret Prescod, October 5, 2023, 2:00 PM TRT 55:00.**

March 1st marks the anniversary of the US backed 2004 coup vs Haiti's first democratically elected government under Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Aristide was ousted in the 2004 coup after right-wing ex-army paramilitaries invaded the country from across the Dominican border. The United States helped orchestrate the coup against him. Aristide was later forced into exile in the Central African Republic and South Africa. The tactics that were used to remove Aristide from power twice are almost identical to the ones being used against Venezuela's Maduro today.

**Human Rights / Governance**

**Sojourner Truth with Margaret Prescod, October 12, 2023, 2:00 PM, TRT 55:00.**

Today, a special one-hour interview with MIT professor of history, Craig S. Wilder. We discuss his book, "Ebony and Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities." Professor Wilder reveals the all-too-hidden relationship between some of the country's most elite centers of learning and the institution of slavery. How were universities like Harvard and Yale complicit in one of the most tragic chapters of US History?

**Sojourner Truth with Margaret Prescod, November 2, 2023, 2:00 PM, TRT 55:00.**

Sojourner Truth continues its coverage of Black History Month coverage with our one-hour special broadcast on Stokeley Carmichael, also known as Kwame Ture. He is known by a generation that popularized the cry of "Black Power."

We speak with Dr. Peniel Joseph about his book, "Stokely: A Life. And discuss several questions including: how the concept of Black Power as a political strategy developed. How and why did Stokely Carmichael move from civil rights worker to U.S. based Black Power leader, to Pan-Africanist and socialist. What price did he pay in making this move? Stay tuned for a wide-ranging conversation on Stokely's life, impact and contributions

**Sojourner Truth With host Margaret Prescod, November 9th 2023, 2:00 PM, TRT 55:00.**

Janet Abou-Elias is a Founding Board Member of Women for Weapons Trade Transparency and a Research Fellow at the Center for International Policy. Her research focuses on international arms trade policy, U.S. foreign policy, and sustainability initiatives. Her academic background centers on International Security, Middle Eastern politics, and the intersection of gender and conflict. She is passionate about creating a world where people's safety and security are central to arms trade policies and sustainable corporate practices become the standard. 2:00 PM TRT: 55:00

**Capitalism, Race, & Democracy, RFK Jr. Defends US Empire; Indigenous Day of Mourning; Osaka Workers Strike for Wages & Palestine; African Diaspora Calls for Reparations, October 27, 2023, 2:00 PM TRT: 55:00**

As both Republicans and Democrats double down on their support for Israel, Pacifica's Polina Vasiliev and Freddy Libertad independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s stance. Indigenous people commemorate a Day of Mourning on US Thanksgiving Day. We hear from Annanwon Weeden (Mashpee Wampanoag). Produced by Jacquelyn Battise (KPFT). Working people in Japan speak out about the economic crisis in their country and stand in solidarity with Palestine. Report from Steve Zeltzer.

Throughout the African diaspora, demands for human trafficking and slavery reparations grow louder. We air a presentation by attorney Nkechi Taifa (Equal Rights and Justice Radio). Produced by Fahima Seck (WPFW).

## **Police Accountability, Criminal Justice, and Mass Incarceration**

**CROSSROADS RADIO SHOW with Roach Brown, October 24, 2023, 10:00 AM TRT 55:00**

**Is GAZA the world's largest Open-Air Prison?**

Guests: Pastor Emeritus Graylan Hagler, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Susan Abulhawa, Palestinian Activist, World Renown Author

**Crossroads with Roach Brown, Live Remote, Live Remote, 10:00 AM , October 3, 2023, 2 hours**

1st Hour

Topic: A Streetwise Hustler Turns into a Single Father of Two.

Guest: Nate Morris III.

**Crossroads with Roach Brown, Live Remote, Live Remote, 11:00 AM , October 3, 2023**

2nd Hour

Topic: Activists Organizing to Stop Gun Violence.

Guest: Kymone Freeman, Co-Founder, WE ACT Radio.

**Crossroads with Roach Brown, Live Remote, November 7, 2023, 10:00 AM, 2 hours.**

1st Hour

Topic: REPURPOSING CLOSED PRISONS

Guest: Nicole D. Porter, Director of Advocacy, The Sentencing Project

**Crossroads with Roach Brown, Live Remote, November 7, 2023, 11:00 AM**

2nd Hour

Topic: GOING DOWN MEMORY LANE (in DC).

Guest: Kenny Brown, 3rd Generation Washington, DC Historian

Guest: Coach Butch McAdams, Maret School boys' basketball coach for 29 years

**Crossroads with Roach Brown, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 10:00 AM, 2 hours.**

1st Hour

Topic: YOUTH VIOLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Guest: Jenese Patterson, Parent Watch

Guest: Ron Hampton, Former Executive Director, National Black Police Association, Retired DC Police Officer

**Crossroads with Roach Brown, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 11:00 AM**

2nd Hour

Topic: WHAT ARE OUR MOST PRESSING CIVIL LIBERTIES ISSUES?

Guest: Monica Hopkins, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU-DC)

## Racial Justice

**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital With Esther Iverem, With 12,000 Killed and Gaza's Largest Hospital Attacked by the IDF, Calls Grow for a Ceasefire... November 17, 2024, 10:00 AM, TRT 55:00.**

With more than 12,000 Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks and Gaza's largest hospital raided, the international call for a ceasefire grows louder. Also, in this month's episode of the F-word on fascism, more lawsuits charge Israeli and American leaders with genocide, and activists in the U.S. face repression of civil rights, and attacks by police.

