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KAMLOOPS NUCLEAR AWARENESS DAY 1984 THEME TO CELEBRATE LIFE

The fourth annual Kamloops Nuclear Awareness Day will be held on Saturday, April 28th this year, to correspond with International Nuclear Awareness Day events being held across Canada, the United States, and around the globe.

The Kamloops Nuclear Awareness Day Committee comprises of KSPC, the newly formed Plough Shares, Educators for Nuclear Disarmament, and the N.D.P. Peace Cttee to date. We expect the Labour Movement to be behind us, as in the past.

Our plans are similiar to those of other years, with the Peace Walk convening at Cariboo College Continuing Education Centre, 6th and St. Paul Street. At twelve noon the walk will begin up 6th Avenue; along Columbia to Third Ave.; down Third to Landsdown Street; Landsdown to the Band Shell in Riverside Park.

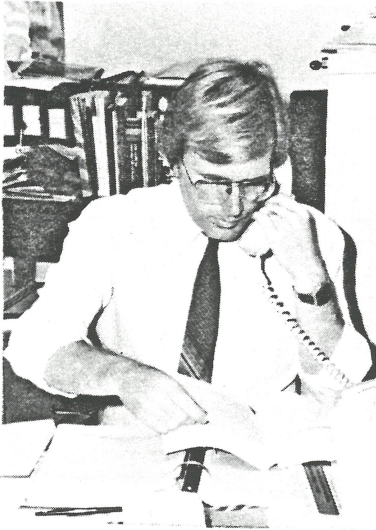
The theme of the Rally will be a "Celebration of Life", concentrating on the positive aspects of our lives and dedicating ourselves to preserving it.

At the Rally, which will go ahead rain or shine, we will listen to three speakers, and have a music festival. Everyone is urged to bring their families and friends.

Bring a picnic lunch, if you wish. Let's make this the biggest and best festival for peace, life and a nuclear free future that Kamloops has ever seen!



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NEWS FROM NELSON

Nelson Riis, M.P.

The peace movement may be taking a major step forward in the next few months, thanks to Ed Broadbent, Operation Dismantle, and Costa Rica.

Operation Dismantle has been pushing for a motion to be put before the UNO General Assembly calling for a World Referendum on disarmament, much along the same lines as our local referendum during the civic elections.

Not surprisingly, Canada did not have the guts to initiate it. I met with the Costa Rica Ambassador a number of times, as did Ed Broadbent. Costa Rica, as you may know, has no armed forces at all.

Would they move such a motion at the UNO? Broadbent called and talked with the President of Costa Rica and he agreed. Later, he said he was persuaded by Ed Broadbent.

So, sometime soon the UNO will vote for a Global Referendum. The USSR has said they will support it. The USA has not taken a position yet. Other countries have said they would support it. Surely, when it comes, it will be overwhelmingly endorsed.

Peace is too important to leave to the politicians, especially politicians that are movie actors-cum-presidents. The people must speak out. And speak for peace they will.

After all, why should the USA and the USSR decide whether or not my two sons and their children live or die?

DEFENSE MINISTER VISITS KAMLOOPS

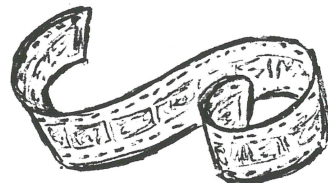
Jean-Jacques Blais, Minister of Defense, flew into town recently in the Defense Department's Lear jet. He was met by an anti-cruise demonstration, first at the airport and later at a Liberal party brunch. The hastily arranged demonstration wasn't as large as we had hoped, but the spirit was there and the message was clear: "Refuse the Cruise!" Mr. Blais wouldn't talk to the demonstrators, saying that he has no intention of meeting with the group because, "I don't find pickets very conducive to intelligent exchanges." Blais also said that the testing of the Cruise demonstrates Canada's support for NATO, which certainly confirms people's suspicion that the testing is strictly political. Why test a missile that is already deployed? The Canadian peace movement's position remains firm: no complicity in the arms race.

KSPC PRESENTS, each Thursday, 6PM, channel 10. In March: How much is enough? This film traces the history of the arms race, and analyzes each escalation. Tentatively scheduled for April is Christianity and the peace movement.

