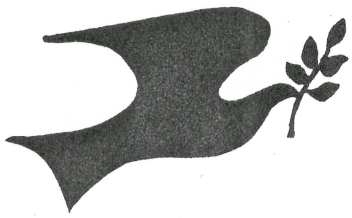


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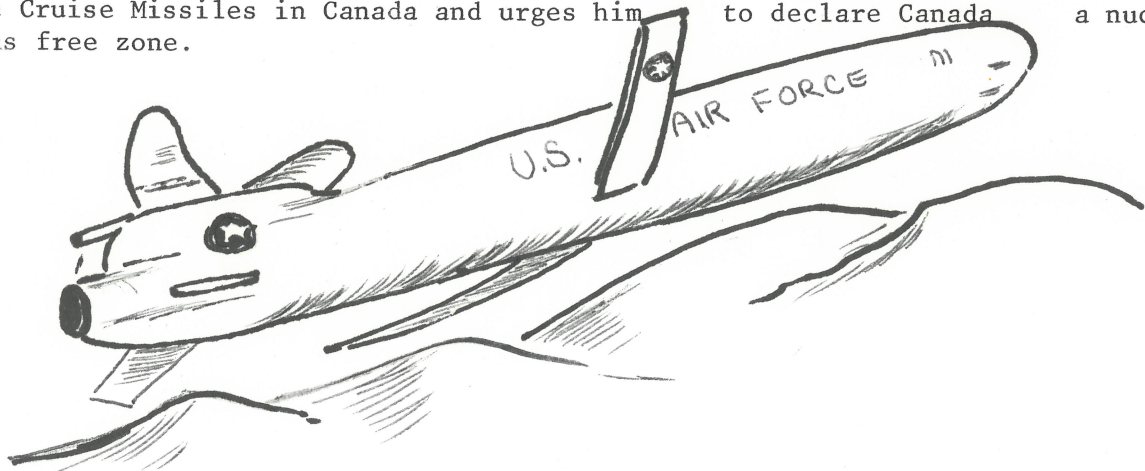
After a spring of overwhelmingly successful demonstrations against the general escalation of the arms race, the Canadian peace movement is zeroing in on our country's complicity in the production of the Pentagon's latest horror weapon -- the Cruise Missile.

Specifically, protests are focussing around two points; Litton Industries just outside of Toronto, where the Cruise guidance system is being built and the Canadian Forces Air Base near Cold Lake, Alberta which has been earmarked by Ottawa and the Pentagon as the site of testing of the Cruise.

Both Litton Industries and Cold Lake have been the site of numerous demonstrations demanding that all Canadian involvement in the Cruise Missile be halted, and in the case of Litton Industries, that the resources and technology devoted to the Cruise be redirected into socially useful industrial development.

While a number of groups have directed their energies primarily against Cruise development over the past year or so; a number of other peace organizations, including the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council, are now making this question of Canadian involvement in the arms race more of a priority.

The KSPC, along with most peace groups throughout B.C., will be launching a post card campaign. Members of the KSPC will blitz the Kamloops area Friday, August 13th with the postcards which call upon Prime Minister Trudeau to reject the testing of the Cruise Missiles in Canada and urges him to declare Canada a nuclear weapons free zone.



Anyone willing to help out on August 13th should contact Chum Ferguson, 374-3269.

