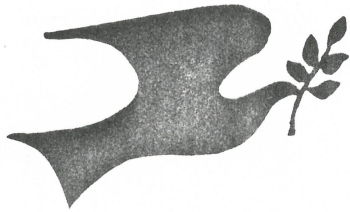


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## Peace News

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### DISARMAMENT WEEK - 1981

Demonstrations and rallies of a size unmatched in the last decade have rocked Europe as literally millions of Europeans took to the streets

during Disarmament Week to protest the continuing US inspired escalation of the arms race.

Virtually every major center in Europe was the site of huge demonstrations during the week of October 24-30. Though reports in North America were very sketchy and incomplete, it is clear that NATO and the Pentagon are going to have a tough time in convincing the people of that continent that it will be in their best interests to become prime targets in the event of nuclear holocaust.

The demonstrations, which numbered more than 300,000 in Rome, 250,000 in Bonn, West Germany, 200,000 in London, 120,000 in Oslo, 80,000 in Paris, and several thousands more in cities such as East Berlin, Stockholm, Geneva, Copenhagen, Amsterdam and so on; probably received a boost in their size compliments of the continuing foot in mouth syndrome of US President Ronald Raygun.

Raygun, supposedly trying to sell NATO on the idea of deploying Cruise and Pershing 11 missiles in Europe assured the world that the United States now considers a nuclear war to be winnable and 'limited to Europe'.

Predictably Europeans were not too impressed and chose to express their opinions on the streets.

The demonstrations in Europe have had an impact already with US secretary of state Alexander Haig and his cohort in the defence department, Caspar Weinberger, warning that public opposition will have to be overcome in order to deploy this new

generation of missiles. Their concerns were echoed by the chairman of NATO's military committee, Admiral Robert Falls of Canada, who said that in light of the demonstrations that perhaps some new negotiations towards arms control should be undertaken.

However, even though the demonstrators made themselves heard and have forced some response from the politicians, the battle to stop the arms race is far from over,

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and even more public pressure and opposition is called for.



Peace organizations, church groups, trade unions and other organizations in virtually every part of Canada came together to mark Disarmament Week as well. Though the size of the demonstrations in no way came close to equalling the numbers in Europe the variety and number of events held indicate that Canadians too are demanding action in stopping the arms race in ever greater numbers.

A major demonstration of several hundred was the highlight of the week's activities in Montreal where Le Conseil Quebecois de la Paix joined with other groups in marching through the streets of that city. In Toronto a comprehensive week of activities, sometimes two to a day was put together by a variety of organizations. Included in the week long program were a panel discussion on "War and Peace in Space", sponsored by Science for Peace; a number of services for peace held by various churches and the World Conference of Religion for Peace, a panel discussion on the economics of the arms race, sponsored by the fledgling Trade Union Peace Committee, and a major parade and rally on October 31.

Moving westward, we are assured that a number of events were scheduled for Winnipeg and the prairie centers, though we have yet to hear the outcome of their activities.

A special contribution to the Canadian activities in Disarmament Week was the holding of a North American Youth and Students symposium on disarmament in Montreal, which was attended by more than 120 organizations from across Canada and the US as well as delegates from Europe, Asia and Latin America. (The December meeting of the KSPC will feature a report on the conference by members of the B.C. delegation to the meeting.)

In B.C., towns and cities of all size, from Bowen Island to the city of Vancouver marked Disarmament Week.

Sixty people took part in a walk for peace on Bowen Island, and later attended a special memorial to the victims of nuclear blasts in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Comox Valley Nuclear Responsibility undertook a full week of activities, including the placing of a full page ad in support of the week, and the scheduling of a number of films and video tapes for public showings and screenings on Cable 10.

In the Fraser Valley, the FV Peace Committee had a very successful meeting of more than 60 people which showed the Project Plowshares slide tape show "Making a Killing", and featured a speaker on the theme of conversion spending. The Fraser Valley Peace Committee, as with other groups in the province, also was successful in securing endorsement for the week's events from the Surrey municipal council.

In Vancouver, a number of events were scheduled for the week, including a concert with the celebrated pianist Anton Kuerti playing Beethoven; jointly sponsored by the United Nations Association, the Coalition For World Disarmament, and Project Plowshares, a public meeting featuring Dr. Jonathan King of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and a number of special church services.

