

The Winter Human Rights School
 (February 13-21, 2008)



The press-conference of the film festival
 «Ostorozhno: PAMYAT!» (Beware of the memory)
 (November 19-22, 2008)



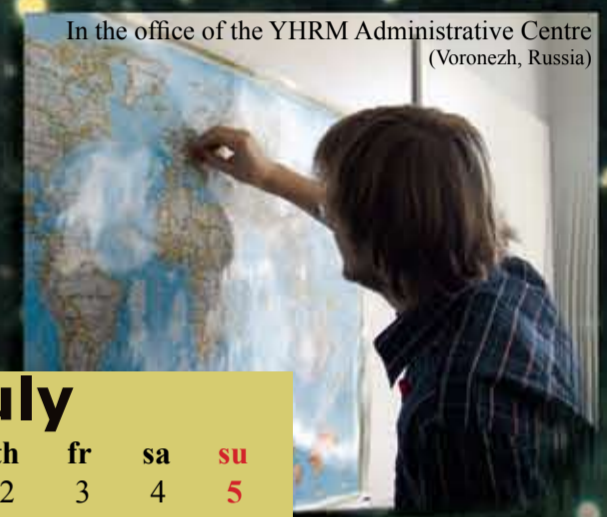
Andrey Yurov,
 the YHRM Honorary President



The action «For your and our freedom» (24 of August, Moscow)



The YHRM Activists with the members of the Public Board
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In the office of the YHRM Administrative Centre
 (Voronezh, Russia)

In the service to each other
 we get freedom
 King Arthur

2009

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JANUARY
10 Day of coming into force of the Peace Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended World War I.
27 Holocaust Memorial Day. On this day in 1945, the prisoners of the Nazi Auschwitz concentration camp were liberated by the Soviet troops.

FEBRUARY
6 Free Trade Union Day. On this day in 1945, the 1st World Trade Union Conference was held in London, organized by the British Trade Union Congress. The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) was established several months later.

MARCH
8 International Women's Day. In 1975 this date was designated by United Nations as an international holiday. On this day in 1857, the demonstration of women garment workers on the streets of New York against poor working conditions and low wages was dispersed by the police.
11 Civil Disobedience Day. On this day in 1930, Mahatma Gandhi along with several dozens of his followers set out on foot for «the Salt March» (Salt Satyagraha) to the seashore in an act of protest against the British salt tax in colonial India. This action is considered a great example of successful non-violent action organized in defense of public interests.
15 International Day against Police Brutality. First organized in 1997 as an initiative of an anarchist federation from Switzerland and supported by a citizens' organization from Canada, it was a response to police abuse in Switzerland of two children, aged 11 and 12.
21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, declared by the UN in 1967. On this day in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid «pass laws».

21 Hospitality Day (Scythian New Year). More information about anti-fascist project «Scythian National Congress» see at www.scythia.hrworld.ru

APRIL
8 International Roma Day. On this day in 1971, the 1st World Romani Congress in London set up a holiday to celebrate diversity and protect cultural heritage of people from this nomadic ethnic group. This holiday also promotes the ideas of tolerance and Human Rights.
9 International Day of Youth Actions for Human Rights.

MAY
5 Council of Europe Founding Day. On this day in 1949, the Treaty of London that later became the Statute of the Council of Europe was signed.
12 Helsinki Movement Day. On this day in 1976, Yuri Orlov and his comrades established a group to monitor compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act in the USSR. The Moscow Helsinki Group (MHG) was the first Helsinki Watch organization in the world.
15 International Conscientious Objector Day, sounded in 1985 by groups affiliated to War Resisters International, highlights that the issue of conscientious objection is not a national, but an international issue.
28 Day of Amnesty International. On this day in 1961, British lawyer Peter Benenson called for an international campaign against «prisoners of conscience» after he read about two Portuguese students sentenced to seven years in prison for the crime of raising their glasses in a toast to freedom. From this efforts Amnesty International, the largest Human Rights organization in the world, was born.
32 Day of all heroes. This day was declared by Baron Munchhausen who is known to start every day with the feat.

JUNE
20 World Refugee Day, celebrated by the United Nations since 2001 to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and to coincide with Africa Refugee Day.
25 Big Brother Resistance Day. On this day in 1903, the author of the great book «1984», a terrifying portrayal of totalitarian society, George Orwell was born.
26 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, designated by the UN in 1997.

JULY
6 Day in Memoriam of Jan Hus (b. 1371), the Czech philosopher and religious thinker, revolutionary and martyr. On this day in 1415, he was burnt at the stake for not abandoning his beliefs. The movement inspired by his ideas became one of the brightest examples of social protest in the Middle Ages.

AUGUST
1 OSCE Day. On this day in 1975, the CSCE (Conference for Security and Co-operation in Europe), was created. In 1995 it became the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.
4 Pacifism Day. On this day in 1909, Leo Tolstoy gave a speech at the Stockholm Peace Conference. He set out the fundamental ideas of pacifism and voiced his support for conscientious objectors to the military service.
6 Day of Action against Use of Nuclear Weapons. On this single day in 1945, the Japanese city of Hiroshima was destroyed. According to different estimates, a nuclear explosion killed approximately 90 to 140 thousand people.
26 The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen was approved in 1789 by the Constituent Assembly of the French Revolution. The Declaration has become one of the fundamental Human Rights documents.

28 «Day of a dream». On this day in 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous «I have a dream» speech in front of a civil-rights rally of several thousands during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. A year later, the Congress passed the Civil Rights Act that prohibited segregation.

SEPTEMBER
1 Day of Struggle for Peace. On this day in 1939, World War II, the bloodiest war in history, broke out.
13 International Day in Memory of Victims of Fascism. The goal of this day is to oppose to the ideology of fascism the ideals of international solidarity and friendship between peoples. It is held each 2nd Sunday of September.
19 International Day of Peace was designated by United Nations in 2001. During this day all states are asked to cease all hostilities and honor peace and non-violence.

OCTOBER
10 Day in Memoriam of Marek Nowicki. On this day in 2003, a well-known Human Rights activist, founder of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw, and creator of a School for Human Rights activists from all over the world, Marek Nowicki died at the age of 56.
24 United Nations Day. On this day in 1945, the UN Charter came into force.

NOVEMBER
9 International Day against Fascism and Anti-Semitism. On this day in 1938, a nation-wide attack on Jews, called Night of Broken Glass (Kristallnacht or Pogromnacht), broke out in Germany and Austria. Extreme violence towards Jews portended the events of the Holocaust.
16 International Day for Tolerance, declared in 1995 by UNESCO.

17 International Student Day. On this day in 1939, a student demonstration in Prague, occupied by German forces, was violently suppressed.
25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. On this day in 1961, on orders of Dominican ruler Rafael Trujillo, three Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic, were brutally assassinated.
30 World Day against Death Penalty. For the first time held in 2003 on initiative from the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

DECEMBER
2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery recalls the date of the adoption of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others and commemorates the struggle against slavery and its abolition.
5 International Volunteer Day, declared in 1985 by the United Nations.
10 International Human Rights Day. On this day in 1948, the UN Assembly adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the first global enunciation of human rights.
18 International Migrant's Day, designated by the UN in 2000.

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