### CRUISE FACTS.....

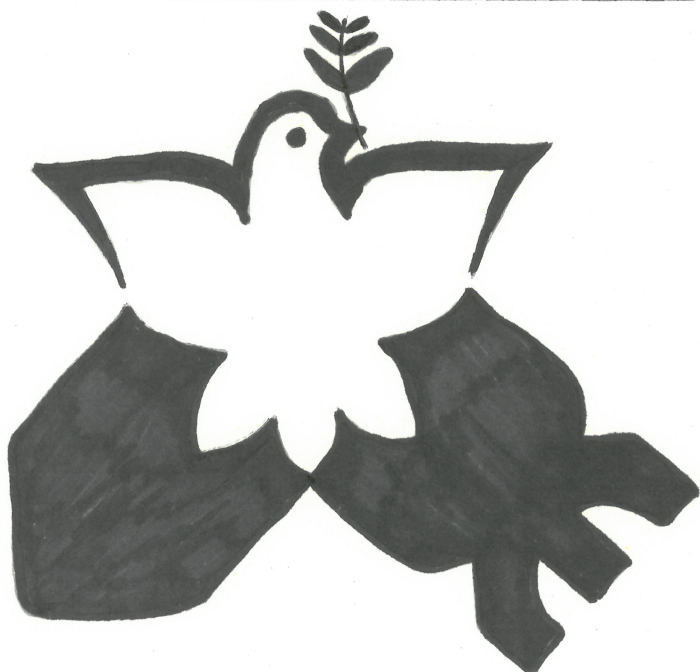
- \* The Cruise missile is a pilotless, computerized airplane only 18 feet long; 2-3 feet in diameter which carries a warhead 15 times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb.
- \* The Cruise is designed to fly at extremely low altitudes, following the contours of the ground thereby avoiding defensive radar. It is not a defensive weapon itself in that it is designed for first strike use.
- \* NATO plans to deploy 464 Cruise missiles in Europe starting in 1983, radically altering the nuclear balance in that continent.



UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DIS-  
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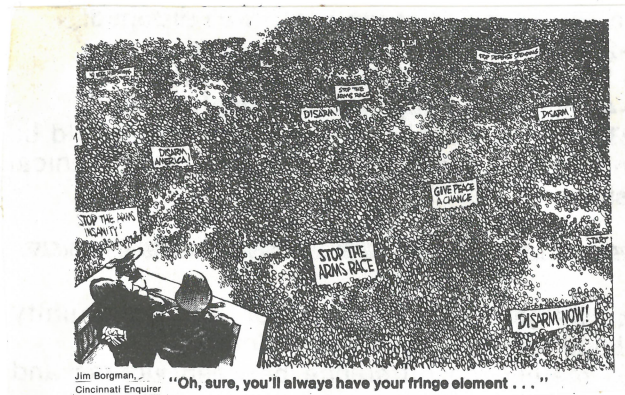
The United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament recently concluded in New York without coming to any agreement on a final document. Although this is a disappointing turn of events, it is not too suprising in light of the position taken by the U.S. at the U.N. In the face of eloquent pleas for an end to the arms race by many countries and a pledge by the USSR not to use nuclear weapons first, Ronald Reagan chose to maintain his belligerent stance on the arms race.

This failure by the U.N. to take the lead places the responsibility in the hands of the people of the world. We must support those states that have taken a good position on peace and disarmament and put tremendous pressure on those that haven't. As the hands of the clock move closer to midnight, the situation becomes ever more urgent. Canadians must unite to make Canada a nuclear weapons free zone, to stop all testing and production of nuclear weapons systems and components, and to convince our government to work for peace in the international scene. Letters should go to your M.P., the Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs. If an election is called, peace and disarmament should be made the premier issue, as nuclear disarmament is an issue before which all others pale.



HIROSHIMA DAY

August 6th has special meaning to peace activists around the world. On that day in 1945, a single B-25 bomber - The Enola Gay - cruised high above the Japanese city of Hiroshima and dropped one bomb - the world's first atomic bomb.



Two days later a second bomb was unleashed on Nagasaki. Since that time peace activists have been concentrating their efforts to see that nuclear weapons are never again used because the next time a nuclear weapon is used, it will result in an all out nuclear exchange and - most likely - the end of the world as we know it.

August 6th - Hiroshima Day - is observed each year around the world - both as a tribute to the hundreds of thousands of innocents vaporized, maimed, or poisoned by radiation and as a condemnation of those who once again are giving voice to the suicidal possibility of nuclear war.

