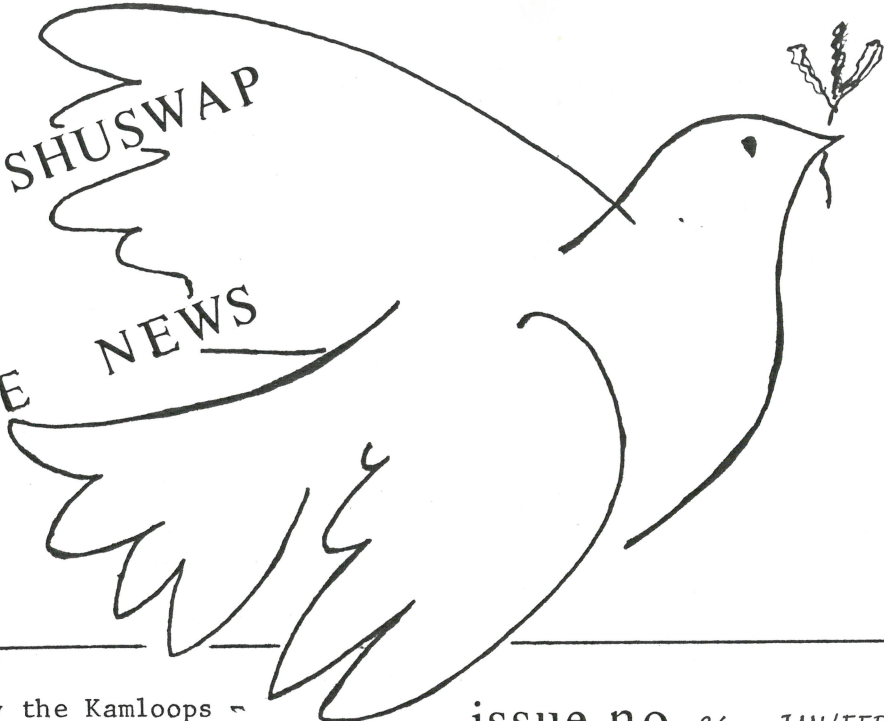


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EDITORIAL

As we enter 1984, we pause to examine the achievements and setbacks of the past year and try to analyze what is in store for the new year.

1983 saw intensive action around the Cruise missile in Canada, in fact one may safely say that Cruise was the major peace issue in Canada, and still remains so. A terrible blow was dealt to all of us who have been lobbying the government to refuse Cruise testing. Our government, in the face of probably the most massive grassroots campaign in recent times, chose to give in to pressure from the U.S. But we have not conceded defeat, Cruise testing is still in the courts. The Supreme Court will be hearing the peace movements arguments on a constitutional basis. Cruisetesting can still be stopped.

Reagan's military buildup continues to escalate with the attendant economic and social problems. In 1983 he announced plans to develop "Star Wars" weapons systems to be used in space. PershingII, Cruise and MX

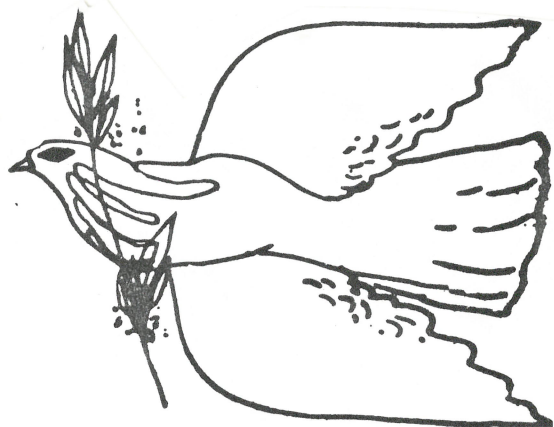
deployment as well as building of Trident submarines continues full speed.

Internationally, peace seems farther away than ever, with the U.S. invasion of Grenada, the continued attacks on the people of Central America and the tragic situation in the Middle East all contributing to the already volatile world scene.

Peace action in Europe has stepped up, and heavy-handed government response is showing its ugly face. Peace campers at Greenham Common in England have been subjected to beatings and threatened with being shot. Peace marchers in West Germany and other European countries are facing attacks by tear gas laced water cannon, and with arrests.