MOVIE REVIEW

Silkwood, starring Meryl Streep and Cher

Silkwood is a partly fictionalized account of the last few months of the life of Karen Silkwood, a nuclear plant worker who was appalled at the lack of safety measures at a Kerr-Magee plutonium processing plant in Oklahoma. The company's negligence and outright doctoring of imperfect fuel rods changed Karen from a non involved worker to a union activist, and led her to gather documentation on the company's practices. Workers often had to work on contaminated areas with leaky respirators and were often irradiated. Plutonium was planted in Karen's house and finally her car was pushed off the highway and she was killed on her way to give a reporter from the New York Times her documentation of the company's careless illegal and dangerous practices. The movie is a good one, with excellent performances by all, especially Ms Streep and Cher. For a full account of the events surrounding Ms Silkwood's death and the later investigation of the coverup, we would recommend the book, "Who killed Karen Silkwood?" It is a chilling account of corporate power in



the U.S. and what can happen to those who question or challenge that power. Both the film and book are highly recommended.

PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN

Sixteen people left Vancouver recently for a 23 country tour, taking the message of peace and friendship through western and eastern Europe, including the Soviet Union. Our heartfelt good wishes go with them, as do hopes for peaceful co-existence.

PROJECT PEACE

The project for Mar/Apr newsletter is to have your friends, relatives and neighbors sign the Peace Petition for the Peace Petition Caravan, which will go to Ottawa next October. If you need more petitions, let us know. We ask that you return them to the KSPC office so that we may keep track of the number of signatures gathered from this area. KSPC members will soon be canvassing the Kamloops area for signatures. If you can help with this project, please call Val at 376-6053 or Chum at 374-3269 after 5:00 p.m.

FRASER VALLEY PEACE SEMINAR

An excellent Peace Seminar will be held on March 24th at the Fraser Valley College, Abbotsford Campus, 33844 King Road from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Several workshops will be presented:

Paying for Peace - How our tax dollars fund the arms race.

Non-violent Action - discusses the difference between non-violent action and civil disobedience.

Working for Peace Beyond National Boundaries - emphasis on what Canadians can do internationally.

Referenda - mobilizing your community around a disarmament referendum.

Fraser Valley Nuclear Free Zone - How to organize the campaign.

Education for Peace Curriculum in Schools - 2 resource people from Seattle will discuss their approach to this problem.

Media and Nuclear Arms Race - What we can do for the media and vice versa.

What the Children Can Do - all day peace making for children over six years.

Church and Peacemaking - examines the role of the churches.

Newcomers - Information workshop for new peace activists.

Open Forum - summation of the workshops and conclusion of the seminar.

For anyone interested in attending, some registration forms are available at the KSPC office. Phone Chum at 374-3269 after 5:00 p.m. or write directly to:

The Mission Campus of Fraser Valley College
32335 Fletcher St.
Mission, B.C.
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Billet and Display space available.
Phone 854-5078

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12th - Regular KSPC meeting at Norkam Public Library 7:30 P.M.

April 9th - Regular KSPC meeting, same time and place as above.

April 28th - Kamloops Nuclear Awareness Day
Bring your family and friends. Bring a picnic lunch and have a great rally with good friends and good music. Let's make this one the best one yet!

