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#### NO TO STAR WARS, NO TO CANADIAN PARTICIPATION

The Reagan Administration has given Canada, all NATO countries and Japan, 60 days to declare support for the U.S. Star Wars.

Canadians want no part of Reagan's Star Wars that will lock our country into the U.S. first-strike nuclear war strategy.

Star Wars do not spell peace and security for the world.

Star Wars (Strategic Defense Initiative) is not defensive. It's concept of a shield against "enemy" weapons is part of the insane U.S. plan for a first-strike with nuclear weapons in an unwinnable nuclear war -- with Canada likely to be a "no mans land" of total destruction.

The U.S. nuclear war hawks' Star Wars program is a deadly escalation into space of the arms race. A U.S. move to militarize space and practise nuclear blackmail, as it did in the late forties, will obviously be countered by the Soviet Union, which opposes the militarization of space.

Star wars most dangerously increases the threat of nuclear war and humankind's annihilation.

Once commenced, the militarization of space could lead to an uncontrollable arms race.

There is no time to be lost!

Prime Minister Mulroney says Canadian involvement in Star Wars will create jobs.

Canadians ask: Why Star Wars to create jobs?

Arms spending is a net destroyer of jobs. Peacetime construction is the way for job creation. Diversion of arms spending to socially useful projects is the way to create jobs! The Government is using jobs as bait to get Canadian support for Reagan's Star Wars program and Canada's participation in it.

Reagan says Star Wars is only a research program.

It is not! Canadians know that the Manhattan Project was "only research", at first. It ended 40 years ago with the first U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Canadians say: We want peace and security for our country and people, peace and security for the world.

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Star Wars (Con't)

Canadians of all walks of life -- NOW is the time to tell Mulroney to tell Reagan:

- No to Star Wars!
- No Canadian involvement in Star Wars!
- The Geneva negotiations between the

USA and the Soviet Union must succeed in preventing an arms race in space ending it on earth!

- Canada demands that the U.S. Administration respond positively to the April 7th unilateral moratorium on Soviet missile deployment announced by the USSR's Mikhael Gorbachev.

Full support for the Geneva negotiations to succeed on the basis of last January's USA-USSR agreement that the questions of space weapons, strategic and intermediate nuclear weapons must all be considered and resolved in their interrelationship.

Let our voice be heard! There is still time!

THE MAYOR WAS A "NO SHOW"

For the first time in five years the Kamloops Nuclear Awareness Cttee failed to get a signed proclamation from the City of Kamloops, declaring April 27th "Nuclear Awareness Day".

The run-around began on March 29th, when we sent a letter to the Mayor requesting him to endorse the day. When we had no reply by April 23rd, we telephoned his office. We were told that the letter was there, and that they had been meaning to call. The Mayor wanted to run it through Council in private, but we requested a public signing, with the press present, and that was set up for April 25th, at 9:00 A.M.. Our Cttee and the press waited until 9:30, and still no sign of the Mayor - or even a phoned in apology to say that he would not be there. The press had to leave, as did our Cttee. One could not help but notice the Mayor's car parked in his usual stall as we left.

It is sad to say that at this critical time in history, when the arms race has become the insane race, that the new mayor of Kamloops did not see the importance of recognizing our grave concerns by endorsing this event.

It is also important to note that Vancouver's Mayor and Council and their School Board, not only endorse their "Walk for Peace", but help to finance it.

