



SUMMER NOTES

Welcome Back to the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace News after a brief hiatus of silence. Though the postal strike, summer vacations and pure sunshine have kept us from producing an August issue of 'Peace News' they haven't kept the council from doing things - just from telling you about them.

Here then, is a brief rundown of our summer activities:

Petitioning - While slowed down somewhat, our petitioning continued over the summer months as local co-ordinator Chum Ferguson reports that more than 2,000 signatures have been collected. She said that special efforts are being planned to push us over our 4,000 signature goal in the next few months. The KSPC will be in touch with all members and supporters in the next few weeks with our plans.

Comox Demonstration - A number of members of the KSPC set out on a 700 mile round trip August 7-9 to take part in a demonstration marking the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and protesting the presence of nuclear weapons in Canada at the Comox Canadian Forces Bases.

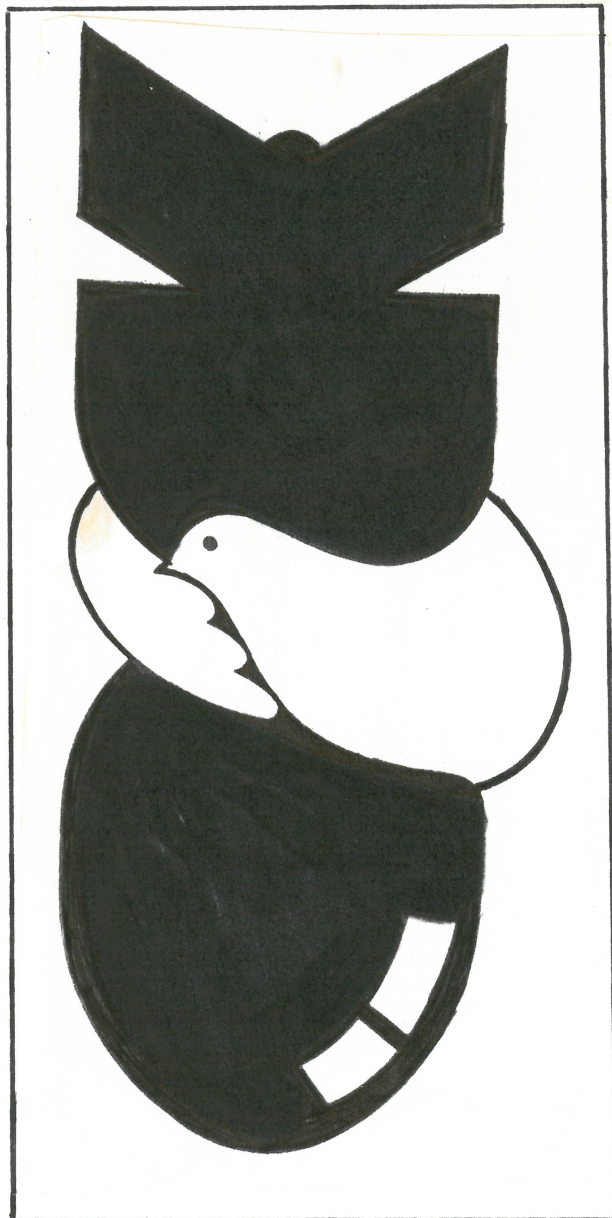
The participants travelled from our area to the coast in car cavalcade fashion and included representatives from Kamloops, Sorrento, Salmon Arm, Vernon and Kelowna. In addition special commemorative services to the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were held in Kamloops and Kelowna and the cavalcaders interviewed by local media in Kamloops, Vernon and Kelowna.

In Comox, the cavalcaders joined with 500 demonstrators and speakers Harry

Rankin of Vancouver; B.C. Hospital Employees Union representative Jean Swanson and Voice of Women official Kay MacPherson in denouncing the use of nuclear weapons.

Special thanks goes to the demo organizers, the Comox Valley Nuclear Responsibility and our hosts at the coast, the Fraser Valley Peace Committee, for making this a memorable weekend.