Referenda continue to show that Canadians are opposed to the arms race and favour disarmament. The peace movement continues to grow and new peace groups continue to pop up all over.

1984 is an election year in both Canada
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A thousand faiths with a common dream
A thousand tongues with a common theme
A thousand thoughts with a single plan:
Peace on earth and goodwill to man.

— Joe Wallace

Editorial (cont.)

and the U.S. This is the most crucial election year ever. If the peace movement becomes heavily involved in the campaigns in both countries, we can make a difference! Peace must be the number one issue. Candidates must be forced to take a position on this issue, for what else matters if we are all soon to die? "Make Canada a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone" must be the message to the politicians.

In 1984 we hope that the fight for peace will continue to grow, for this is a fight for the survival of all life on this planet. Without a strong, dynamic and diverse peace movement, hope is dim. Our strength is in our diversity, it lies in the knowledge and understanding that we must set aside other differences to work for that one goal, disarmament. Let 1984 be the year that we will remember as the turning point in the worldwide campaign for peace.

THE KAMLOOPS SHUSWAP PEACE COUNCIL PRESENTS...

Channel 10, each Thursday at 6:00 P.M.

January:

What About the Russians? is a film from the producers of *The Last Epidemic* and *In the Nuclear Shadow*, that looks at five important questions about the USSR. A discussion follows the film.

February:

Hiroshima and Nagasaki: the Harvest of Nuclear War is a film made in Japan about the effects of the nuclear attacks on these two cities, both immediate and long term. We thank the Grand Forks Public Library for the use of this film.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE SIGNS GO UP!

Recently, the City of Vancouver placed signs announcing to all that they are now entering a nuclear weapons free zone. The signs are posted at all entrances to the city.

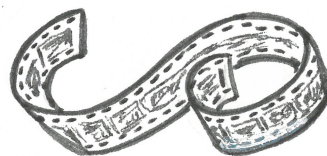
Let's get those signs up here in Kamloops in 1984!

TRUDEAU'S PEACE MISSION

Our prime minister has been talking to heads of state to encourage world support for meaningful disarmament negotiations. We understand from sources in Ottawa that his meetings with world leaders are proving much more fruitful than the news media would have us think. Although Cruise testing is still hanging over our heads, the Kamloops Shuswap Peace Council supports Mr. Trudeau's peace mission, and urges all concerned people to write to him showing support for his peace initiatives.

KSPC ON THE DON CARTER SHOW

Recently KSPC chairperson Val Carey along with Educators for Nuclear Disarmament member Al Mackinnon appeared on the Don Carter radio programme. There were no surprises for us, Mr. Carter was in standard form. It was difficult to make a point, and we didn't get much chance to talk to the callers, but despite these drawbacks, it was an opportunity to raise the peace issue in public, which was our intention.

MOVIE REVIEWTestament

Testament is one of the better post-nuclear war films that this reviewer has seen. The first part of the film develops the main characters, a suburban family living in a small community outside San Francisco. No indication is given of the coming holocaust, the family is concerned about its own day to day life. But suddenly everything is changed forever. No blame is laid, no indication of what has happened to start the final war. But the message is strong, there is no survival after a nuclear war, as we watch a mother bury each of her children in the back yard after each has died from radiation sickness. *Testament* is very moving and powerful. As there is little chance of this film coming to Kamloops, we encourage our readers who would like to see this film to call the North Hills theatre at 376-9554 and enquire about Testament.

NUCLEAR WINTER

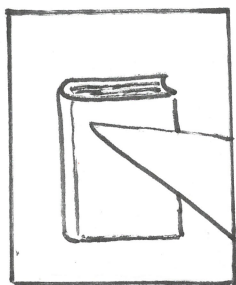
A study of the effects of nuclear war on the ecosystem has added more horrors to an already horrendous prospect. A group of prestigious scientists including Dr. Carl Sagan and Dr. Stephen Jay Gould examined the effects of tons of pulverized cities and earth that would be thrown into the atmosphere as a result of even a limited nuclear war. The dust would darken the sky, shutting out the sun, having seriously adverse effects on all life on earth, including the plankton in the oceans. The study appears in the Dec 23/83 issue of the conservative, "American Ass'n for the Advancement of Science".

