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UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT WEEK October 24th - 30th

October promises to be a busy month in the struggle for peace and disarmament. All across Canada, people will participate in rallies and other activities around disarmament and, in particular, the issue of Cruise missile testing in Alberta, and production of components for the missile.

Here in Kamloops several activities are planned.

PROJECT CARAVAN:

Three participants from Project Caravan (the group who travelled from B.C. to New York for the Second Special Session on Disarmament at the U.N. in June) are touring B.C., Alberta and parts of Saskatchewan to promote the campaign to convince the federal government to refuse the U.S. military's request to test the Cruise in Alberta. The other aspect of the campaign is to stop the production of components for Cruise in Canada. Project Caravan will be arriving in Kamloops October 24th. They will be showing the film "If you Love this Planet," featuring anti-nuclear activist Helen Caldicott at 7 PM in the Christian Education Centre, 421 St. Paul Street. Donations to help them on their way will be accepted at that time. The film is an excellent one, and the Project Caravaners are anxious to meet like-minded people in Kamloops.

PROTEST THE TRIDENT:

The United Church is planning an evening of discussion on the issue of world peace October 6 at 7:30 PM at Mount Paul United Church 140 Laburnum. Reverend Don Robertson and Reverend Peter Rolston will show slides of the recent protest against the arrival of the first Trident submarine, Ohio at Bangor, Washington. Everyone is invited to attend.



NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST - Against the Cruise Missile

October 30th will be devoted to activities across the country to demonstrate the determinations of the Canadian people to refuse to participate in any way in the production and testing of the Cruise missile. The focus of the campaign will be a demonstration in Ottawa, and supporting activities are planned across Canada. It is expected that demonstrations will take

place at Litton Industries, Toronto, who produce the extremely sophisticated guidance system for the Cruise, and at Cold Lake, Alberta where the U.S. wants to test. The Cruise Missile is another large step in the arms race, as it is very clearly a first-strike weapon, as it is designed to fly in under radar, moving relatively close to the ground and around the contours of the earth. The Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council will be distributing cards to be sent to Prime Minister Trudeau protesting Canada's role in the production of this weapon of mass destruction. Anyone who would like to assist in the distribution of the cards on the 30th is invited to call 376-6053 (Val) or 376-7663 (Kathy).

REFERENDUM ON DISARMAMENT:

Kamloops city Council recently reversed its decision not to hold a referendum on disarmament in Kamloops, thus refusing to buckle under to pressure from the provincial government. The K.S.P.C. welcomes the decision and congratulates the mayor and alderman for having the fortitude to reverse this decision and allow the referendum, thus joining the numerous municipalities that are holding similar referenda. There is one catch, however. The cost of the vote will not be paid out of City coffers, so must be paid for by those advocating the referendum. The bill will be approximately \$1500.00, so donations are desperately needed. Please send donations to the KSPC at Box 973, Kamloops B.C. V2C 6H1 and we will pass them on to the organizing committee. Our council has pledged \$100.00 towards this campaign.

PEACE NEWS GOES BI-MONTHLY

The Peace News will be published bi-monthly from now on. Several factors have forced the editorial Committee to make this decision. The rising costs of paper and particularly postage were the major factors; the current economic crisis is having an effect on us. The positive side of all this is that we will be producing a television programme on Channel 10, which will be broadcast each Thursday, so Peace Council members and friends in Kamloops will be able to keep up with events through the electronic media. Our next Peace News will be published in December.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the KSPC will be held Sunday, October 17th at the Peace Council office, 261 Cherry Avenue at 7:30 PM. This will be the regular meeting time and place from now on. All members and any other interested persons are welcome to attend.

