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#### EDITORIAL COMMENT by Val Carey

It was with a feeling of shock that the peace movement heard the news that the Cruise Missile will be tested in Canada. The announcement made on July 15th, was very carefully timed. The federal government was aware that demonstrations were planned for the first Saturday after the announcement, if it came; so late Friday afternoon was chosen by the government in an attempt to diminish the protests.

Also, the government was aware that the summer holiday period finds most people holidaying.

What price was paid for that agreement? It has been suggested that the U.S. government made a deal with ours; we test the Cruise, and they acknowledge the acid rain problem. This is only conjecture; but it is a fact, soon after the Cruise announcement was made, Washington made a statement recognizing the acid rain problem in Canada. Some deal!

problem in Canada.

Never has so much government by the a year we have marched letters and enabled means of protest we could. The wishes people were clear, "peacekeeping government" or there was an acid rain Prime Minister Trudeau chose pressure rather than respect the desires of the Canadian people, the agreement has signed.

pressure been placed on our people of Canada. For over ed, held peace camps, writ-gaged in any reason-and pressure that of the Canadian

"Refuse the Cruise!" Our has sold us out. Whether deal, or more likely, to bow down to U.S.

However, all is not lost. The pressure on our government continue. October 22 is Euromissile Day internationally. On that day, demonstrations, rallies, marches and other activities will be on the agenda. We plan to observe the day in Kamloops, so watch for details.

Testing of the Cruise is not scheduled to start until 1984, so we do not have to consider the agreement final. There is time to stop it.

CRUISE OUT OF CANADA!



PEACE LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT

Soviet schools will open with a peace lesson this fall. The lesson will teach children that war is an unthinkable evil, and that the only solution to world problems is through peaceful co-existence between states with

differing social systems. The students will be urged to do all they can to strive for a peaceful solution to the world's problems and for understanding between nations.

Soviet teachers and peace advocates will speak to the classes about the example set by Japanese teachers, who want an end to militaristic propaganda in school texts and whose motto is, "We shall not give our pupils to war". Or the progressive West German teachers who despite the ban on progression, used against them, demand that the tremendous sums spent on arms should be spent on school needs instead; and of the teachers in the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy who oppose the deployment of nuclear weapons in their countries.

The lesson will end in a minute of silence to commemorate the victims of World War Two.

SPECIAL NOTICE

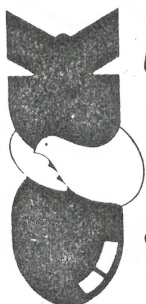
The KSPC will be meeting at the North Kamloops Public Library on the second Monday of each month at 7:30. In the event that the second Monday falls on a holiday, as Oct 10th, Thanksgiving, we will hold an executive meeting only; although other members may attend if they so wish. We hope there will be a full turnout for our September 12th meeting, in order to plan for U.N. Disarmament Week, which falls on the last week in October.

KSPC GOES TO THE FAIR

Recently, the KSPC had a booth at the Little Fort Craft Fair. We sold buttons, gave out literature and talked peace with the people at the fair. We will be doing the same thing at the Barriere Fall Fair, plus showing films.

If any of our readers know of any event where we may do the same, please let us know. This is an excellent way to keep the issue of peace in the forefront.

Phone Val at 376-6053.



**MAKE  
PEACE  
NOT  
WAR!**

WHO WINS THE RACE/?

Most people with any common sense realize, there are no winners in a nuclear war. This is not apparent to all, however. A recent computer simulation in the U.S. demonstrated that the U.S.S.R. would win a war fought with nuclear weapons. Deaths in the computer simulated war, including deaths from radiation effects, came to almost three-quarters of the population of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. The analysis of the simulation included comments that urged the U.S. to increase its nuclear arsenal. Presumably, if the U.S. has MX, Cruise, Pershing 2, etc., then that country will win. But, when your country is almost all dead, the environment ruined, and civilization as we know it gone, has anyone won? Can there be a winner in a nuclear war?

It seems to us, that the real purpose of that computer simulation was to bolster Reagan's demands for more and more destructive power and new weapons. One hopes that the people are not fooled by this sort of propaganda into supporting new weapons systems.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Summer months were busy for members of KSPC.

