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### PEACE EDUCATION A REALITY

Disarmament education is about to become a reality for secondary students in the Kamloops area.

This most welcome news came about as a result of a meeting between Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council executive members Kathy Gidora and Chum Ferguson and Ron Lyon, superintendent of education for School District #24 (Kamloops) where the peace council was given the green light to prepare a disarmament kit for use in the district's schools. Once the kits are prepared they will be presented to Ron Lyon for his approval.

According to Kathy, the kit will be wholly prepared by the peace council and will focus students' attention on the overwhelming dangers of the arms race. Included in the kits will be numerous teaching aids including peace posters, song sheets, recorded music on peace and disarmament, graphs and charts, all showing the costs and consequences of the uncontrolled arms race.

As well, the kits will include large amounts of researched material on the arms race, and a number of discussion outlines and in class student projects. Finally, the kits will have enclosed, comprehensive film, media and speakers' resource lists.

The kits will be ready and deposited in the learning resources centre in time for Disarmament Week.

### NEW MEMBERS

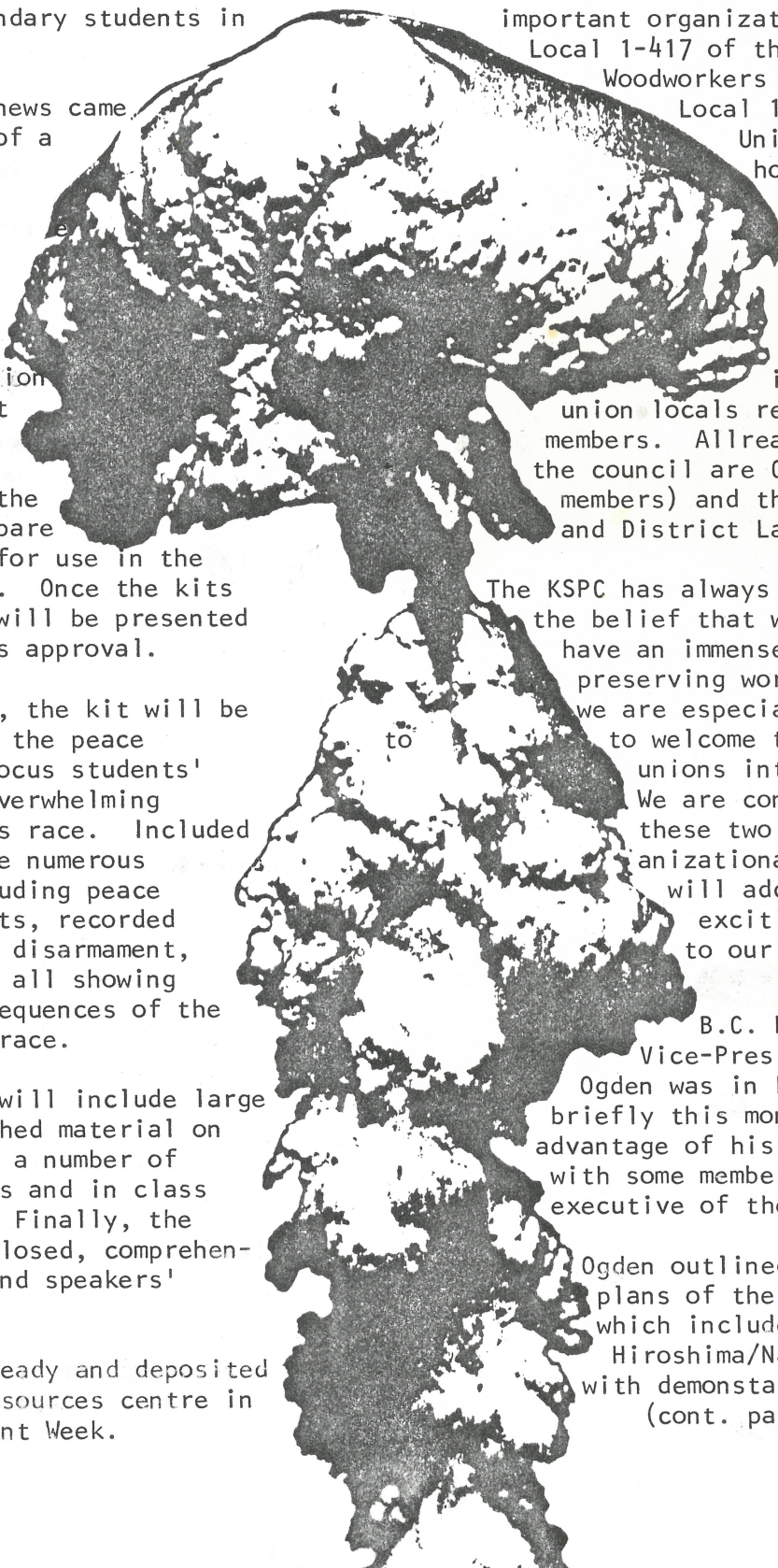
The KSPC welcomes this month two new important organizational members, Local 1-417 of the International Woodworkers of America and Local 1540 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Between them, these two important trade union locals represent 4,500 members. Already members of the council are CUPE 900 (1200 members) and the Kamloops and District Labour Council.