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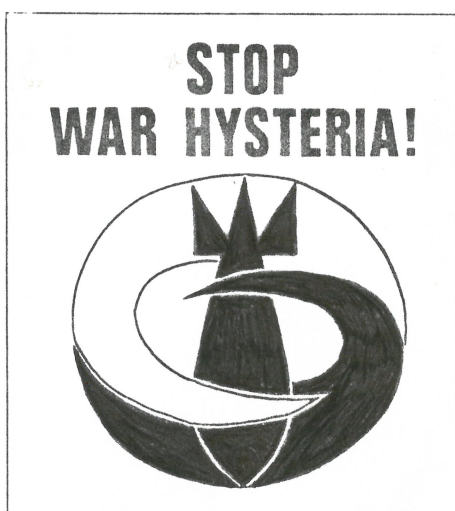
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Peace Education Kit - As reported in our earlier issue of 'Peace News', work was underway on the preparation of a Peace Education Kit, for use in classrooms of School District #24.

Thanks to the efforts of Chum Ferguson, Val Carey, Beryl Magill and John Weller, our kit is now complete and awaiting approval from Mr. Ron Lyon, superintendent of education for School District 24.

The kit, which Chum cautions is "only a first start on what we expect will become a full fledged learning resources package by next year" includes a wealth of resource material, student project ideas, peace music and resource lists.

Work on the kit will continue over the winter and volunteers are urged to contact Val at 376-6053 or Chum at 374-3269.

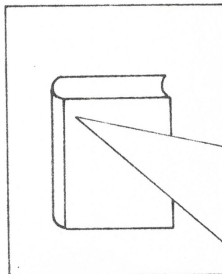


Neutron Bomb Protest - U.S. President Ronald Raygun has his own way of doing things - totally insensitive to the lessons of history. And, his way of marking the 36th anniversary of the nuclear destruction of Nagasaki was no exception. He used it to announce the production of the Nuetron Bomb.

And, the response of the KSPC was just as predictable. We joined with millions of others around the world in protesting his invitation to mass murder by sending a telegram to P.M. Trudeau urging the Canadian government protest his decision.

The KSPC urges all supporters to write Trudeau, External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan and your MP expressing similiar views.

BOOK REVIEW



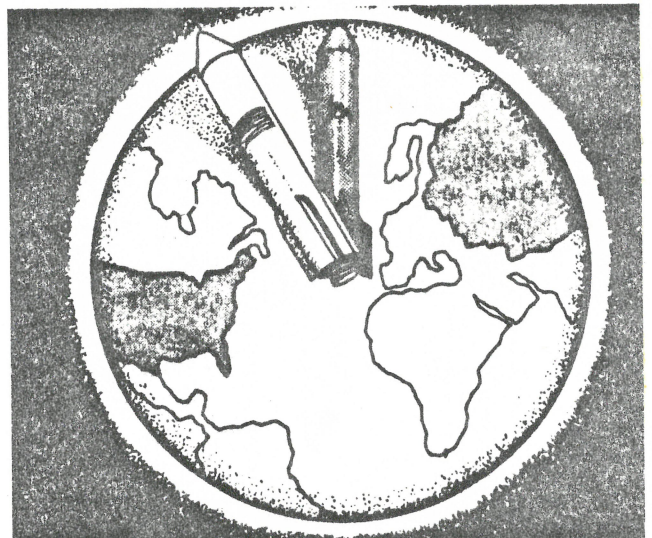
Nuclear Madness by Dr. Helen Caldicott, Autumn Press 1978 - available at the KSPC Library, Cariboo College Library and will soon be available at Quality Book Store.

Dr. Caldicott is an Australian born; Pediatrician, living in Boston, Mass, U.S.A. She was instrumental in starting the large anti-uranium mining campaign in her native Australia, after studying the effects of radiation on humans. She not only condemns the arms race in the strongest terms, but also disclaims the theory of safe, clean nuclear power.

"Nuclear power plants and military facilities will continue to release radioactive materials into the environment, until public pressure becomes great enough to bring such releases to a halt. Because the effects of these materials on us, our children, and our planet will be irreversible, we must take action now. What we have discovered so far should serve as ample warning that our future as a species is imperiled: We are entering a danger zone - an uncharted territory - from which we may never return."

This is a powerful book - must reading for everyone.

5 Minutes to MIDNIGHT



DISARMAMENT WEEK

October 24-30 is yearly designated by the United Nations as Disarmament Week. During this week the peace movement around the world undertakes various actions designed to bring us closer to disarmament.



The KSPC is now planning for a week of activities which may include a week long film festival on Community Cablevision, information booths in local shopping malls, special petitioning, and possibly a day long conference of disarmament.

As well, the KSPC will be in touch with a number of other organizations urging them to reflect the theme of disarmament in their activities during the week.

Watch for a complete listing of activities in October 'Peace News'.

NOT HERE YOU DON'T!

