"Inside Iraq: A Silent War on the People

through Economic Sanctions"

Speaker: Kathy Kelly

Voices in the Wilderness:

A Campaign to End the U.N./U.S. Economic Sanctions Against the People of Iraq

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Honolulu Friends Meeting House

2426 O`ahu Avenue in Mānoa

About Kathy Kelly

For traveling to Iraq in open violation of the UN/US sanctions against Iraq, Kathy Kelly and other campaign members have been threatened with 12 years in prison, \$1,000,000 fine and \$250,000 administrative fine.

Kelly has been to Iraq four times since January 1996, when the Campaign began. Her most recent trip was in February 1998, during the weapons inspection crisis. During the first two weeks of the Gulf War in 1991, she was part of a peace encampment on the Iraq-Saudi border, called the Gulf Peace Team. Following evacuation to Amman, Jordan on February 4, Kelly stayed in the region for the next six months to help coordinate medical relief convoys and study teams.

Kelly has an M.A. in theology, taught in the Chicago area community colleges and high schools since 1974. She is active with the Catholic Worker movement, is a pacifist war tax resister, who has refused to pay federal income taxes for 18 years. In 1988, she was sentenced to one year in federal prison, served nine months in Lexington (KY) maximum security prison, for planting corn on a nuclear missile silo site. She has been arrested 42 times for actions of nonviolent direct action to resist injustice. Kelly helped organize and participated in nonviolent direct action teams in Haiti (summer 1994), Bosnia (December 1992 and August 1993), Israel and the Israeli Occupied Palestinian Territories (June 1991 and 1992) and Iraq (Gulf Peace Team, 1991).

She is currently a full-time caregiver for her elderly father living in Chicago, while coordinating the Voices in the Wilderness Campaign.

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