

PROTEST AT BATH IRON WORKS, SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH.

On June 5th Bath Iron Works will “christen” yet another weapon of mass destruction and, again for the 14th year, Maine’s activist community will protest the continued construction of these weapons.

Maine’s activist community will gather between 8 and 8:15 AM in front of BIW’s Administration building, Washington Street, Bath. At 8:30 our group will walk down Washington to the South gate, a ½ mile easy walk. If you don’t want to walk meet at the South Gate on Washington Street. Public will be admitted at 9 AM. The ceremony begins at 10 AM. We plan to have our closing circle about 10:30 AM.

The ship to be christened is the USS Spruance, DDG 111, the 61st Aegis Destroyer launched or christened, about half at BIW. At \$1 billion each that represents a lot of school lunches, mental health care, social services and whatever lost because of inadequate funds.

The fact that our country chooses to build these weapons at all says a lot about our morals, our priorities and our intentions. We would rather build these ships than build schools. We would rather fund these weapons rather than fund food programs. We call them defensive weapons yet stock each ship with 56 Tomahawk missiles each nuclear capable with a 200 KT warhead. A purely offensive weapon both literally and figuratively.

In the late ‘80s and early 90's there was talk of about conversion yet for the past two decades we have heard nothing about conversion from where it counts, General Dynamics, BIW’s parent company, nor from our congressionals who vote against war supplementals yet support the continued production of these weapons of mass destruction. Paying for them with monies that could be used to much greater effect elsewhere in Maine.

Join us in Bath and let your presence be felt

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