A few other effects of the nuclear winter would be:

- Extreme cold for several months or longer, depending on the megatonnage of the exploded weapon
- Lack of sunlight for photosynthesis, and for plankton in the oceans
- Massive species extinction due to lack of food and sunlight
- Survivors of the attack would face psychological stress from all the above, plus loss of loved ones

Once the radioactive dust had settled, survivors would face a horrible, new foe - ultraviolet light. Lethal sun burn and blindness would result from the destruction of the protective ozone layer.

Even though the scenario presented is gloomy, this report should increase participation in the scientific community and in the peace movement. We hope the study will spur more people to work for peace, so that the nuclear winter will never become a reality.

BOOK REVIEW

Degrasse, Robert
"The Costs and Consequences of Reagan's Military Buildup" New York: The Council on Economic Priorities, 1982 \$4.95

This report by the Machinists Union and the Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy is on the Reagan Administration's military buildup and the effect on the economy. The authors show through texts and graphs that the latest escalation of the arms race seriously damages the economy, weakening the dollar and increases dependence on foreign goods. This is vitally important to Canadians as our economy is so closely tied to the U.S.

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Military waste is targetted, also. Billions of dollars that could be funnelled into socially useful expenditures are wasted. The poor are paying the highest price for the military buildup with cuts in social services. Soviet arms spending myths are exploded too; myths that are the basis for this massive buildup. This book presents a concise, well documented case for a change in U.S. Military and Foreign Policy. Available from KSPC library.

KSPC SEMINAR JANUARY 14th

Our first seminar will be held on Jan. 14 at Cariboo College from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Speakers have been confirmed for all three workshops.

Well known Vancouver folk singer, Tom Hawken, will be doing a "Music for Peace" workshop. Anyone interested in learning these songs for peace activities or their own pleasure will enjoy this workshop.

Al McKinnon, psychology instructor at Cariboo College, will head up a discussion on the psychic numbing effect of nuclear war and how it affects our peace work and ability to teach peace. This should be of interest to educators and peace workers, who are trying to educate people to the dangers of nuclear war.