Full reports of all the province's activities for Disarmament Week will be appearing in the next B.C. Peace Council Peace News.

*The magnitude and number of demonstrations and events taking place during 'Disarmament Week' belies the fact that the United Nations designated the week of October 24 to October 30 as 'Disarmament Week' only in 1979.*

*The designation of the last week of October of each year flowed directly from the first special session of the UN General Assembly on Disarmament which was held in 1978, and reflects the tremendous importance which the world body places on disarmament.*

*Significantly, the first day of Disarmament Week is also the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, a further reminder that the UN, born from the ruins of the last war, is an organization of peace and recognizes the greatest threat to peace in the world today lies in the continuing arms buildup.*

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### Kamloops Disarmament Week

Disarmament Week 1981 in Kamloops enjoyed wide spread support and has been termed a "positive experience" by KSPC secretary Kathy Gidora.

The highlight of the week's activity was the declaration of "Disarmament Week" by Mayor Mike Latta (see back page for a copy of the official proclamation), and the subsequent endorsement of the week by the Kamloops School Board.

In addition to these two important local bodies officially recognizing Disarmament Week, two prominent advertisements in the Kamloops News invited the residents of the area to get behind disarmament activities. One, placed jointly by a number of local unions, pointed out that Canada loses up to 300,000 jobs each year by squandering \$4 Billion of weapons, while the other, endorsed by a number of prominent local citizens including MP Nelson Riis, School Trustees Tom Balson and Mel Rothenberger, labor leaders Bill Ferguson, Debbie Ward, Bob Ashton, Jack Kerrsons, and John Harper, teachers Sheila Park and Des McCambridge, church activists Peter Rolston, Hank Woodland and Kathie Frazer, and Cariboo College Student leader Russ Collier, urged people to sign the Peace is Everybody's Business Petition.

Another of the week's highlights was a four part series of films and discussions on various aspects of the arms race and the peace movement aired on Cable 10 during the week.

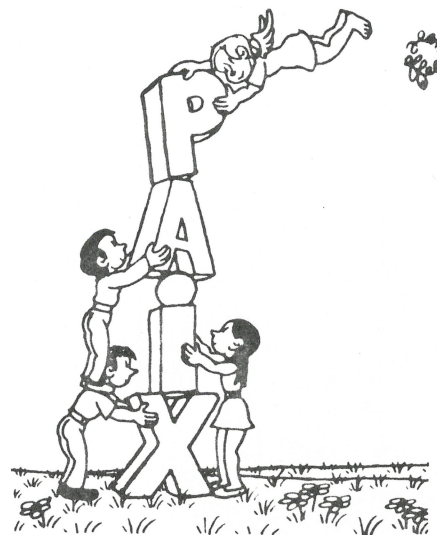
The films shown included the excellent conference report on the medical consequences of nuclear war produced by the Physicians For Social Responsibility, "The Last Epidemic", "Survival or Suicide", produced by a blue chip committee of US citizens arguing in favor of detente and disarmament, an arms race primer produced by SANE, "The Race Nobody Wins", and an examination of Canada's role in the arms race produced by Project Plowshares, "Making a Killing".

Participants in the various discussions included School Trustee Rothenberger and Russ Collier for the Cariboo College Students' Society talking about the impact the arms race on our educational process, Bob Ashton of the Kamloops and District Labor Council speaking on the need to halt arms spending in favor of spending on other aspects of our economy, folksinger Steve Gidora and a collection of the music of the peace movement, and church representatives Hank Woodland and Kathie Frazer discussing the Christian response to the arms race.

As well, though scheduled independently of Disarmament Week, Mike Gidora of the KSPC spoke to a class at Cariboo College on nuclear awareness and the prospects of future nuclear development in the region.

A special high spot of the week was the fact that the KSPC manned a special display booth in the Thompson Park Mall for the entire week. The booth attracted considerable attention and a great deal of information and material on the peace movement was distributed. At the same time, several residents took the time to sign the Peace Is Everybody's Business petition at the booth and buy raffle tickets on the giant five foot doll house.

A special thanks from the KSPC to all who generously gave of their time to ensure that Disarmament Week was properly reflected in Kamloops.



