The Nobel Peace Prize Watch Lay down your arms

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... this year's Peace Prize ... speaks to the core of Alfred Nobel's will and Nobel's vision of fraternity, disarmament and peace-building forums. Not because the [Tunisian] Quartet has actively sought to promote disarmament, but

Nobel committee chair Kaci Kullmann Five, opening words of 2015 Nobel speech

[But why was the Quartet not in the NPPW list at http://www.nobelwill.org/index.html?tab=7?]

Gothenburg/Oslo, November 26, 2016

Dear peace movement colleagues,

1. NOMINATE A TRULY NOBEL PEACEMAKER – BY FEB. 1, 2017

Please consider (seeking) a nomination for the 2017 Nobel "prize for the champions of peace." Intending to serve the movement to liberate all nations from weapons, warriors and wars Nobel's prize struck at the heart of the war system; we must end the militarism that pumps fear, with arms races and power games continuing to destroy international relations.

The Norwegian awarders have long believed in security through military strength, the direct opposite of what Nobel wished to support. The NPPW, wishing to reclaim the prize for the movement for peace and disarmament, considers it imperative to keep the Norwegian awarders strictly to the original demilitarization purpose; otherwise they will continue spreading peace prizes in all directions. Today the confusion about Nobel's actual intention is total, therefore it is of great importance that every nomination argues and refers to the actual intention of Nobel; this will help to ensure that the prize serves our goals.

The awarders are hiding their misuse of the prize behind the tight secrecy surrounding the selections. Modern, democratic ideas on openness and free discussion are essential to avoid corrupted practises, and we therefore found it necessary to disobey the rules and open the nomination process. The NPPW list of the qualified candidates, with the full nomination letters and the applicable rules are posted at: http://www.nobelwill.org/index.html?tab=7. All nominations mentioning the true purpose are helpful in the effort to reclaim the prize.

2. Please nominate by Feb. 1, 2017. Find someone entitled to nominate. **Send copies** of all nominations suited for inclusion in our 2017 (short) list to <u>nominations@nobelwill.org</u>.

Best greetings, The Lay Down Your Arms Association

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