

Welcome to our first peace letter. The Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council, with your help, will endeavour to encourage all who cherish peace to become active in the fight for a world of peace.

To be concerned is not enough. To be alarmed is not enough. PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER TO PRESERVE WORLD PEACE. Ask yourself - "What have I done as a peacemaker today?"

Have you brought to anyone's attention the real, imminent danger of nuclear war? Have you written to a local newspaper, your M.P. or the Prime Minister voicing your concerns? If you are opposed to war, you can work for peace.

There are many and varied ways that you can work for peace, as an individual or with a group. Remember, whatever differences we may have on other issues we all have the desire and the right to live in a peaceful world.

We plan to produce this newsletter once a month to raise the main issues of peace and to analyse some of the obstacles to a peaceful world. We recognize the danger of nuclear war and hope to alert the public to this peril. We believe the only hope for survival of mankind is Detente and disarmament, and that these efforts will only be achieved through the concerted effort of all peoples, including readers of this newsletter.

#### Provincial Peace Conference

Although no one from our Council was able to attend the conference, we did send a resumé of our work, and greetings. Our local M.P., Nelson Riis sent greetings to the conference, also. We will have a full report of the conference at our next meeting, March 31st.

Our Peace Committee has sent form letters to all Doctors in the Kamloops area to make them aware of a new peace group, "Physicians for Nuclear Responsibility" and asking them to start their own organization, or failing this, to join us as a sustaining member; as we feel nuclear war is the ultimate health issue. We have one sustaining mem-

bership to date, and hope for more.

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Leaflets, "Books or Bombs" is being distributed at Cariboo College, and many requests for for more information on our group are coming in.

#### Peace Tax Forms

The Peace Tax Forms have been distributed and the idea is very popular. Through this campaign we have made people very aware of the amount each individual is contributing to the arms race through taxes.

Publicity from our forms has resulted in one new Peace Council in Salmon Arm, and interested inquiries from Vernon, Kelowna and Calgary.

#### Petition Campaign

Our petition, "Peace is Everybody's Business", is being widely distributed. We have copies in our local library, hospital staff room, Cariboo College, and staff rooms of all local schools. Petitions have been taken to the Kamloops and District Labour Council and to some of the local labour union meetings.

We are starting a blitz campaign of all local shopping centres for the next several weekends, starting this Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Thompson Park mall. For further information phone 372-8944 or 374-3269.



### Aims & Objectives

The Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council was organized in January 1980. We are a group of individuals and representatives of organizations of no common personal, political or religious backgrounds but who all share a deep commitment to doing something to ending the world's seemingly head long rush to nuclear annihilation.

Through our active participation in the B.C. Peace Council and Canadian Peace Congress we are affiliated to the World Peace Council headquartered in Helsinki Finland, the largest single organized force in the world. In fact Peace Councils exist in virtually every country of the globe, East, West, North and South.

Our activities are many, and varied, from informal discussions to circulating petitions to talking to our friends, neighbours and workmates about the dangers of war. We have something for everybody who wants to work to preserve world peace.

But for us to be effective we need you...and your support and participation. Remember, peace is everybody's business so get in touch with us at:  
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Imagine all the people  
Living life in peace  
You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope some day you'll join us  
And the world will be as one.

"Imagine"  
John Lennon

### Events

Peace Council meets the last Tuesday of every month at the Kamloops Library, St. Paul St, 7:30 p.m.

Annual elections for the March 31st. meeting.

Every Saturday, for the next few months, we will be petitioning from 1-3 p.m. at various locations. Call your committee for details and please come out to help.

Nuclear Awareness Day-April 25  
Walk and Rally - Watch for details in future letters.

Plan now for our Fall Bazaar. Please make one project a month or plan on donating items. It will be our one big fund raiser, so an all out effort is required.

### Ad Hoc Committee

An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed from various groups, for Nuclear Awareness Day, comprising of Yellowhead Ecological Society, Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council, Cariboo College Student Society, Kamloops District Labour Council and the Inter Church Group, to date.

Plans include a walk to Riverside Park, Rally and Picnic. To date, Nelson Riis, M.P., and Lorne Robson, B.C. Peace Council, will be speakers. Music- If you know of any group who can donate time for this, please contact us.

N.D.P. plans a forum on NATO and NORAD for the afternoon. Our Council will be presenting a brief. Anyone interested in helping with research and brief phone- 374-3269.