### Membership

With 1981 quickly approaching its conclusion (and it was a busy year for the KSPC) it's time to start thinking about renewing your KSPC membership. Better yet, don't think about renewing; do it.

While membership in the KSPC is not denied anyone on the basis of financial restrictions, membership fees are an important aspect of our financial basis. And, as we do more and more work, publish more leaflets and posters, and mail more letters, we'll need even more money.

And, unlike everything else, our membership fees are not going up. This means that seniors, students and unemployed individuals can join for \$5.00 per year, a regular membership will cost you \$10.00 and \$25.00 will get you a sustaining, organizational or family membership.

If you belong to any organizations which should be a member of the KSPC (and every organization should be) why not raise an organizational membership at the next meeting.

And, (shame of shames) if you don't already have a KSPC membership, buy one soon.



## The Great Debate

Two members of the KSPC, Reg Walters of Salmon Arm and Mike Gidora of Kamloops are scheduled to take part in a debate of epic proportions at the Salmon Arm campus of Okanagan College November 24.



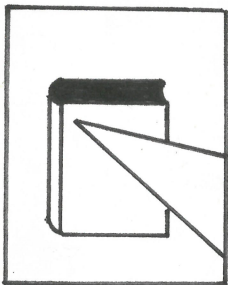
By Mike Peters for the Dayton Daily News

THERE'S ANOTHER GROUP HERE COMPLAINING ABOUT OUR NEUTRON BOMB TESTING...

The Peace Council has been challenged to debate the topic "Canada should increase its commitment to national defence to 3% of the GNP per year". The challenge originated from members of the local militia and Okanagan College Debating Team, and was enthusiastically accepted by the KSPC.

Reg says that the event promises to be well attended and has already attracted a great deal of publicity in Salmon Arm. Kamloops residents wishing further information, or hoping to attend the debate as part of the audience should contact Mike at 376-7663 for more information.

## BOOK REVIEW



New Titles for  
KSPC Library

Capsulized by Val Carey

*The KSPC is in the process of establishing a resource center-lending library of peace materials. The titles reviewed below are available on a loan basis from the Peace Council by phoning 376-7663.*

Cook, Fred, J.; The Warfare State.

A hardhitting, outspoken indictment of America's military establishment by a veteran newsman. Cook examines and exposes the US military establishment's efforts to try and create a permanent war economy.

Though this book is now 20 years old, it is as timely today as when written.

Cousins, Norman; In Place of Folly.

All too often the sheer size and power of those behind the arms race daunts even those the most committed to ending the buildup of weapons. Cousins places the facts of the arms race clearly to the individual reader with the aim of combatting the feeling of helplessness which all too often grips too many people in the face of such a mind boggling issue.

Du Bois, W.E.B.; In Battle For Peace.

Dr. DuBois was both pioneer and inspiration to the struggle for civil rights for Black Americans and in the continuing battle for racial equality. On the occasion of his 83rd birthday he narrates his life story in this volume.

He describes his work for peace and his pivotal role in the crusade for justice for Blacks in the United States.

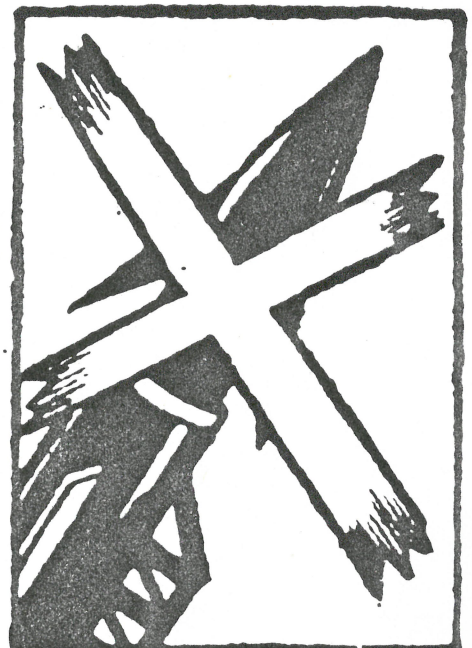
Hersey, John; Hiroshima.