The KSPC has always subscribed to the belief that working people have an immense stake in preserving world peace and we are especially heartened to welcome these two unions into our ranks. We are confident that these two new organizational members will add a new and exciting dimension to our activities.

B.C. Peace Council Vice-President, Bert Ogden was in Kamloops briefly this month and took advantage of his visit to meet with some members of the executive of the KSPC.

Ogden outlined some of the plans of the B.C. Council which include marking Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days with demonstrations in  
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OGDEN VISIT'S (continued from Page 1)

Vancouver and Comox, hosting Canadian Peace Congress petition co-ordinator Nick Prychodko in July, participating in demonstrations coinciding with the July economic summit meetings in Ottawa, and marking the United Nations Disarmament Week.

He congratulated the KSPC on our activities and expressed the hope that more members of the B.C. Peace Council executive will tour the province in the near future.

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SALMON ARM COUNCIL REPORT

Petitioning and fund raising have dominated the activities of the Salmon Arm branch of the KSPC, organizational secretary George Gidora reports.

Regular petitioning has resulted in nearly 1,000 signatures on the Canadian Peace Congress petition, a goal which the Salmon Arm branch expects to reach shortly. This would represent a significant percentage of the residents of that area lending aid to the world wide efforts to curb the arms race.

With the co-operation of the management of the Cedarvale Shopping Mall the Salmon Arm membership have conducted bake and rummage sale and sponsor a regular information booth in the mall.

Council members are now planning for and organizing the Okanagan leg of the August car cavalcade to Comox to mark the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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RIIS VS. RICHMOND

The KSPC has received letters from our provincial and federal elected representatives in response to our notarized statements verifying the first 1,000 signatures in our petitioning campaign.

M.P. Nelson Riis responded with a warm letter (below) which encouraged us to continue our efforts, but unfortunately MLA Claude Richmond offered no encouragement whatsoever, and in fact spent two pages belittling our efforts and the concerns of 1,000 of his constituents as being misguided and of no consequence.

As nothing in his response warrants reprinting, we haven't published his letter, but supporters of the KSPC should bear Mr. Richmond's support for the escalating arms race in mind the

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next time he comes knocking at our door asking for support.

*The following is a text of a letter received from MP Nelson Riis:*

June 10, 1981

I would like to thank you for providing me with a copy of the petition of 1,000 signatures of concerned people in the Kamloops-Shuswap riding.

I'm very pleased to see this evidence of support for such a grave situation as the Nuclear Arms Race and the proposed dangers it presents.

Hoping to keep in contact with the Peace Council on future activities and developments.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Nelson Riis  
Kamloops-Shuswap MP

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PETITIONING REPORT



As a result of an all out blitz by members of the KSPC during the last week in June, our second bundle of 1,000 signatures on the Canadian Peace Congress petition is now on its way to Ottawa for presentation to the Canadian government.

