

# Kamloops~Shuswap



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## KAMLOOPS INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR AWARENESS DAY 1981

Nuclear Awareness Day, 1981, will be marked in Kamloops by a series of events lasting nearly a full week.

At least 12 organizations have joined the planning committee for Nuclear Awareness Day, which was initiated jointly by the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council and the Yellowhead Ecological Association of Kamloops. In addition to the KSPC and YEA, the Kamloops and District Labour Council, Kamloops District Teachers Association, Local 900 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 10 of the Pulp and Paper Workers of Canada, Local 1540 of the Carpenters Union, the Cariboo College Students Society, the Kamloops Constituency Association of the NDP, Ten Days for World Development and STRADDA, have all named representatives to the committee. In addition the School Board for District 24 (Kamloops) has officially endorsed the day and the committee is expecting a proclamation from the Mayor's office recognizing April 25th as Nuclear Awareness Day.

The highlight of the week's activities will be a march and rally on Saturday, April 25th which will feature speeches from Nelson Riis, MP for Kamloops-Shuswap, Lorne Robson, secretary of the Provincial Council of Carpenters and an executive member of the B.C. Peace Council, Laverne Isert, from the Yellowhead Ecological Association, and David Garrick of the Society for Pollution and Environmental Control in Vancouver.

Entertainment at the rally will be provided by George Hewison, secretary treasurer of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union and a popular fixture at many trade union and peace gatherings as a folksinger.

While the rally and march (the march begins at 11:00 A.M. at Allan Mathews School with the rally to follow at noon at the bandshell in Riverside Park) are the highlights of the week, a number of other events are also

scheduled.

Chairperson of the organizing committee, Peace Council Secretary Val Carey, said that she expects that the week's activities will contribute greatly to the public's awareness of the dangers of nuclear energy and the arms race and urged all interested individuals to attend as many events as possible.

## CALENDER OF EVENTS: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR AWARENESS DAY - APRIL 25, 1981

April 20 - 24: showings of the film "War Without Winners" to students at Kamloops High School, North Kamloops Secondary and Westsyde Secondary.

April 23 - 24: High school debates on the topic: "Resolved: It is incumbent upon all students to become fully informed on nuclear energy, nuclear power and nuclear arms."

April 22: Cablevision showing of a documentary "No Act of God" which traces the dangers of nuclear energy.

April 23: Cablevision showing of 30 minute documentary on dangers of the arms race produced by the Nuclear Awareness Day Committee.

April 25: 11:00 Nuclear Awareness Day March starting at Allan Mathews School, 6th Ave. and St. Paul St.

12:00 Rally at bandshell in Riverside Park.

3:00 Workshop on Canadian Foreign Policy conducted by MP Nelson Riis at Christian Education Centre.

8:00 Nuclear Awareness Day Dance, Cafeteria, North Kamloops Secondary School.

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## SIGN HERE FOR WORLD PEACE

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B.C. PEACE CONFERENCE  
*a big success*

Nearly 200 delegates and observers responded warmly to B.C. Federation of Labour spokesperson Astrid Davidson when she told the B.C. Peace Council's conference that she was "looking forward to getting together for a more detailed look at the question (of peace)". Her comments referred to the possibility of the establishment of a trade union peace committee in B.C.

Davidson's comments were only one highlight of the weekend conference which gathered representatives from peace councils, environmental, solidarity groups, labour councils and church organizations to review the achievements of the peace movement in the province and plan activities for the next year.

The conference also heard from a number of guest speakers including Gus Newport, mayor of Berkley, California, and Rev. John Hillborn of the United Church who had just returned from a fact finding mission to El Salvador.

