

Kamloops~Shuswap



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CAR CAVALCADE PLANNED FOR NAGASAKI DAY

Planning has begun for a car calvalcade, originating simultaneously in Kamloops and Salmon Arm on Friday, August 7th, (Hiroshima Day) and travelling to Comox on Vancouver Island August 8th to protest the presence of nuclear weapons at Comox.

The plans call for the twin cavalcades to depart early Friday evening with the Salmon Arm group travelling through the Okanagan Valley and the Kamloops contingent travelling the Fraser Canyon route to Hope. The two cavalcades will merge in the Fraser Valley, and will join up with other cavalcades from the Vancouver area for the trip across to Nanaimo.

Plans call for the mainland cavalcade to be met by cavalcades originating in Victoria and Port Alberni.

In Comox the cavalcade participants will join in a demonstration with local residents being organized by Comox Valley Nuclear Responsibility.

Peace Council secretary Kathy Gidora, said that the organizing is now only in the preliminary stages but that a number of groups have been contacted and that a schedule for the route is now being prepared. She added that plenty of volunteers are needed to help with publicity and other organizational details.

GLOBAL REFERENDUM

endorsed by School Board

As reported in our last issue of *Peace News*, School District #24 trustee, Tom Balson introduced a motion at the school board endorsing the Operation Dismantle Global Referendum on Nuclear Disarmament. Following a one week tabling to allow trustees to study the global referendum, trustees voted unanimously to endorse the concept.

Trustee Balson, a member of the KSPC, was ecstatic over the adoption of his resolution and said that he was hopeful that the motion would somehow be reflected in the school curriculum for the upcoming school year.

Representatives of the KSPC will soon be appearing before the Kamloops City Council with a brief requesting the council to endorse the global referendum, and similiar action is expected to take place in Salmon Arm.

LETTERS

The executive of the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council welcomes any letters, aricles or suggestions that will help in the printing and production of the *Peace News*. Write to P.O. Box 973, Kamloops, B.C. V2C - 6H1

VERNON MEETING

Lois Costello, B.C. Peace Council regional vice-president for Kamloops-Shuswap reports that she attended an evening of solidarity with the people of El Salvador held in Vernon last month. The evening featured the screening of the powerful documentary film "Revolution or Death", which outlines the struggles of the people of El Salvador against the oppressive fascist military junta which rules that country. A second film "Controlling Interest", which outlines the economics of imperialism, was also presented.

The evening was orgainzed by the fledgling Vernon Peace Committee, which Lois reports will probably be working closely in conjunction with the Salmon Arm branch of the KSPC for the next few months.

The Vernon action was only one of literally hundreds of actions in support of the people of El Salvador which are taking place weekly around the world. KSPC Chairperson Val Carey has been delegated by the peace council to initiate similiar activities for the Kamloops area, and anyone wishing to become involved should contact her at 376-6053.

PEACE COUNCILS ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT B.C.

Over the past 12 months, there has been a definite upsurge in Peace Council activity throughout the entire province of British Columbia. The activities of the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council are either mirrored or are very similiar to the activities of other peace councils throughout the province.

For readers of the Kamloops-Shuswap *Peace News* living outside of our area, the following is a list of peace councils in operation throughout the province. If you are interested in peace activities, please contact the peace council in your area.

B.C. Peace Council - #712-207 W. Hastings
Vancouver, V6B 1H7
685-9985

Comox Valley Nuclear Responsibility -
R.R. #1, Fanny Bay
B.C. VoR 1W0
335-0393

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FIRST THOUSAND SIGANTURES

on their way to Ottawa!

Chum Ferguson, KSPC petition coordinator said this week that the first thousand signatures have been bundled up and sent on their way to Vancouver and ultimately Ottawa.

This represents 25% of our overall goal of 4,000 signatures, but according to Chum the response has been so positive that it is quite likely that the peace council will be able to over-subscribe its goal by the end of the summer.

In addition to sending the thousand signatures off ot Ottawa, an affadavit attesting to the fact that 1,000 residents of the Kamloops-Shuswap area have signed the Canadian Peace Congress petition has been forwarded, along with a copy of the petition, to our MP Nelson Riis in Ottawa.

Chum said that with the summer season in full swing, she will be preparing a calendar of special events for petition crews to canvas. She said that she will be contacting peace council members directly recruiting volunteers for the petitioning.

If you have any time to spare, please contact Chum at 374-3269 for information on petitioning.

U.S. FORCED BACK TO BARGAINING TABLE

Public pressure from around the world, but particularly western Europe has forced the US Reagan administration to announce its intention to begin negotiations on the limitation of medium range nuclear missiles in Europe.

At stake is the deployment of 572 cruise and Pershing 11 missiles in Europe by 1983, a decision which has been greeted by widespread opposition in Europe and which has provided the impetus for a revival of the peace movement in western Europe over the last 18 months.

The Soviet Union has proposed a moratorium on the deployment of these and other nuclearweapons in Europe, and this plus the opposition to the NATO decision, especially from the five countries where the warheads will be installed: Britain, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Belgium, has forced the US back to the bargaining committee.

Incidentally, for those who question the value of public pressure and petitioning, it should be kept in mind that the banning of medium range nuclear missiles is one of the points included in our current petition.

LAST MEETING

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI DAYS: A decision was made to start the cavalcade off with a service. The executive has also been directed to start the public publicity and immediatly issue a press release of the plans so far. The C.C.N.R. of Kelowna has contacted us to join in with the planning of it. They will organize a service for the cavalcade that leaves from Salmon Arm, for when they arrive in Kelowna, and then join with the cavalcade. More in the next issue.

EL SALVADOR: Working with the Kamloops Inter Church group, we will try and get a speaker who has been in El Salvador up for a series of Press Conferences in June. Also in the planning stages is a Pena planned for September.

TEXAS MICKEY RAFFLE: Ann Brawn from the Cariboo College was the winner of our Texas Mickey. Congratulations Ann!

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PEACE MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE

Our Peace Council now has pamphlets and materials available from Peace and Disarmament Groups from all over the World. Following are a selection of some of those we have. To order them or for further information, please write: Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council, P.O.Box 973, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 6H1

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V2X 2G2

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V4A 1A6
531-4178

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Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council -
Box 973 Kamloops,
B.C. V2C 6H1
372-8944

Mid-Island Disarmament Association -
c/o 5743 Amsterdam Cr.
Nanaimo, B.C.
V9T 2M8

Salmon Arm Peace Council - P.O.Box 3121
Salmon Arm, B.C.
V0E 2T0

Vernon Peace Committee - c/o Peter
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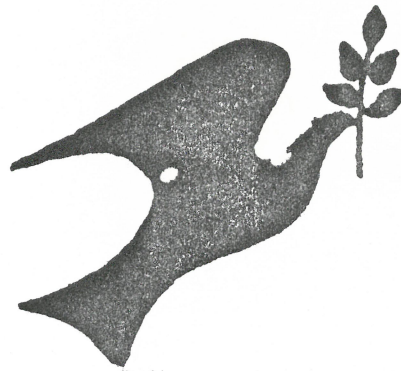
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