**SOJOURNER TRUTH, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 2:00 PM TRT 55:00.**

Today on Sojourner Truth Weekly broadcast. Censorship is increasing on university campuses across the nation against those who speak out in support of Palestinians or critiques the Israeli government policies. Also, from the to other industries people are being penalized for speaking out in support of Palestinians even on social media. Our guest is Arun Kundnani author of What is Anti-Racism and The Muslims are Coming.

And Dr. Gerald Horne is back on ST to discuss his views on what is increasingly being called a genocide happening in Gaza, also attacks on the West Bank. He will also weigh in on what is happening in Sudan, where thousands of lives have been lost due to conflict there.

**Capitalism, Race, & Democracy: December 12, 2023, 2:00 PM TRT: 00:55:00. The Two-State Solution is Dead; Class Struggle under Milei in Argentina; Japanese Say No to Nukes; Fearless Fund Foundation's Legal Battle to Secure Equity for Black Women Business Owners**

Many scholars and activists say that the two-state solution is no longer a viable option for Israel/Palestine. Ann Garrison reports. Japan, like the United States, is now pushing more nuclear power and recently told the world that it sees nuclear power as an important component in fighting to protect the climate. Eileen Mioko Smith of Green Action Japan spoke with Steve Zeltzer in Osaka at a mass rally against nuclear power. Thomas O'Rourke interviews Argentinian politician and activist Guillermo Kane on the election of right wing, anarcho-capitalist, libertarian president Javier Milei. Fearless Fund co-founder Arian Simone speaks out about Edward Bloom's attack on Equity and Diversity funding of businesses owned by Black women and other women of color.

**Capitalism, Race, & Democracy: October 31, 2023, 2:00 PM TRT: 00:55:00. Israeli Civilians as Collateral Damage; UN General Assembly Votes for Ceasefire; Black Peoples March on the White House**

Witness accounts are emerging that reveal how Israel's response to the Hamas operation included the killing of some of its own citizens. We hear from Ali Abunimah of the Electronic Intifada and Max Blumenthal of the Grayzone. Israel's record of murder and oppression extends far beyond Palestine to the killing fields of Latin America's death squads and dictatorships. Ben Norton from Geopolitical Economy Report provides analysis. Last week the UN Security Council failed to pass a resolution on Gaza, but the UN General Assembly passed one calling for an immediate ceasefire. Pacifica's Ann Garrison reports. The 15th annual Black Peoples March on the White House takes place on Saturday, Nov. 4. It will highlight the fightback against US state attacks on the Uhuru Movement and the African People's Socialist Party in the context of the broader anti-colonial struggle. Israel's record of murder and oppression extends far beyond Palestine to the killing fields of Latin America's death squads and dictatorships. Ben Norton from Geopolitical Economy Report provides analysis. Last week the UN Security Council failed to pass a resolution on Gaza, but the UN General Assembly passed one calling for an immediate ceasefire. Pacifica's Ann Garrison reports. The 15th annual Black Peoples March on the White House takes place on Saturday, Nov. 4. It will highlight the fightback against US state attacks on the Uhuru Movement and the African Peoples Socialist Party in the context of the broader anti-colonial struggle.

## War and Peace

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**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital With Esther Iverem, DECEMBER 1, 2023: FULL INTERVIEW WITH MAX BLUMENTHAL: MORE EVIDENCE THAT ISRAEL KILLED ITS OWN ON OCT. 7... RELEASED PALESTINIAN PRISONERS TELL OF EXTREME VIOLENCE AND MURDER... PLUS GERALD HORNE ON KISSINGER... HEADLINES. 10:00 AM TRT: 00:54:36**

Since October 7th, Israel has taken more Palestinians hostage than it has released in ongoing prisoner swaps. And those being released from Israel's dungeons tell harrowing tales of extreme violence and murder. Plus, we continue to explore mounting evidence that Israeli forces killed many of their own citizens on October 7, 2023, We speak to Grayzone editor Max Blumenthal. And Headlines on Henry Kissinger with Gerald Horne. Palestine Youth Movement and the Party for Socialism and Liberation stage rally at the U.S. State Department on November 29, 2023, International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital With Esther Iverem, NOVEMBER 17, 2023: WITH 12,000 KILLED AND GAZA'S LARGEST HOSPITAL ATTACKED BY THE IDF, CALLS GROW FOR A CEASEFIRE... PLUS, THE F-WORD ON FASCISM, 10:00 AM TRT: 00:55:11**

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**On The Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital With Esther Iverem, NOVEMBER 10, 2023: COVERAGE OF THE HISTORIC NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON TO FREE PALESTINE... PROTESTERS CALL BIDEN 'GENOCIDE JOE'... SEEK ACCOUNTABILITY FOR 10,000 MURDERED IN GAZA 10:00 AM TRT: 00:54:50**

On this show: the largest demonstration in U.S. history in support of the Palestinian people brought 300,000 people to Freedom Plaza. They demanded an end to Israel's genocidal bombing and siege of Gaza, an end to U.S. aid to Israel, and an end to apartheid in and occupation of Palestine. Speakers and attendees said that the U.S. is complicit in Israel's war crimes as more than 10,000 civilians, almost half of those children, have been murdered. We spend the hour hearing from some of those who assembled November 4, 2023 at Freedom Plaza, before marching on the White House.