It seems that all is not as it should be at the Canadian Forces Base, Camp Borden. There, some base personnel have joined with residents of neighboring townships to protest the storage of radio-active soil on the base.

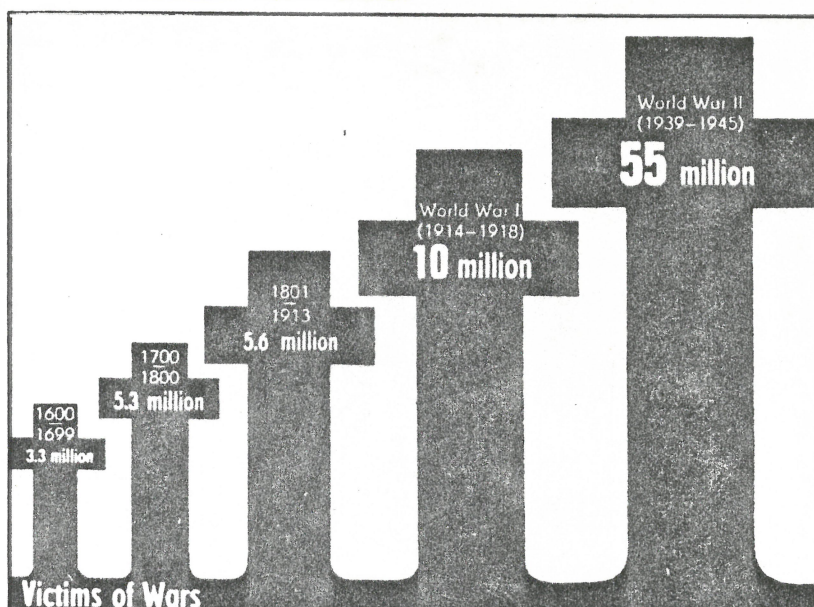
Interesting isn't it that what the military claims is completely safe for us - just isn't up to their own safety standards?

SEPTEMBER'S NUCLEAR FACT

According to a report to be issued later this month by the United Nations, more destructive energy can be released in one micro second by one nuclear explosion than has been unleashed by all conventional weapons, in all wars throughout history.

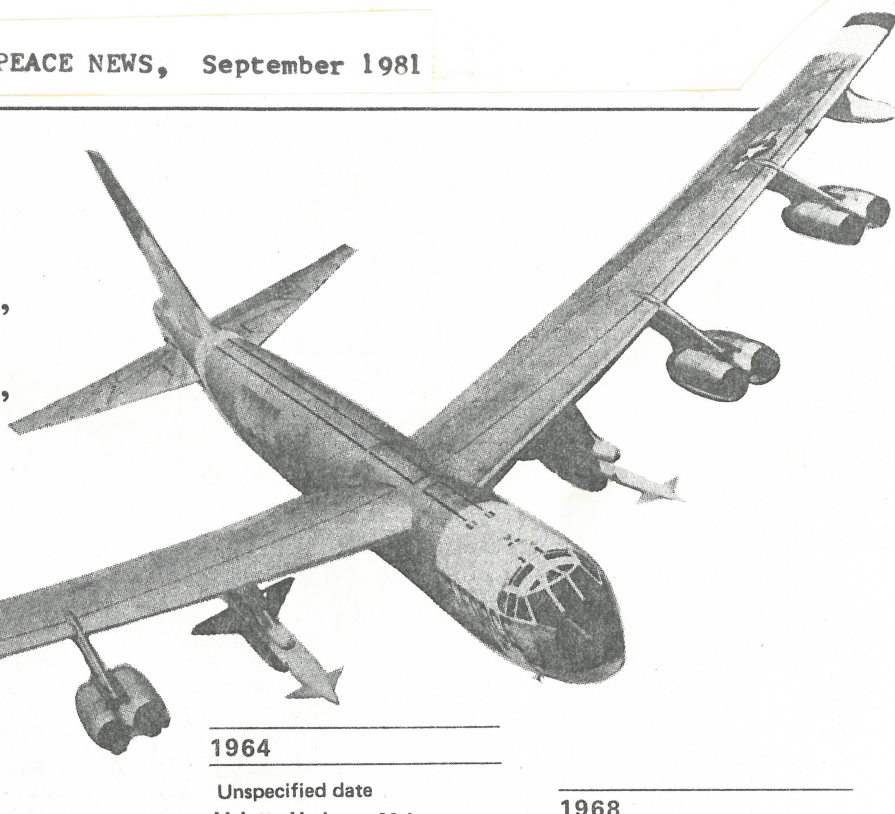
NEW MEETING DATE

Starting with our September meeting, the KSPC will be meeting the second Sunday of each month in Kamloops Public Library. The meetings begin at 7:30 in the meeting room. Please remember to use the side entrance; and all are welcome.