The name Hiroshima will live forever in the minds of peace activists as the first victim of the horror of nuclear weapons. This book recounts the unspeakable terror as seen through the eyes of six survivors. (Previously reviewed in the KSPC Peace News)

Jones, F. Elwyn; The Battle For Peace.

An analysis of pre World War II Europe, this book presents methods by which the Axis Powers could have been halted in their aggressive attempt to conquer most of the world; plunging the world in war. Interesting reading for the history buff.

*We will continue these thumbnail sketches of books available from the KSPC in our next issue of Peace News.*







#### Petition Campaign Closing In

Signature number 4,000 - the one which will mean that the KSPC has reached its target in the Peace Is Everybody's Business petition campaign - is not too far away according to petitioning coordinator Chum Ferguson.

"If we can get a little special effort from all of our members and friends in the next few weeks; we'll be over the top in no time at all," she said.

To date, more than 2700 signatures have been collected, including more than 120 people who signed the petition during Disarmament Week in the Thompson Park Mall.

"As well," she added, "we've have quite a number of signed coupons from the Peace Council's ad in the Kamloops News come back in to our office."

The advertisement, which carries the full text of the PIEB petition listed several prominent local citizens who have endorsed the petition.

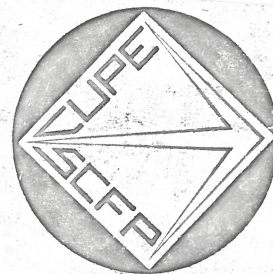
One other additional effort which the petition campaign needs to get it over the top is a solid commitment on the part of those people who received copies of the petition along with a letter explaining the campaign to circulate the petition and return the completed form to the KSPC.

Chum said that about 30 people received copies of the petition, and asked that all those who have the petition make an extra effort to complete their signatures in the near future.

#### Quote of the Month:

"The arms trade is a highly profitable business in the US for certain politically influential groups in the military industrial complex. In the socialist economy of the Soviet Union, arms expenditure is to a certain extent a necessary evil. Nobody can profit from it and it only slows down the development of other sectors of the economy".

Bridadier General (Rtd.) Michael Harbottle (Great Britain)



#### CUPE Local Resolution Endorsed

The impact of the Kamloops - Shuswap Peace Council is being felt far beyond our own geographic region with the adoption by Canada's largest trade union, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, a resolution committing CUPE to the policies of peace, detente and disarmament, and pledging the union to undertake action to make these positions known and understood.

The resolution adopted was submitted by Local 900 of CUPE, based in Kamloops. Local 900 is an organizational and active member of the KSPC.

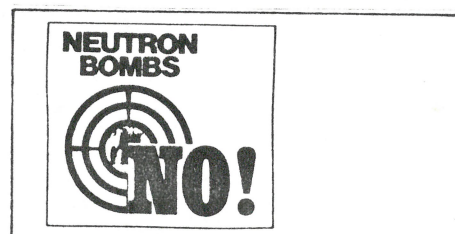
In the course of the debate on the resolution, which was selected from among many on the same theme, CUPE's national secretary-treasurer read the text of the Peace is Everybody's Business petition into the record of the convention and circulated it among delegates for their signatures. He also announced that the petition would be circulated to all locals of the union and urged that it be actively promoted.

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It is ironic, if not a blatant misuse of the Nobel Prize for Physics, that this year it was awarded to three men, whose claim to fame is the enrichment of uranium for use in atomic bombs.

Nobel, who bequeathed his money for the betterment of humanity must surely be turning over in his grave.







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## PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council has joined with peace and disarmament groups from around the world and the General Assembly of the United Nations in declaring "Disarmament Week", and

WHEREAS, the continuing and escalating arms race presents grave dangers to the preservation of peace and increases the probability of nuclear holocaust, and


WHEREAS, the cost of arms production now exceeds \$500 billion each year, thereby depriving the world of badly needed social services and facilities, and

WHEREAS, it has been universally recognized by governments and individual citizens alike that the only sane alternative to nuclear war is disarmament, and

WHEREAS, City Council feels a responsibility to the citizens of Kamloops in supporting this appeal for an end to the arms race.

THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Kamloops, I hereby proclaim the week of October 24 - 30, 1981 as

"DISARMAMENT WEEK"

  
R.M. Latta  
Mayor