August 6th is not a celebration, nor is it a day of mourning. It is a day of remembrance; and because we remember we will do all we can to ensure that no others shall suffer the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This year, the KSPC will observe Hiroshima Day with a candlelight vigil at Memorial Hill - Nicola Street and Second Avenue - starting at 9:00 P.M., Friday August 6th. Our message is short and to the point - "No More Hiroshimas", so please don't be put off by the late starting time. Come and join us for this most important occasion...and bring a friend.

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Other events planned for Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day include a giant rally at the Pentagon in Washington D.C., a demonstration against the Trident Submarine at Gamble, Washington, vigils in all major Canadian cities, a demonstration at the strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, and much, much more.





HELP!

Yup...we're broke.

Actually, that's not unusual for the KSPC and every other peace organization we know of because every penny we raise goes right back into the purchasing of paper, supplies, materials, postage, the rental of films and so on.

In fact, if we weren't using every penny we raise, we wouldn't be doing our job.

But, the fact remains, the more we try to do, and the more the Canadian Peace Congress undertakes, the more we have to rely upon you, the supporters of the peace movement, for financial assistance.

Unfortunately, we don't get the same type of government handouts that companies such as Litton Industries and other arms manufacturers get, so it boils down to appealing to our friends to help us out.

The KSPC, in a common effort with the Canadian Peace Congress, is launching a major financial drive. We're asking that supporters of the peace movement who can afford to do so, complete a form (obtainable from the KSPC) which will authorize a monthly withdrawal from your bank account.

The amount doesn't matter—\$5.00, \$10.00, or more—but every month you'll be helping out the peace movement in this country.

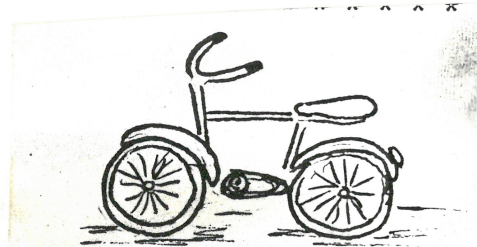
All revenue generated in this fashion will be divided between the Canadian Peace Congress and the KSPC and will enable both groups to greatly raise both the quantity and quality of our work. Each person who participates in this project will receive subscriptions to both the KSPC 'PEACE NEWS' and the Canadian Peace Congress 'PEACE NEWS'.

If, however, this isn't for you, there are still other ways you can help us out. First, you can buy a membership in the KSPC— at \$10.00 per year (\$5.00 for OAP) or a sustaining membership for \$25.00— or you can make a donation to the KSPC outright to help pay postage and paper for your newsletter.

Additionally, we'll be undertaking a number of specific fundraising activities including a coffee house in late September, another giant doll house raffle throughout the fall, participation in Farmers' Markets during the fall and the KXA winter bazaar. All donations and offers of help for these events will be gratefully appreciated; and accepted.

So, even though times are tough; they'd be a lot tougher without a peace movement trying to defuse the threat of nuclear holocaust.

Help us help us all.



### Rolling the Peace Movement On

A number of hearty (and, some would say, slightly insane) peace activists will literally roll into Kamloops around August 6 in the form of the Canadian Cyclists for Peace.

The cyclists plan to leave Comox, site of one of Canada's nuclear weapons storage facilities on a cross country bicycle marathon August 1 to focus attention on the critical arms race. Along the way, they will meet with peace groups and actively promote the "Peace Is Everybody's Business" petition.

Modelling their activity after several wildly successful bicycle peace actions in Europe and Quebec, they hope to be in Toronto, replete with thousands of additional signatures in time to be part of the Toronto Association For Peace contingent in that city's annual Labor Day parade.

The KSPC will host the cyclists in Kamloops and any cyclists feeling up to the challenge are encouraged to accompany the peace cyclists from the city limits to City Hall where they will conduct a press conference and explain their journey's objectives.

While in Kamloops, the cyclists will be treated to a pot luck supper and social evening.