The conference also elected a new executive led by Vancouver lawyer Carmela Allevato as president, and restructured it's executive to include regional vice presidents from the peace councils in Victoria, Nanaimo, Courtenay-Comox, Kamloops-Shuswap, the Fraser Valley, Haney and Grand Forks. In addition to Allevato, Bert Ogden, from the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, was elected as vice-president, Rosaleen Ross re-elected as secretary, Minnie Searle as treasurer and Ed Hendel as recording secretary. Lorne Robson, secretary of the provincial council of Carpenters and Vancouver student Steve Weir were added to the executive as members at large.

Kamloops-Shuswap MP Nelson Riis sent written greetings to the conference which appear in this issue of the Peace News.

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A special thanks to friends of the Peace movement, Dave and Maureen Werlin, of Calgary, Alberta, for their contribution, which enabled us to purchase the slide/tape show "The Race Nobody Wins". We will be showing this soon at one of our regular meetings, and have it on loan to any organization interested in showing it.

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PEACE CONFERENCE:

Message from our M.P. Nelson Riis:

To all Members of the B.C. Council:

While I wish I were able to participate in today's session, I would like to thank the organizers of the Conference for the opportunity to publically endorse the aim and principle of this Conference. At no time in our history have we been pushed so close to the brink of a global holocaust. I was disheartened and dismayed during a recent trip to the U.N. Headquarters in New York. Speaking with dozens of delegations from all parts of the world - one issue was consistent - that the present Arms Race being conducted by virtually all nations in one form or another, will inevitably will lead to a major nuclear war. The question was not "Is there going to be a major conflict, but when will it be?" Tomorrow? This summer? Next year? Next Decade?

This single devastating mind - set, must be broken. My NDP colleagues in Ottawa are on record as supporting and working for a global referendum on disarmament. Let the people of the world decide on this issue rather than the warmongering politicians of the world.

We must all in our own way - speak out against the Nuclear Madness and I congratulate the Peace Council for their effort towards this end. The Pope is presently travelling throughout the Far East and speaking out in favour of disarmament and Peace. Together we can succeed.

Thank You,  
Nelson Riis, M.P.  
Kamloops-Shuswap

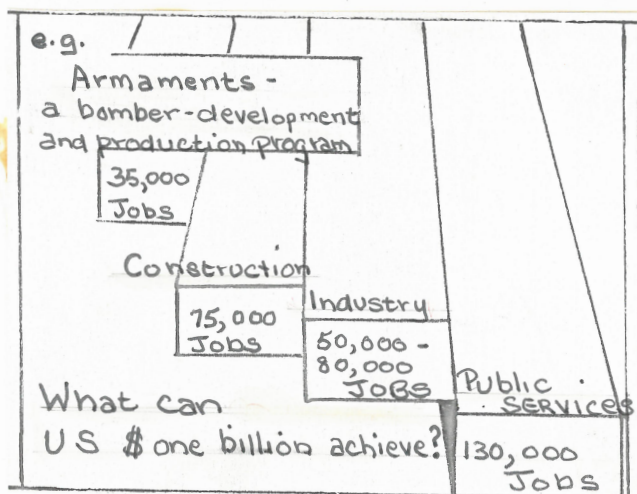
**STOP  
WAR HYSTERIA!**





### ARMS OR JOBS?

A currently popular myth is that which presents the armament industry as a labour intensive industry. This myth is perpetuated by the military-industrial complex as part of their *raison-d'etre*. Yet, as the graph below indicates, the arms industry provides far fewer jobs per billion dollars than the construction industry or public services.



Canada is no shirker when it comes to spending taxpayers dollars on arms. Listed below are some current and proposed arms expenditures in Canada, according to the Financial Post. Incidentally, almost all of the money will be spent in the United States.

Fighter planes	\$5 billion
20 new destroyers	\$3.5 billion
Long range patrol planes	\$1 billion
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9.5 billion</b>

Almost ten billion dollars could put many of our unemployed back to work in socially useful jobs. Building and maintaining daycare centres, for example, would provide much needed jobs as well as care for working people, a much better investment for taxpayers money than a few planes and ships.



