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## **Lanterns for Peace Event at Governor Dodge**

Dear Editor,

The rise of global terrorism and the expansion of the nuclear club has radically changed the thinking of both security experts and politicians. The big fear now is the possibility of terrorist groups obtaining fissile material and making a “suitcase bomb.” North Korea and Iran are also on the radar screen of nuclear dangers. Because nuclear weapons materials are spreading prolifically, nuclear attack has a higher likelihood than ever before, say former Secretaries of Defense Henry Kissinger and George Schultz. They, together with former Secretary of Defense William Perry and former Senator Sam Nunn, have called for the U.S. to lead the world toward a planet free of nuclear weapons. This is a bipartisan effort.

President Obama recently signed a New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia which is now pending ratification in the Senate. But public pressure is necessary to advance the nuclear abolition agenda. During the Cold War nuclear deterrence could possibly be justified as preventing war. But nuclear deterrence cannot work against scattered cells of potential terrorists.

On Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. a local group of Grassroots Citizens for Peace will commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at Twin Valley Lake in Governor Dodge State Park. “Lanterns for Peace” is part of an international movement against nuclear weapons. It is an intergenerational event that involves information sharing, lantern making and music. This is a celebration of the beauty and humanity of our aspirations for peace. All are invited to attend.

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