

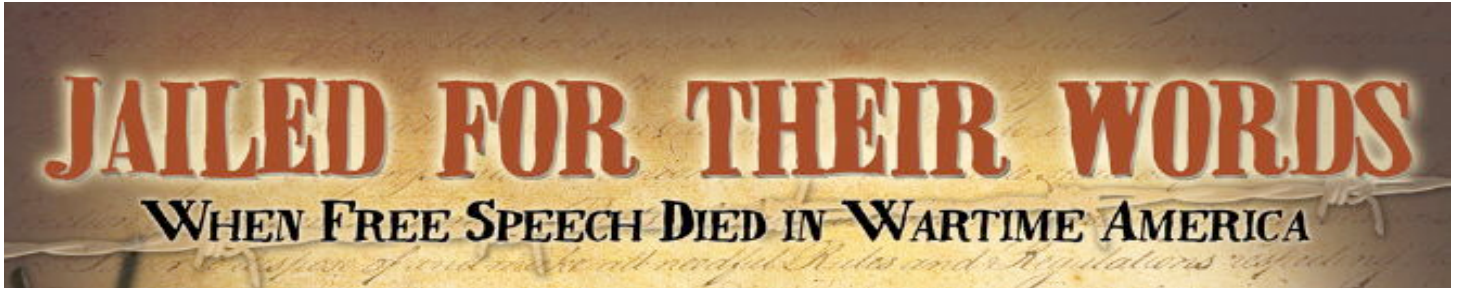
Spring 2009

Peace & Justice Film Series

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH, 5:30PM & 7:30PM

(USA: 2008, 60 mins.)



Produced and directed in Montana by Gita Saedi Kiely

Based on the book by University of Montana Professor Dr. Clem Work

Entangled in a distant war a nation lost sight of its highest values. Men and women who spoke out against the war were punished. Their families were torn apart. In Montana, scores of people were convicted of sedition, merely for criticizing the war effort or for refusing to prove their loyalty by buying war bonds. Some were sent to prison for up to 20 years.

This powerful, hour-long documentary traces the dramatic story of Montana's draconian World War I sedition law, the harshest law of its kind in the nation, and the model for a U.S. law passed shortly after. Through interviews and re-enactments, the film tells this compelling human drama of how war hysteria and super-patriotism led to broken lives. Contemporary footage shows the dramatic conclusion, the posthumous pardoning of all sedition prisoners by Gov. Brian Schweitzer in 2006. Framed in the context of our First Amendment free speech rights, this cautionary tale demonstrates in clear and compelling terms what can happen when Americans give up their liberties in return for the promise of greater security.

Special Guest Speaker: Film Maker Dr. Clem Work, U of M Professor of Journalism,

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH, 5:30PM & 7:30PM

(USA: 2008, 89 mins.)

Burning the Future: Coal in America

Burning the Future: Coal in America portrays the explosive forces that have set in motion a groundswell of conflict between the Coal Industry and residents of West Virginia. Confronted by an emerging coal-based US energy policy, local activists watch the nation praise coal without regard to the devastation caused by its extraction. Faced with toxic ground water, the obliteration of 1.4 million acres of mountains, and a government that appeases industry, our heroes demonstrate a strength of purpose and character in their improbable fight to arouse the nation's help in protecting their mountains, saving their families, and preserving their way of life.

There will be a lively and respectful 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

www.PeaceAndJusticeFilms.org

Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) Are Available on Request for Hearing the Impaired



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