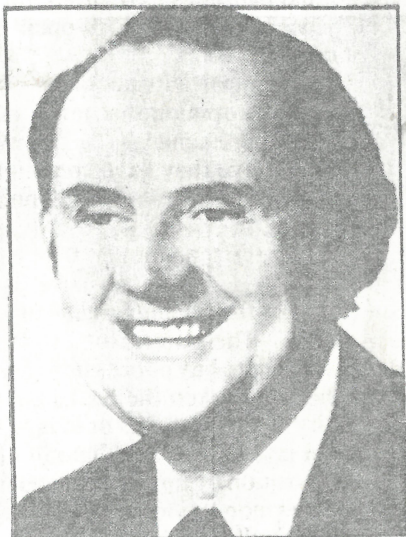




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JOHN MORGAN

LENIN PEACE PRIZE:

Members of the Kamloops Shuswap Peace Council were delighted to hear that Dr. John Morgan, President of the Canadian Peace Congress, is one of four international Peace Activists that has been awarded the Lenin Peace Prize for this years of devotion and hard work in the peace movement.

Dr. Morgan, who will receive his prize at a ceremony June 4th in Toronto, has spent virtually all his life in constant activity for peace; through the dark days when peace was ridiculed, attacked or ignored to the present when peace is not only accepted but recognized as the only sane solution for survival of our planet.

The K.S.P.C. is proud to be associated with Dr. Morgan, and we wish him the best in his future endeavours.

EDITORIAL COMMENT by Val Carey

The KSPC is deeply concerned for the future of peace and security in the Carribean and in Central America. Recent pronouncements and actions of the U.S. Governments would indicate that the U.S. has no intention of allowing the people of those areas to determine their future.

Barry Goldwater, with the approval of Ronald Reagan has threatened Cuba with invasion. This follows years of harrassment including the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion and numerous attempts on the life of Premier Fidel Castro. Neither is the U.S. willing to let the people of Grenada pursue their newfound freedom. Every form of harrassment is employed, including a programme of propaganda which labels the construction of the tiny countries first airport, a "Soviet base".

In Central America, the U.S. continues to support brutal repressive dictatorships with material, financial and military aid. In El Salvador where the poverty stricken, oppressed people are struggling for their freedom, U.S. military advisers train and lead the army in a manner uncomfortably reminiscent of the early days of the Vietman conflict. Counter-revolutionaries, armed and totally supported by the U.S. harass the popular government in Nicaragua, in an attempt to return a Somoza-style dictatorship to that beleaguered country, whose major offense in the eyes of the U.S. government has been to put the destiny of the population in the

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hands of the People.

In the interest of world peace and security we join with the many voices world wide to urge the U.S. government to withdraw all military personnel from these areas, cease invasion threats, withdraw support for repressive regimes, and allow the people to decide their future.

BOOK REVIEW: by Val Carey

Freeman, Harold.

This is the way the world will end, this is the way you will end, unless...
Edmonton: Hurtig, 1983 \$4.95.

This book is a very concise description of the problem we all face - nuclear holocaust. It is short and to the point, and is useful to recommend to people who are not familiar with the issues. As well, the book is written from a Canadian perspective, which makes it a welcome addition to the literature on the arms race. It is available from Quality Books, and soon will be available at Cariboo College Library.



Val Carey discusses the aspects of Nuclear war with M.P. Nelson Riis, on the K.S.P.C. monthly t.v. show, aired each Thursday at 8:30 P.M. on Channel 10.

Pause for Peace:

John Moelaert from Kelowna has started a "Pause for Peace" group. He asks B.C. residents to cease all activity on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. for 2 minutes. He suggests that you contemplate everyone and everything you hold dear during the 2 minutes of silence.

The aim of the campaign is twofold:

- 1) A ban on testing Cruise missiles in Canada,
- 2) To get Canada out of the Arms race and become a leader for peace.

John Moelaert, Box 430, Kelowna B.C.

AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE K.S.P.C.

KSPC members see ourselves as active workers for peace. We come from all walks of life; workers, nurses, teachers unemployed, mothers and fathers, etc, and all political persuasions. Our binding tie is the aim to rid the world of nuclear weapons immediately, and ultimately to put an end to war.

On the surface this may seem to be altruistic but we must consider the consequences if we do not succeed - war with an end to any meaningful way of life; a living hell for any who survive.

