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B.C. Peace Council Meets

Three members of the KSPC, Reg Walters and Kathy Jones of the Salmon Arm branch and Mike Gidora of the Kamloops branch took part in the quarterly meeting of regional peace councils in early December.

A plan of work for 1982 and concerns over the organizational structure of the B.C. peace movement dominated the discussion in the meeting. According to our representatives, both discussions were prompted by the growth of the peace movement in B.C., which is placing more organizational demands and demands for activity on the Peace Council. Representatives of virtually every peace council in the province spoke to the need to both increase the activities of the peace movement, as well as ensuring that all peace councils would be addressing the same issues simultaneously.

The representatives resolved to return to their local peace groups to develop further proposals for organizational structure and peace actions for 1982 and finalize these plans at another regional representative meeting in early February. The KSPC will be discussing these proposals at its January meeting.

The meeting also heard a progress report on the Peace Is Everybody's Business petition campaign which indicated that so far the B.C. Peace Council has submitted over 32,000 names on a goal of 100,000 signatures. This total represents nearly two thirds of all signatures gathered coast to coast.

Of particular significance in this regard was the fact that more than 600 names were added to the petition at the B.C. Federation of Labor convention, where the B.C. Peace Council had a display table in the lobby of the convention hall. This number represented well more than 50% of all delegates to the convention, and in the absence of a resolution on the petition during the convention served as a genuine expression as to the will of the delegates on the question of peace and disarmament.



Peace Council Vice Chairman Bert Ogden also told the meeting that the B.C. Federation of Labor had agreed to take part in the upcoming Paris conference called by the World Federation of Trade Unions on the need for peace and detente and will be represented by second vice-president Joy Langan.

While no firm decisions and recommendations for further peace activities came out of the meeting, the KSPC representatives felt that the meeting indicated a healthy and growing peace movement.

* ANNUAL MEETING *

* The annual meeting of the KSPC will take place Sunday, January 10 *
* at 7:30 in the Kamloops Public Library, 236 St. Paul Street. *
* The agenda will include the election of officers for 1982, *
* selection of a delegate for the Canadian Peace Congress Conference *
* and discussions for a 1982 Plan of Action. Please attend. *

And We Have a Winner!

Congratulations and best wishes to the winner of the giant doll house in our Christmas raffle, Dave MacPherson. Dave, a representative of the British Columbia Government Employees Union assures the KSPC that the doll house isn't really for him, but for his daughter, two year old Christy.

He said that the best thing about the doll house is the fact that it doesn't come complete with a 21% mortgage.

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U.S. MD's: "No Prescription for War"

The Pentagon has apparently asked hospitals across the US to set aside 50,000 hospital beds (in addition to 16,000 'burn beds' currently available) to handle a flood of GI casualties in the event of war in Europe. This has caused widespread alarm among US doctors, fearful that the Reagan administration is preparing to wage 'limited nuclear war'.

This plan was kept secret until the medical staff of Contra Costa County Hospital in San Francisco voted overwhelmingly to reject the request, because the plan "encouraged preparations for a war of catastrophic proportions".

Dr. David Shapiro, who spearheaded the protest against the plan said: "The



whole concept of nuclear war being 'thinkable, survivable, winnable' is now before the public and it has a lot of people shaken up. Even the limited use of nuclear weapons, especially in a congested region like Europe would be catastrophic. Each of these so-called tactical nuclear warheads has an explosive yield twice as large as the A-bomb that killed 85,000 people in Hiroshima."

-reprinted from

"News From the Manitoba Peace Council"

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Quote of the Month:

This time we listen to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, himself no friend of the peace movement, but, apparently, a realist.

"War has become a Frankenstein to destroy both sides. No longer does it possess the chance of the winner of the duel - it contains, rather, the germ of double suicide."

Scholarship Fund Investigated

Following up on an earlier decision that the KSPC recognize the work of our first Chairman Howard Falle by establishing a special educational program in his name, the December meeting of the KSPC decided to investigate the possibilities of setting up a scholarship for local high school graduates.

The winner would be selected on the basis of essays on the topic of world peace and steps to be taken to achieve this goal. As more information as to the requirements of such a scholarship becomes available, they will be printed in Peace News.