Due to uncertainties in accurately scheduling bicyclists through the mountainous terrain of B.C., final details as to their arrival will not be available until about August 4. Please phone 376-7663, 374-3269 or 376-6053 for up to date information.

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### Quote of the Month

"Well, I think in the face of catastrophe to do nothing and be passive is very depressing because you feel so powerless. But, if you *try* and do something, it's the most exciting action you can take. If I feel I'm having an effect and other people are starting to be mobilized, there's a tremendous reward. So I say to myself, "Even if the bombs go off, at least I'll be able to say I tried."

-Dr. Helen Caldicott  
President, Physicians for  
Social Responsibility



## "More Agony Than a Thousand Wars Before"

Sitting in an auditorium for eight hours listening to a dozen speakers discuss missiles and death may sound like a dull day. But the "Medical Consequences of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear War" conference held at George Washington University (Washington, D.C.) on May 11 was an overwhelming experience, at times horrifying, at times exhilarating, always enlightening.

The conference, sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Council for a Livable World Education Fund, is one of a nationwide series aimed at bringing the message of disarmament to doctors and medical students in the most direct possible way.

The lectures ranged from a critique of Reagan's START proposal to the military balance to economic conversion to the actual medical implications of a nuclear war. Following are a few highlights:

**Jim Geelhoed, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Surgery, George Washington University and Chairman of the American Red Cross Blood Services Committee:

"There are currently 1,000 burn beds in the United States. To treat one burn survivor, it costs from one-third to one-half a million dollars. . . and requires massive blood transfusions.

"It is unlikely that a donor would be willing to give the last unit of blood his irradiated bone marrow will ever make."

"In Hiroshima after the bomb was dropped:

—270 out of 298 doctors were dead,

—1,645 out of 1,780 nurses were dead,

—42 out of 45 hospitals were destroyed."

"The futility of planning for treatment should be abandoned in place of prevention by all ethical physicians."

**George Kistiakowsky**, former head of the Explosives Division, Los Alamos Laboratory (The Manhattan Project), currently Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, Harvard University:

"I hope the Soviet Union will not reject out of hand [the START proposal] and that this is the beginning of real negotiations. But this is a much more complex proposal than SALT II — if we complete negotiations in ten years we'll be damn lucky. We'll have the MX, B-1, Trident subs, cruises, and even those old moth-eaten battleships."

"The likelihood of a nuclear war in the meantime will be far from negligible. We cannot wait for negotiations while the arms race goes on rampantly."

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**Jack Geiger, M.D.**, Professor of Community Medicine, City College of New York:

"Ultimately the difference between victims and survivors will have no meaning."

"There will be 15,000 megatons by the middle of this decade worldwide — that is the equivalent of one Hiroshima-size bomb dropping every minute for two years and three months."

Some of the effects of a one-megaton bomb being dropped on Washington:

"A blinding flash of light. People 35 miles away would suffer severe retinal damage and blindness."

"The sky would turn into a sledge hammer, moving with a collapsing, crushing force. Flying missiles of rubble (including adults weighing up to 180 pounds) would be hurled outward at enormous velocities."

"From the heat, 115,000 third-degree burns in Washington, D.C. may be expected, without even considering the burns from mass conflagration and fire storm."

**Jerome Wiesner**, former Science Advisor to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, currently President Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"It's my strong opinion that there is no such thing as nuclear war-fighting if you mean firing weapons and not totally destroying your own society."

"The U.S. is in a very real sense running an arms race with itself. Too many people believe it's out of their hands — that it exists only because of the Soviet Union."

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**Carl Sagan**, Director, Laboratory for Planetary Studies, Cornell University:

"The lesson [astronomers] have learned is that life is a rarity. What a waste it would be if after 4 billion years of tortuous evolution a few beings devised their own annihilation."

"We are rare and precious because we are alive. Become advocates — speak for the human species!"

Is it not fitting that "the nation which first developed, tested, and used the bomb, should have the obligation to begin deceleration of the arms race?"