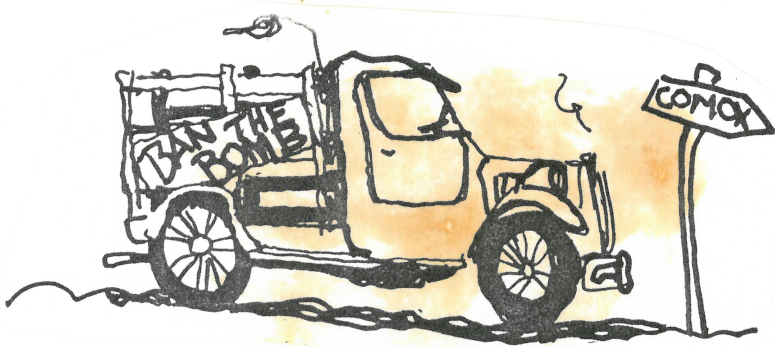
Petition co-ordinator Chum Ferguson said that the 2,000 names gathered so far represents  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the KSPC goal of 4,000 names on the petition.

While petitioning is continuing every weekend, the summer months with all sorts of special activities will require even more volunteers to properly canvass the entire community. According to Chum, it is hoped that the KSPC will be able to dispatch teams of petitioners to some of the outlying centers as well as appear at various rodeo's fairs, etc., during the summer.

She said that a special emphasis will now be placed on having organizations and associations circulate the petitions, reaching people at their place of work.



### CAR CAVALCADE



One of the largest mobilizations of peace activists in the interior of B.C. is expected to mark the 36th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 7th-9th.

Planning is now well advanced for twin 350 mile car cavalcades from Kamloops and Salmon Arm to the Canadian Forces Base in Comox, the site of a nuclear weapons storage dump.

Car cavalcades to Comox have become a traditional method of focussing attention on nuclear disarmament on Nagasaki Day, but this year represents the first time that there will be large scale participation from the interior.

The cavalcades, initiated by the KSPC, will follow two routes, the Kamloops based group to leave at 5pm and the Salmon Arm group leaving at 3pm with a rendezvous time in Hope at 9pm, where they will travel through the Fraser Valley stopping in Surrey for the night, where they will be hosted by the Fraser Valley Peace Cttee.

Saturday morning the cavalcades will board buses in Surrey for the trip to Comox. Once on the Island, the cavalcaders will join up with cavalcades from Victoria, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Campbell River and Vancouver for the Comox demonstration and rally.

The cost for the bus trip return will be approximately \$17.00 per person and exact departure information and more details are available from Kathy at 374-3269.

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### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Just as the peace movement runs on the efforts of many volunteers, so to does it run on money. The winner of our June Texas Mickey raffle was Bea Resch of Kamloops, watch for our next one soon. As well, keep your eyes peeled for information about the KSPC big, big, fund raising dance set for the end of August.

### IN MEMORIUM

The Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council lost a staunch supporter and strong advocate of peace with the untimely passing last month of Howard Falle. Howard was 39.

Howard was the first chairman of the KSPC and saw the Council through its most difficult first 12 months. As Chairman he saw the council grow and become an active voice for peace and disarmament in our area.

A man of firm conviction, Howard always remained loyal to his beliefs as a Quaker and carried those beliefs forward into the peace movement.

Howard's name and contribution to our peace council will be kept alive through the establishment of a Howard Falle Memorial Education Fund which will be used to finance special educational projects.

### TUPC FORMED

The peace movement in Canada has added an important new dimension to its activities with the formation, in Hamilton, of the Trade Union Peace Committee.

The TUPC, which will involve leaders of various trade unions in the fight for peace, is the latest in a growing number of organizations which draws together leading figures from a specific field for peace activities such as Scientist for Peace and Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The creation of the TUPC reflects the level of concern which many trade unionists have over the fight for world peace and follows upon a commitment by the B.C. Federation of Labour to meet with the executive of the B.C. Peace Council to plan greater labour participation in the peace movement.

Anyone wishing further information on the Trade Union Peace Committee should contact the KSPC, P.O. Box 973, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 6H1

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