



# THE YOUTH NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TOUR LA TOURNÉE DES JEUNES POUR LE DÉSARMEMENT NUCLÉAIRE

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*To: Our Local Sponsors, Board of Advisors, and Interested Friends*

*From: Désirée, Maxime, Alison, Seth (and Georgia).*

*The national media has, perhaps, been keeping you posted as to our progress across the country. There is no question that the Tour has succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. We expect that, by the time it concludes -- in Vancouver on May 20th -- we will have gone well over our estimated goals both in number of schools and numbers of students reached. This is due, in large measure, to the wonderful support we have received at all times, and in all places, from you, the Canadian peace community.*

*It has been wonderful to hear from many of you about the youth peace activities going on in your area, and we look forward to being back at "Central" in Montreal to continue the cross-Canada networking which is an important part of the dream.*

## EXCITING NEWS!!

*The CPPNW (Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War) has invited us to be part of their delegation to the international doctors' (IPPNW) congress taking place, this year, in Moscow from May 29-June 1. We will serve as resource persons in one or more of the workshops.*



The Soviet Embassy in Ottawa and the Soviet Consulate in Montreal are collaborating to find a group in the USSR (hopefully the Soviet Youth Committee) who will plan an itinerary for us from June 2-9. We hope to meet with many ordinary Soviet youth and to share ideas and dreams which we can bring back and pass on through the Canadian youth peace network.

On hearing of this proposed trip, several groups in the San Francisco area have invited us to spend the 2 or 3 days before departure for Moscow visiting in their schools. We're thrilled about this as it gives a rather international and "ambassadorial" flavour to this final leg of the Tour.

We hope you will agree with us that taking on this added load is an important thing to do -- but there is the question of money.

#### MONEY!

We could, frankly, just about cover the costs of airfares out of money we have made selling T-shirts; and most of our expenses while in San Francisco, and the second week in Moscow, will be looked after.

But -- we had planned that any savings from our cross-Canada tour would provide the basic funding for follow-up -- networking by letter and by phone, a youth peace conference, printing of resource material, etc. We do not want to jeopardize these important aspects and are, thus, hoping to have the USA - USSR trip stand on its own financially.

A number of attempts to have one or two funding groups or organizations underwrite this project did not appear to be bearing fruit, and it occurred to us that the most meaningful way for us to visit the States and the Soviet Union would be as emissaries from the Canadian peace community. (We will need approximately \$11,000 to cover our costs.)

You have all been such a wonderful help and support as we have gone across the country that we come to you a little sheepishly with this request. On the other hand, many of you have asked that we be sure to let you know if you could help in any way. So, here we are!

#### HELP!!

Perhaps your peace group, or individuals within it who saw the value of what we were trying to do, would want to support this international venture. Perhaps the peace groups in some of the schools we visited would want to throw a bake sale. Maybe a church group...or the local Rotarians...or a next-door neighbour.

Any ideas you have and could follow through on would be very much appreciated. PLEASE REMIND PEOPLE THAT A TAX RECEIPT FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES IS AVAILABLE. Cheques should be made out to YOUTH NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TOUR.

We sincerely hope that this request is not imposing unduly. We will always be grateful for the support we have received across this wonderful country of ours. (We've become very patriotic!)

P.S. Check out the May issue of Canadian Living magazine -- a terrific article by Sally Armstrong.

*you've just have begun to relax! Sorry!*