On July 22, we participated in the protest rally to condemn the signing of the Cruise Test Agreement, organized by the End the Arms Race Cttee. In spite of the vacation period, etc., about 80 people gathered to send off two petitions; one to Prime Minister Trudeau, condemning his decision and the other one for Doug Anguish, M.P., who is trying to get his Bill C-678 before the House of Commons to have the whole Cruise issue debated. A message of support from Nelson Riis was read to the rally.

Peace Weekend attracted a small, but dedicated group of people. The candle-light ceremony, Aug 6th, to commemorate the first atomic bomb victims attracted about forty people, who felt that it was a very warm and moving experience. Rev. Don Waldon of the United Church, spoke to the gathering about the need for peace making. Gary Neilson sang.

The picnic and rally in the park on the 7th of August was attended by about 70 people, who came to meet the Peace Petition Caravaners and to have a Pot Luck dinner.

It is always a pleasure to meet other peace activists, to talk with them and to learn from their experiences.



ELECTION RESULTS

We note that Brian Mulroney won a seat in the House of Commons and hopes to be the next Prime Minister of Canada. An analysis of his position on peace shows him to be in favour of more military spending (we already spend over \$8 billion a year in Canada), Cruise missile testing in Canada, continued membership in NATO, and support for the Reagan position on Central America. With a federal election coming up probably next May or June, it is time to ask ourselves, "Do we want Prime Minister Mulroney?"

FILM REVIEW

War Games. A Leonard Goldberg Production, starring Matthew Broderick and Danby Coleman.

We have not reviewed a movie in the Peace News before, but we feel that War Games is certainly worth reviewing and recommending, especially to young people.

In the film, a young computer whiz accidentally gets into the NORAD computer, thinking he has gained access to a computer game company's computer. He proceeds to play a game called "Global Thermonuclear War," in which he chooses to be the Russians. This simulation is known only to the man who programmed the Norad computer, so when the big screen at NORAD headquarters shows an attack under way from the U.S.S. R., it is taken seriously.

Although the plot has a few weaknesses, the film is quite well put together and interesting to watch. But most importantly, it carries a vital message that we all should hear, especially our youth. We recommend War Games and hope that more films with the same sort of appeal and message will be made soon.

THE KAMLOOPS-SHUSWAP PEACE COUNCIL PRESENTS

Channel 10, every Thursday night, 9 P.M. (Time may change, please check your TV listings).

September:

Life in the Nuclear Shadow.

This excellent film showing the effects of growing up in the nuclear age on children is followed by a discussion with two local educators, Al Mackinnon and Gary Nielsen.

October:

Civil Defense

Two films, Eleven Steps to Survival and Nuclear War, A Guide to Armageddon.

The programme will take a look at Canada's plans for civil defense in case of a nuclear war, and contrast this with the effects of such an event, and question the feasibility or desirability of survival.

Future Programmes:

We are always looking for ideas for the show and people to participate in the programme. Call Val at 376-6053 with any suggestions you may have.

EDUCATORS FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

We are very pleased to hear that several local educators are in the process of forming a peace group here in Kamloops. The K.S.P.C. welcomes END to the peace movement in the Interior, and looks forward to working with them at every possible opportunity. If you are an educator at any level, and are concerned about disarmament, please call Val at 376-6053, or Chum at 374-3269 and we will put you in touch with END.

How many nuclear weapons is "enough?"

In the late 1940's, the U.S. military informed President Harry Truman that it needed 400 atomic bombs to keep the Soviet Union "in line."

In May 1956, General Earle Partridge told a Congressional subcommittee that 50 nuclear devices would destroy 40% of the Soviet population and 60% of its industry.

In 1958, the National Planning Association said that 200 warheads would be adequate to demolish "a large nation-state."

John F. Kennedy's advisors set the figure at 100, while Robert McNamara estimated that 400 one-megaton bombs would do the job.

McGeorge Bundy said in 1969 that "ten bombs on ten cities would be a disaster beyond history."

We wonder when there will be "enough."



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