Peace can be achieved by educating others to join in our cause; and by bringing to bear more pressure on our Canadian government to make Canada a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. If this means we must leave NATO, then by all means we must do so. If Canada leads as a peacemaker, other Nations will follow.

We need more courage and determination in the months ahead and to be more demanding of our rights - the ultimate right to life. To sit silently and do nothing is to help pay for our own crematorium.

We urge each member to bring at least one new member to our next meeting. Pass along the peace news to others. Have a dialogue with friends and relations on peace; and be prepared to help them see that they must also be workers for peace.

NEXT MEETINGS:

SUNDAY JUNE 19th
SUNDAY JULY 10th
SUNDAY AUGUST 10th

at the North Kamloops Public Library
at 7:30 P.M.

* In the event of Labour Dispute we will meet at 120 West St. Paul St. (374-3269).

August 6 - Hiroshima Day:

A candlelight vigil is being planned for August 6th at the Centataph on Memorial Hill at 8:00 P.M.

The ceremony is to commemorate the 1st victims of atomic warfare and to bring peoples attention to the dangers of a third World War in which we will all be victims. We must join hands and raise our voices against the horrors of war. The K.S.P.C. urges you to attend and bring your friends and relatives.

St. Paul Street at 2nd Avenue.

APRIL 24th MARCH FOR PEACE: Rain couldn't dampen spirits.

Our 4th annual Walk for Peace was very successful in spite of heavy rain during the morning.

Over 300 people walked from Allan Mathews School to St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, who kindly hosted the rally due to the inclement weather.

Demonstrators sent a telegram to P.M. Trudeau demanding Canada become a Nuclear Weapons free zone. Letters also were sent to President Reagan and Premier Yuri Andropov expressing concern about the growing arms race; and requesting that both governments honour Canada's position if she adopts a Nuclear Free status.

M.C. Keith Simmons expressed concern over the billions of dollars being spent on the arms race which should be diverted to massive job programmes, hospitals, education, etc.

M.P. Nelson Riis said he was appalled when he visited NATO, NORAD and the Pentagon and heard military leaders saying a nuclear war could be won.

Dr. Bob Woolard of Clearwater outlined the medical consequences of nuclear war, while Reverend Bruce Chamberlayne emphasized we must care deeply for Earth and confront what ever might destroy it.

School teacher Des McCambridge rounded out the speakers and asked educators to join him in the concern for peace.

Local musician Sandy Hall did an excellent job of organizing other local musicians to perform at the rally.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

NOT KNOWING IS TERRIFYING
AND KNOWING IS TERRIFYING
BUT NOT KNOWING IS HOPELESS
AND KNOWING MAY SAVE US.

a ninth grader

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PEACE PETITION CARAVAN:

Starting in early August the peace petition caravan will be making its way from either end of Canada to meet in Ottawa about the 27th of the month. With the central issue being Canada's involvement in the Cruise missile and more specifically the testing of Cruise on Canadian territory, the Caravan will stop in many towns and cities across Canada, as they attempt to reach as much of the population as possible with the petition they are taking to Ottawa. In Ottawa, the Caravan will spend as much time as is necessary to stop Canada's involvement in the Cruise.

All concerned people are invited to participate in the Caravan; those who are in a position to go to Ottawa and stay there are most welcome but the Caravan organizers are also encouraging those who may only be able to travel for a few hours or days, to participate as well.

The Peace Petition Caravan will be stopping in Kamloops about August 8th, where a rally will be held and billets arranged for them. Planning is in very early stages so watch for further details in the press. We will need a lot of help organizing a good reception for the Caravaners here in Kamloops, so anyone who is interested in participating in the arrangements can call Val at 376 - 6053.

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A RECENT PEACE MARCH IN RIGA, LATVIA, U.S.S.R., SHOWS SOVIET CITIZENS MARCHING BY THE THOUSANDS, ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE PEACE ACTIVITY IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.



WALK FOR PEACE: Victoria University student Patrick Chamberlain is taking his concern about Canada's role in the arms race to Ottawa in a most unusual manner, he is walking all the way.

His concern over the imminent agreement to test the Cruise Missile in Canada moved him to take to the highway to add his voice to the growing number of Canadians who do not want their country involved in the destruction of life on earth.

Patrick, with a number of Kamloops peace activists, met at Riverside Park and marched along with him as he left Kamloops heading East. We request that our readers along his route on the Trans Canada Highway watch for him and offer what support they can.

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