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Peace Council President
to Visit Kamloops

Carmella Allevato, the Vancouver lawyer who is president of the B.C. Peace Council is scheduled to visit Kamloops in January and will be the featured speaker at our January meeting.

Ms Allevato, president of the Peace Council since March, 1981, will speak on the plans of the B.C. Peace Council for 1982 and the overwhelming need for mass public pressure to change governmental war policies.

During her visit to Kamloops, the KSPC is hoping to arrange a number of other speaking events and media coverage. We urge all of our friends and members to take advantage of her visit and meet Carmella at our January meeting.

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KSPC To Initiate Coalition

With the upsurge and new interest being shown in the peace movement throughout the entire interior of the province from Grand Forks to Prince George, the December meeting of the KSPC decided to investigate the possibilities of bringing together the various peace and disarmament groups in the interior of the province into an Interior Coalition For Disarmament.

The KSPC proposals calls for all organizations to band together in one umbrella group for the purposes of coordinating activities for major events, while each would maintain its own organizational identity for their own activities.

Several such coalitions now function throughout the province, the most notable being the Coalition For World Disarmament in Vancouver, and the Mid-Island Coalition for Disarmament on Vancouver Island. So far the results indicate that each separate groups' efforts are multiplied several times through coalition work. The KSPC will be pursuing this in the new year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1981
(January 1, - December 31)

Income

Donations:	\$ 562.66	
Membership Fees:	\$ 553.00	
Socials/Fundraisers:	\$1078.57	
Literature Sales: ²	\$ 645.59	
Miscellaneous:	\$ 25.55	
Total Cash Receipts:	\$2869.37	\$2869.37
Total Bank Deposits:	\$2859.37 ¹	


Disbursements

Supplies:	\$ 837.51	
Advertising:	\$ 635.99	
Literature:	\$ 133.24	
Rentals:	\$ 90.00	
Travel:	\$ 113.10	
Miscellaneous:	\$ 162.72	
Petty Cash:	\$ 117.05	
Bank Charges: ³	\$ 2.30	
Total Disbursements:	\$2091.91	\$2091.91

Surplus of Income over Disbursements: \$ 774.46

- Notes: 1 does not include returned cheque of \$10.00
2 includes sale of bumper stickers
3 December, 1981 charges not levied

Kelly Gidara Treas.



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1981 MEMBERSHIP CARD

*is a member of the Kamloops-Shuswap
Peace Council along with a growing
number of concerned individuals
striving for World Peace.*

_____ Date: _____

"PEACE IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!"

The beginning of the new year is the time for, among other things, renewing your membership in the KSPC. Our rates are reasonable, affordable and we take cheques. As the financial statement above shows, membership fees are a large part of our yearly income, so get with it. We rely upon your yearly fees to publish our newsletter, take part in conferences, initiate activities, print leaflets, rent films and bring in speakers. Our fees aren't tax deductible, nor do we provide you with a secret decoder ring;

but with each membership you do get a copy of our Peace News and our promise that you've helped, at least a little, to make the world a little safer to live in

* * * * * CLIP AND MAIL THIS COUPON * * * * *

Yes, I believe in the need for world disarmament and support the Kamloops - Shuswap Peace Council. Please renew/enter my membership.
Enclosed is ____\$10.00 Regular/ ____\$5.00 OAP/ ____\$25.00 Sustaining Membership

Name _____

Address _____

CAN WE UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF OUR WEAPONS?

What is TRIDENT?

TRIDENT is a nuclear submarine being built now which will be able to destroy 408 cities or areas at one time, each with a blast five times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb.

TRIDENT is 2,040 Hiroshimas.

One TRIDENT submarine can destroy any country on earth.

A fleet of TRIDENT submarines (30 are planned) can end life on earth.

How can anyone understand that?

Begin with a meditation:

To understand TRIDENT, say the word "Hiroshima".

Reflect on its meaning for one second.

Say and understand "Hiroshima" again.

And again.

And again.

2,040 times.

Assuming you are able to understand "Hiroshima" in one second, you will be able to understand TRIDENT in 34 minutes.

That is one TRIDENT submarine.

To understand the destructive power of the whole TRIDENT fleet, it would take you 17 hours, devoting one second to each "Hiroshima."

Your meditation is impossible.

To understand "Hiroshima" alone would take a lifetime.

from Lightning East to West, by Jim Douglass