

Summary of K.S.P.C.'s Activities in 1987

ONGOING:

Bimonthly publication of the Peace News.

Hour-long television program on Community Cable 10- the brain-child of two of our most tireless members. One program is produced each month, to be shown once weekly. Despite the amount of work involved, the show is quite worthwhile- we are always receiving comments on it, and one of our phone-ins recieved "more calls than Santa Claus", as one Cable 10 employee put it. While we are not sure of the size of our audience, it does seem to be considerable.

KAMLOOPS PEACE UMBRELLA:

An exciting development in Kamloops is the formation of this umbrella group- sort of a community network of support and co-operation between like-minded groups. So far, besides K.S.P.C., the Umbrella covers Project Ploughshares, Friends of A.M.E.S., the Catholic Church Organization for Development and Peace, the Christian Task Force For Central America, and the Kamloops District Labour Council. Other groups are encouraged to join. We have undertaken two projects to date as Umbrella projects- the 1987 Walk for Peace and the upcoming Peace Voter Pledge Drive during Disarmament Week. The benefits of the Umbrella are obvious- the increased person-power, resources, and new friends, ideas, and skills.

S.A.G.E.:

The Youth Nuclear Disarmament Tour stopped for 2 days in Kamloops, and they were great. A student group named S.A.N.E. was formed as a result, and we are trying to support them as much as possible. They are doing a 15 min. spot on the peace show each month, which they seem to enjoy.

WALK FOR PEACE 1987:

This year's walk drew out about 500 people- fewer than last year, but this crowd more than made up for their numbers with their enthusiasm- Over 250 Peace Voter Pledge cards were signed on that day alone. As I mentioned earlier, this was our first Umbrella Project, although the Walk had been undertaken co-operatively by K.S.P.C. and Project Ploughshares in the past.

HIROSHIMA VIGIL:

Like last year, the vigil was held at dusk on Aug. 6th, on the riverbank at the confluence of the North and South Thompson Rivers. The ceremony was brief, with an intro by one of our members, an address by our MP, Nelson Riis (NDP), music, and the release of 2 dozen candleboats- very peaceful and visually pleasing. Good PR out of that one.

TOOLS FOR PEACE:

A Guatemalan group named Kin Lalat played a benefit for Tools for Peace at the end of July. Last winter's final

tally of goods and \$ collected for Tools for Peace was about \$3,000- an amount we intend to surmount this year. One approach we used last year was a campaign to collect one pencil (a high priority item) from each Jr. and Sr. Sec. school student on International Human Rights Day (Dec. 10). Some schools were more responsive than others, but we got scads of pencils, and did some valuable education as well. We intend to use the same tactic to encourage donations of the much-needed notebooks on this year's priority list. A public forum and possibly another concert are also pending.

DISARMAMENT WEEK:

The Peace Umbrella has agreed to collaborate in a mall campaign to educate and circulate the Peace Voter Pledge cards. The increased person-power will make each person's stint in the mall shorter, as well as give us a chance to get to know our new acquaintances better. Also tentatively scheduled for this week is a public forum on the White Paper on Defense.

SOVIET PEACE COMMITTEE VISIT:

Originally scheduled for late October, this event may occur in late November if the committee has enough time to come to the interior. We're hoping they will. The plan is to have a press conference, tape a Peace show, and have a banquet, followed by an open meeting.