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“Radical Peace: People Refusing War”

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A new group of peace activists from the USA, Europe, Iraq and Afghanistan are resisting Barack Obama's militarism. Frustrated, angered, and even saddened by the juggernaut of aggression that creates more counter-violence at every turn, they have moved beyond demonstrations and petitions into direct action, defying the government's laws and impeding its ability to wage war. They tell their stories in a new book, *Radical Peace*, which William T. Hathaway co-authored. Among the stories cited are those of a European peace group that assisted a soldier in escaping from military detention and then deserting; a U.S.-educated Iraqi who now works in Iran developing cheaper and smaller heat-seeking missiles to shoot down U.S. aircraft after U.S. soldiers brutalized his family; a granny for peace who found young allies in her struggle against military recruiting; a seminary student who, having been roughed up by U.S. military at a peace demonstration, became a military chaplain and subverts from within; and a man who expresses his resistance through the destruction of government property – most often by burning military vehicles. Noam Chomsky described *Radical Peace* as "a book that captures such complexities and depths of human existence, even apart from the immediate message."

William T. Hathaway is a political journalist and a former Special Forces soldier turned peace activist whose articles have appeared in more than 40 publications, including *Humanist*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Midstream Magazine*, and *Synthesis/Regeneration*. He is an adjunct professor of American studies at the University of Oldenburg in Germany, and the author of *A World of Hurt*, *CD-Ring*, and *Summer Snow*. Hathaway is also a former Fulbright professor in the North American Studies Program of the University of Bonn.