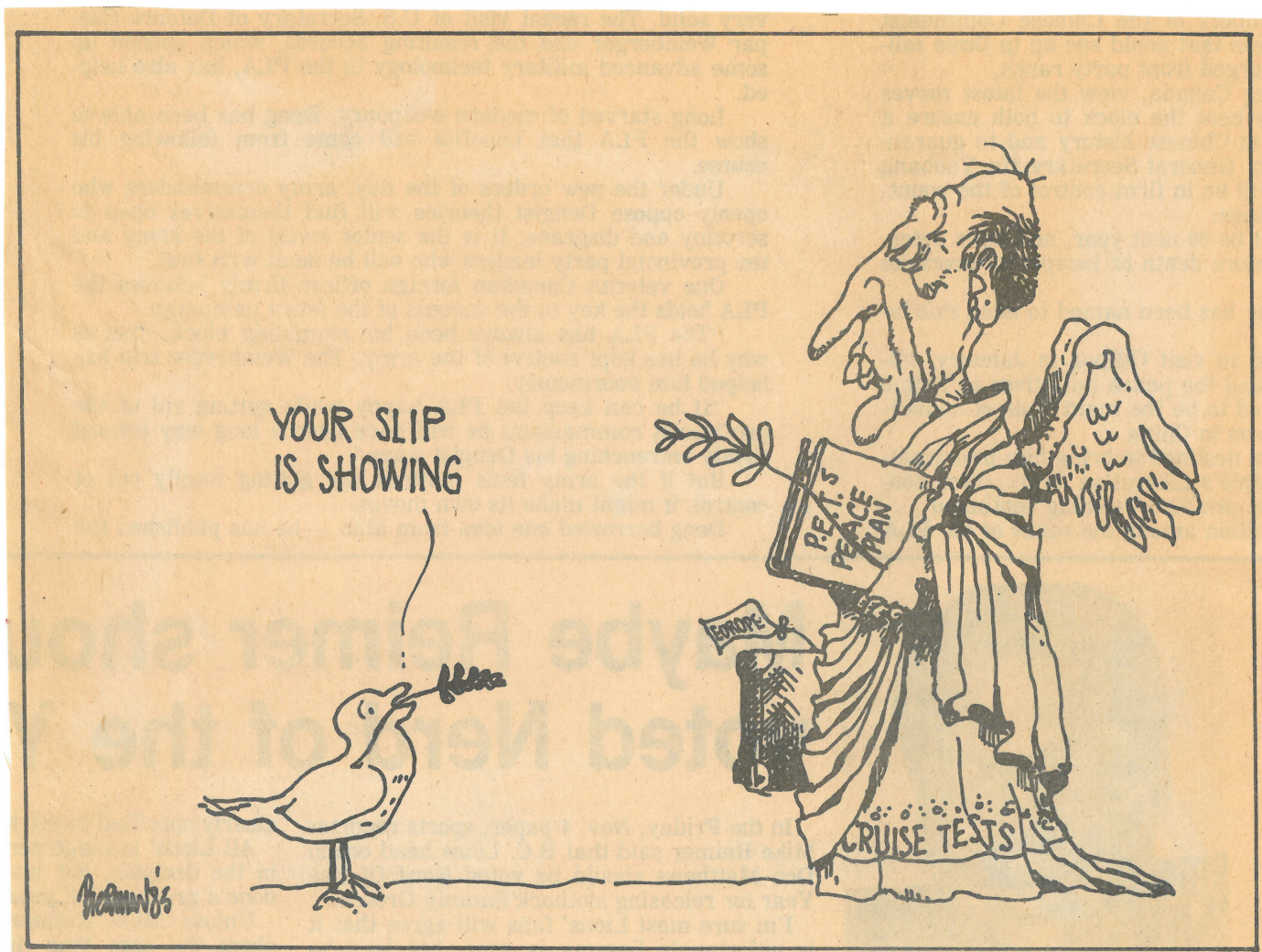
Hank Woodland, well known social activist with the United Church, will be doing a workshop on the Pacific Rim, including South America; explaining the need for peace and justice in that part of the world.

We anticipate a good turnout and request that you get your registration forms in early.

A social will be held at the I.W.A. Hall in the evening to wind up this event. F.M.I. Phone Chum 374-3269 Val 376-6053

CHRISTMAS WALK FOR PEACE

The third annual walk for Peace, sponsored by the Inter-Church Cttee, was held on Dec 23rd. In spite of the extreme cold, over 50 people participated in this event, gathering at the United Church and walking to City Hall, carolling as they proceeded. The peace activists were welcomed into City Council Chambers by Alderman Branchflower, who addressed the gathering. Rev. Don Robertson spoke of the necessity for peace and Nelson Riis, M.P., told the people that although the Prime Minister's Peace mission is being played down by our media, that it is being warmly welcomed and received by other nations. He asked each person to write to the Prime Minister congratulating him and urging him to continue his efforts. Riis said that it would be particularly influencing to take the time to write, especially during the busy, festive season.



PROJECT PEACE

With this issue, we are starting a new feature. We are asking that our readers participate in a project. The project for this issue is to write to the Prime Minister regarding his peace initiative and to congratulate him and to urge him to continue in his efforts. This is something that all readers can do, and especially for those who are unable to attend meetings.

If readers have further suggestions for projects, please write to us.

Address: Prime Minister Trudeau
House of Commons
Ottawa (No postage required)

Dates to REMEMBER:

JANUARY 9/84 Regular monthly meeting of KSPC at the North Kamloops Library 7:30 p.m. Meeting room at the back door.

JANUARY 14/84 First KSPC Seminar. Come and bring your friends. Cariboo College Board room 1:00 p.m. Social At I.W.A. Hall, Vernon Ave, North Kamloops at 8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13th Regular monthly meeting of KSPC, N.K. Library 7:30 p.m. Plans for Nuclear Awareness Day will be on the agenda.

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