### WE'RE GROWING AGAIN

Like any one year old, the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council continues to grow. While we have acquired new members steadily over the last 12 months, never have we had such an infusion of members as on March 8th when 22 people met in Salmon Arm and formed the Salmon Arm branch of the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council.

Chum Ferguson and Beryl Magill, two members of the Kamloops branch of the KSPC attended the meeting and reported that prospects look good for lots of activity in Salmon Arm.

We welcome the Salmon Arm Branch of the council and wish them all of the best of luck in their activities. Future issues of the Peace News will include regular reports from Salmon Arm.

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### SIGN HERE FOR WORLD PEACE

Members of the KSPC have been encountering good responses as they collect signatures each weekend on the Canadian Peace Congress Petition asking that the Canadian Government undertake meaningful action to work towards world peace and disarmament.

For the last month, members of the council have been visiting local shopping malls and have collected over 400 signatures in Kamloops and on a one day trip to Vernon collected over 150 names in that city, bringing to total more than 550 names.

As well, an advertisement inserted in the Kamloops News resulted in a number of other signatures.

Petitioning organizer, Chum Ferguson, said that the signature gathering will continue every Saturday morning, though other times can be arranged for those unable to get out Saturday mornings. She said that volunteers are always welcome and that the experience and positive responses from the public are well worth the trouble involved.

If anyone needs petitions or is available to gather signatures please call either 374-3269 or 372-8944.

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CONSCIENCE AND WAR TAXES:

At our January regular meeting we showed the slide-tape presentation "Conscience and War Taxes" in conjunction with our work on the Peace Tax Credit. The following excerpt from it is a speech made in Canada by the retired Colonel, Edward Al King:

Now let me give you the scenerio for using these weapons. An exchange is initiated by the Soviet Union firing first. Their first ripple of missiles would come up over the horizon and be picked up on radar. Then we would launch our land base missiles because we can't leave them in the silos so they might be destroyed. That's a thousand and fifty-four missiles. There are nuclear war heads on each of those missiles. At the same time your Nuclear submarines, fifty-four of them, can each fire sixteen missiles with multiple warheads. The subs alone can obliterate the Soviet Union. While the sub launched missiles are in flight, your bombers will be going into the air and five and a half hours later they will have arrived over Russia. They will then unload a third round of nuclear weapons. About three hundred more warheads will explode and all the rubble and dead bodies will then bounce a second time. And we will finally know that we are safe. Russia will have been destroyed, and we will be a dying country, but we will be secure to die in Peace because we will still have around six thousand more nuclear warheads left over to shoot at the rest of the world. That is the insantiy of the amount of money we are pouring into more and more weapons..

Retired Colonel, Edward Al King

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It continues to rise and fall with the rise and fall of the economic and social turmoil. It fosters hatred between races, religions and ideologies; a hatred born of ignorance and intolerance. As long as this exists, so will the Klan.

With the current unemployment levels in Canada at their highest since the '30's", the Klan now has fertile ground, and is rearing it's ugly head in B.C., as well as the rest of Canada.

Racism is one of the oldes weapons used to incite people to go to war. We must condemn it whenever we encounter it; with particular emphasis on the Klan.

Let's make the '80's" truly a time to grow in Peace and Brotherhood!

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PEACE MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE

The Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council now has available quite a bit of material on various aspects of the peace movement. All material can be ordered from the Peace Council at P.O. Box 973, Kamloops, B.C.

Buttons: \$1.00

Peace Buttons  
Taxes for Peace Not War  
Give Peace a Chance

Stickers:  
Taxes For Peace Not War

T - Shirts: \$5.00  
Strengthen Detente

Pamphlets:  
Taxes For Peace Not War ...25¢  
The Arms Menace.....50¢  
Euro Missiles and the Balance of  
NATO and Warsaw Pact Forces...  
The World Peace Council.....  
What it is and What it Does.  
WPC Call From Washington, D.C.  
(World Peace Council Meeting for  
Disarmament and Detente)