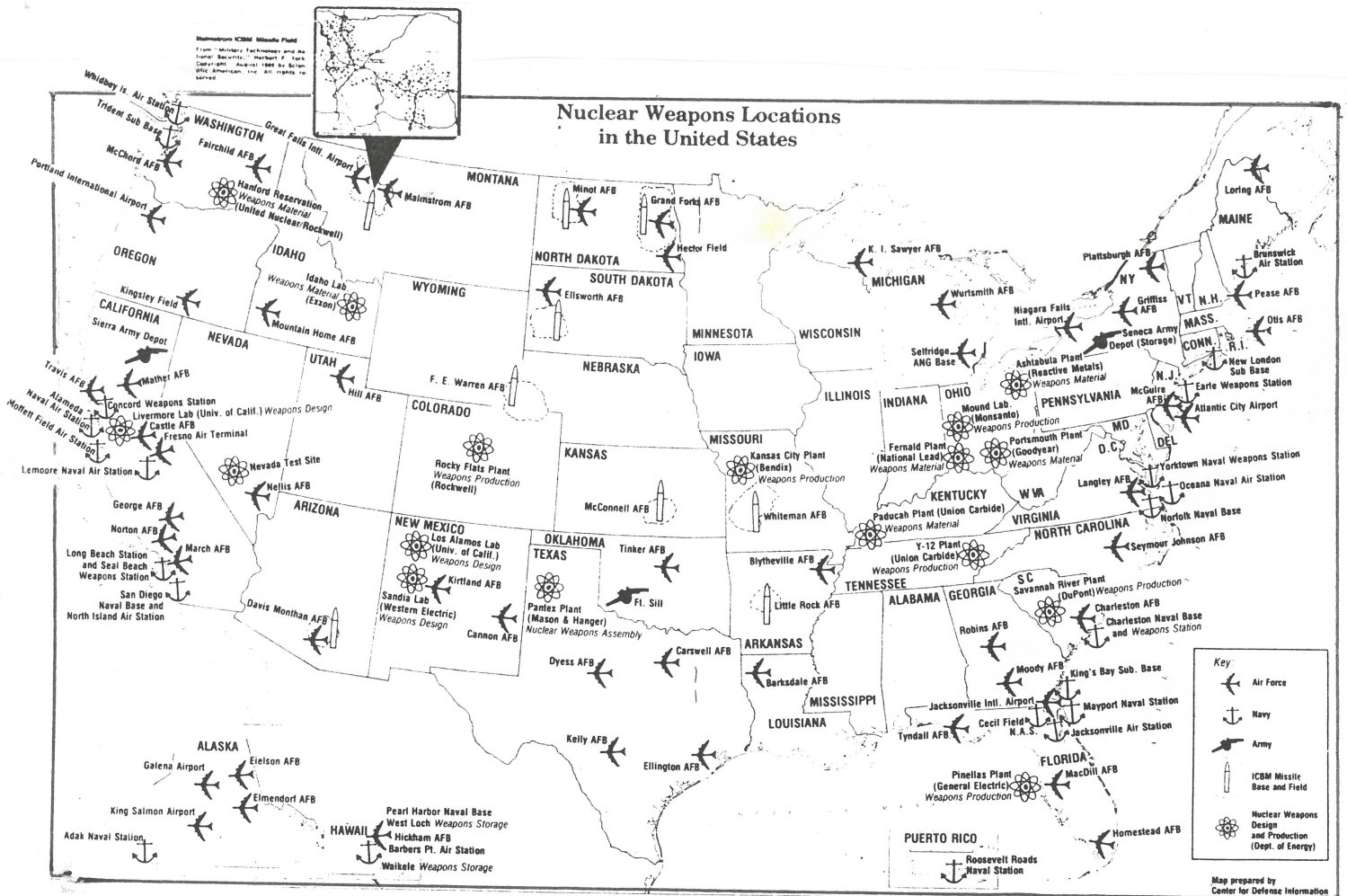
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PLACIDLY AMID THE SCORCHED CITIES AND THE BURNING BODIES AND REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE ONCE WAS ON THIS EARTH. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE OPEN UP YOUR EYES TO THE

alarming rate of arms buildup and try to think of alternatives, for we pass this way but once. ▲ The arms race is becoming absurd if not statistically insane. We are all sisters and brothers of this fragile planet with its nation-states and their devastating armaments, and nuclear war will only mean one thing: mutually-assured-destruction (MAD). March peacefully in large united groups to protest this insanity and send messages to those who represent you in Congress, Parliament or the Politburo. ▲ Write also to your representatives in the United Nations and tell them of your fears and your tremblings. ▲ When you see the arms race proliferate, counsel the nations of the world to spend their monies more wisely and for human benefit. ▲ Go out among your fellow citizens and cross borders and boundaries to spread the word of disarmament. ▲ There is no reason under the sun for nations to frighten other nations and a war will solve nothing although it might end everything. ▲ There can be no victor in the holocaust that is so possible. ▲ With your determination and your love of life, strive to convince others of the need for worldwide disarmament and be true to your own convictions and insights. Believe in the future and work for peace. You are not alone. ▲

BY DANIEL HALEVI BLOOM



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

Every gun that is made, every warship that is launched, every rocket fired signifies a theft from those that hunger and are not fed, from those who are cold and are not clothed.

President Eisenhower

Any use of nuclear weapons will escalate into a general war. There is no defense against such weapons and nuclear war will destroy civilisation and perhaps exterminate mankind. To hope for salvation from civil defence is a dangerous self-deluding pipedream.

Lord Zuckerman

LATE BULLETIN

A US B 52 bomber carrying an unarmed cruise missile will fly over northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories Tuesday, March 6, 1984. As previously planned, Against the Cruise Test Committee will have a Canada wide protest in the week following the first test flight. The Kamloops rally will be held Friday evening, March 9, 5:30 PM at City Hall.

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