OOPS!

Our nuclear weapons systems, designed to protect us from the enemy could, more likely, explode in our faces. This is a guide to occasions when the world came close to a nuclear holocaust — by accident or design.



Part One (1956-68)

1956

Suez Crisis, Middle East

France and Britain's invasion of Egypt prompted the USSR to demand a withdrawal. The demand was backed by a nuclear alert to all Soviet forces. The USA placed its nuclear forces on a similar state of red alert.

1960

New Jersey, USA

A Bomarc Air-Defence missile site in New Jersey caught fire. The fire and two explosions severely damaged one of the surface-to-air missiles which carried a nuclear warhead.

Tennessee River, USA

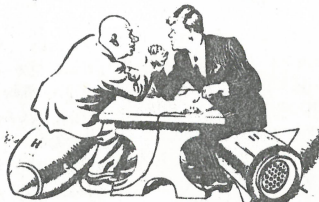
A large Corporal missile with a nuclear warhead rolled off a transport vehicle and into the Tennessee River.

In 1961 a mistaken interpretation by America's early-warning system led the US strategic air force to fly off to bomb Russia. After two hours flying the aircraft were recalled as, by then, it had been discovered that the original signal was merely a moon echo. If the same mistake happened today, inter-continental ballistic missiles would hit Moscow within an hour, long before the recall signal could be sent.

1962

Cuba

The US demanded the withdrawal of Soviet ballistic missiles from Cuba. The Soviet Union agreed on condition the US withdrew its missiles from Turkey. This was refused and the superpowers remained on the brink of nuclear war for six days before the USSR agreed to remove its missiles.



Johnson Islands, Pacific Ocean

The first 30 mile-high thermonuclear explosion was an accident after the Thor ICBM launch vehicle had failed. The device was exploded in flight, the warhead yield being one megaton.

Johnson Islands, Pacific Ocean

The second high altitude test with a Thor ICBM also failed. The missile and warhead were destroyed 200 miles above the ocean. Reportedly a radioactive hot spot on the floor of the Pacific will mark this failure for centuries.

1963

US Atlantic Coastline

A nuclear-powered attack submarine, 'Thresher' was lost with all hands. It is unclear whether the submarine sank with nuclear warheads in its hold.

1964

Unspecified date

Valetta Harbour, Malta

While at anchor, a merchant ship ran into a US destroyer. It was a minor collision but hit the spot where nuclear missiles were stored.

Remote-control electronic safeguards have their own dangers. On one occasion an H-bomb plane had its electronic key activated by a tune from a Spanish pop station and was thus primed for action. Despite all precautions, there is no certainty that an accidental missile firing will not occur one day.

1965

Haiphong Bay, nr. North Vietnam

An F-102 pilot fired a nuclear missile by accident against some North Vietnamese gunboats. The error was reportedly caused by a crossed wire in the firing safety mechanism.

1966

Palomares, Spain

A B-52 and a KC-135 refuelling tanker collided in mid-air near Palomares. The B-52 crashed after it had dropped four hydrogen bombs. One landed intact in a dry riverbed, the second and third released radioactive material amongst local villagers and the fourth was retrieved from the sea. This bomb was possibly carrying a 20 megaton warhead.



1968

Thule, Greenland

A B-52 bomber crashed and the four thermonuclear bombs were lost and never found.

Pacific Ocean, 750 miles N.W. of Hawaii

A Soviet ballistic missile submarine sank while cruising, after a series of explosions on board. Suspected that parts of the submarine have been recovered by the CIA. Reports indicate the submarine carried torpedoes with nuclear warheads.

Norwegian Sea

Whilst buzzing the US aircraft carrier, 'Essex', a Soviet TU-16 Badger crashed into the water. It was possibly carrying nuclear depth charges.

Rutland, UK

An RAF Vulcan bomber crashed; reportedly not carrying nuclear weapons.

Off the Florida coast

A British nuclear-powered submarine developed a defect in the electrical generator. It was forced to put into port whilst on a Polaris test-firing programme.

Isle of Wight, UK

A Scimitar aircraft crashed after hitting overhead power lines.