

Spring 2007

Peace & Justice Film Series

Sponsored by the University of Montana Students for Peace & Justice and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center

THIS THURSDAY:

SUGIHARA: CONSPIRACY OF KINDNESS

Thursday February 1, 2007, 5:30PM and 7:30 PM

(USA: 2000, 103 mins.)

In the fall of 1939, Hitler's murderous wave was sweeping through Eastern Europe. In the face of the Nazi onslaught, Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara set about saving thousands of lives. But his struggle was not fought on the battlefields or in war rooms. He used his power as a diplomat to rescue fleeing Jewish refugees. *Sugihara* is a story of what one can accomplish without weapons, even in the face of fascism.



As Japan's consul to Lithuania, Sugihara risked career, disgrace, his life, and the lives of his family defying Tokyo by writing transit visas for refugees desperate to escape persecution. In August 1940, Sugihara spent upwards of sixteen hours a day issuing visas, until Soviet-occupied Lithuania forced the final shutdown of the country's last remaining consulates. In the end, more than 2,000 Sugihara-stamped passports allowed hundreds of families to flee Europe through Russia to safe havens abroad. Today it is estimated that more than 40,000 people owe their very existence to Sugihara's heroic acts of humanitarianism.

Special Guest: Dr. Charles Exley, Assistant Professor of Japanese Studies
will lead the discussion after the 5:30 screening

NEXT WEEK:

HOWARD ZINN:

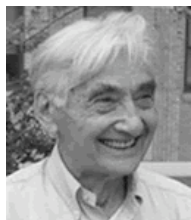
(USA: 2004, 78 mins.)

YOU CAN'T BE NEUTRAL ON A MOVING TRAIN

Thursday February 8, 2007, 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Directed by Deb Ellis & Denis Mueller, Narrated by Matt Damon

Featuring music by Pearl Jam, Woody Guthrie & Billy Bragg



In these turbulent times Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*, is inspiring a new generation. This acclaimed film looks at the amazing life of the renowned historian, activist and author. Following his early days as a shipyard labor organizer and bombardier in World War II, Zinn became an academic rebel and leader of civil disobedience in a time of institutionalized racism and war. His influential writings shine light on and bring voice to factory workers, immigrant laborers, African Americans, Native Americans and the working poor.

Featuring rare archival materials and interviews with Zinn and colleagues such as Noam Chomsky, *You Can't Be Neutral* captures the essence of this extraordinary man who has been a catalyst for progressive change for more than 60 years.

There will be a discussion after each screening

All of these movies are thought provoking, so please stay afterwards and share your thoughts with other members of the community. You are welcome and encouraged to come regardless of where you find yourself on the political spectrum.

Diversity of opinion leads to richer discussions and deeper understanding.



At the UC Theater in the University of Montana's University Center, 3rd Floor

Take Bus 1, 8, 12 or the UM Shuttle. Free Parking after 5PM.

All Films are Free and Open to the Public

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