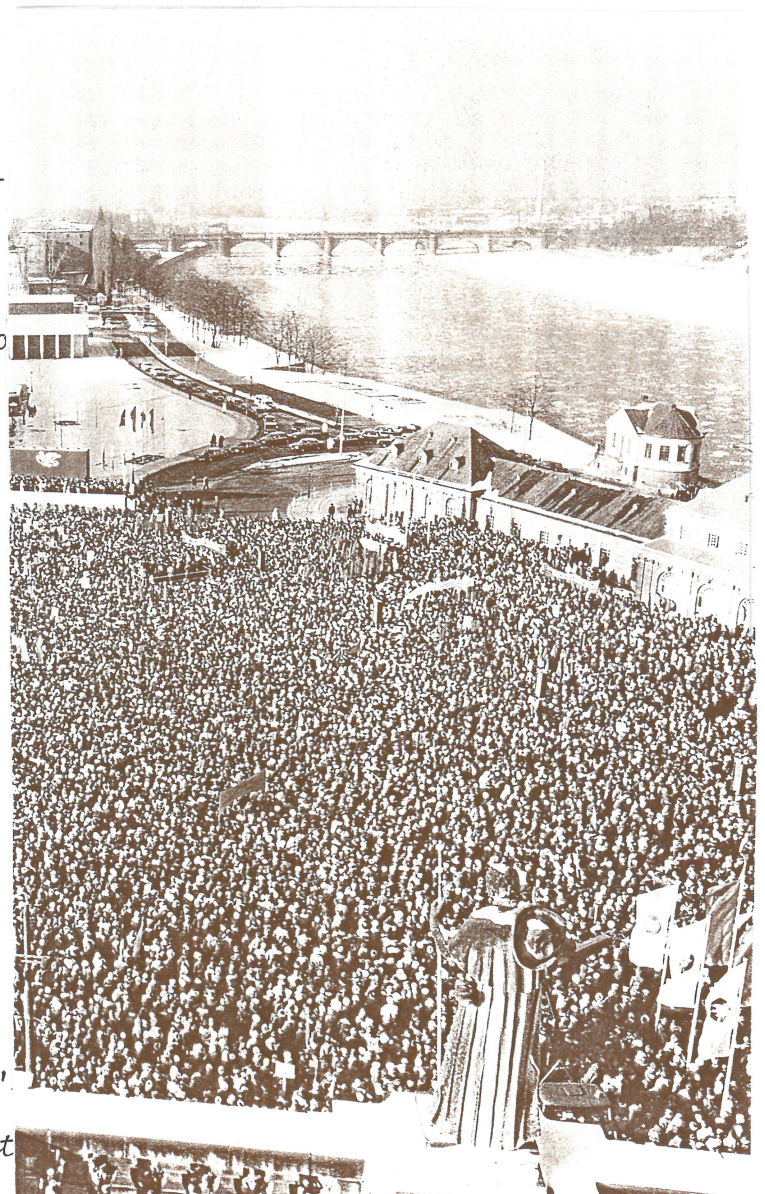
KAMLOOPS WALK FOR PEACE - 1985

The "Walk for Peace" was a great success with press estimates of 400-500 people. Coloured banners, placards and balloons gave the a festive air to our largest "Walk" to date.

Speakers included Robin Denton, from the B.C. Peace Council; Rosemary Brown, M.L.A.; Mae Gracey, Project Ploughshares and Jose Chacon, Canadian Latinamerican Cttee.

Musicians, who performed were - Leslie Charman, Mike Hall, Rob Hall, Gary Nielsen and Don Kenzie.

Special thanks go to Janice Hoff, who in spite of her busy schedule, organized all the music for us, making the day that much more enjoyable.



DRESDEN - 1985

Above is a picture of the mass demonstration in Dresden, where people gathered to show their deep commitment to peace.

Europe is the scene of peace rallies all year, but particularly during the Easter weekend, when thousands march in Great Britain, East and West Germany, the Netherlands, etc.

INTERNATIONAL NEWSAUSTRALIA

Students at the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania last November unanimously decided to support the campaigns of the Australian Peace Committee.

In their letter to the A.P.C., the students stated it was because of their deep concern for their futures and for the survival of the world they were expressing their beliefs in this way.

The issues of the development, manufacture, and deployment of nuclear weapons had been discussed at length at the school and they felt the solution was to work for nuclear disarmament.

Originally, the students declared the college a "peace college" but realized that there were obstacles to this, as they were about to finish their course and soon there would be a new intake of students.

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An International Peace Conference will be hosted in Sydney for Asia and the Pacific Regions from Oct. 24-27th, 1985. KSPC received an invitation to send a delegate. If anyone will be in Australia, at that time, and would like to attend, please contact us.

EAST GERMANY (GDR) DRESDEN

On Feb. 13/85, the 40th anniversary of the destruction of Dresden, more than 200,000 people gathered for a mass demonstration to show their deep commitment to peace.

Part of the resolution from that event follows; "The dreadful disaster that struck Dresden and Coventry four decades ago, and escalated to nuclear dimensions, maimed Hiroshima and Nagasaki shortly thereafter, must never repeat itself anywhere.

After the defeat of Hitler fascism and the liberation of our people, we have rebuilt our city from ashes and ruins through hard work. May it grow and prosper and always be a strong hold of peace and life as a flourishing city of our Socialist GDR, which we love with all our heart!

Dresden today issues this warning to all: Let us join forces and redouble our efforts for the preservation of peace!"

EL SALVADOR

Almost every day we hear news about El Salvador and the war that is raging there. The reports are often confusing and do not give us a true picture of this critical situation. Therefore, the Salvadorean Women's Association (AMES) is sending speakers across Canada to enlighten us.

Julieta Lopez will be speaking at the United Church, 4th and St. Paul, on May 13th at 7:00 P.M..

ENGLAND, GREENHAM COMMONS

The women of Greenham Common peace camp have been carrying out a difficult struggle for nearly four years, despite the harassment from U.S. soldiers and British police.

These brave women live in miserable conditions. They are not allowed to set up proper tents, they have makeshift toilets, the earth is muddy and cold and they don't have proper cooking facilities or much food.

Helen John of Greenham Common, speaking in Helsinki at the World Peace Council, said that it was not the women of Greenham Common who are acting illegally, but those who are producing weapons that would inevitably produce genocide if used. "It is completely illegal to commit genocide" she said.

On Easter weekend, 20,000 protesters joined the women to form a human chain around the base to protest the presence of nuclear weapons and foreign bases on British soil.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is "putting their money where their mouth is" according to a spokesperson at the "Walk for Peace" in Vancouver.

The speaker said that not only has New Zealand declared herself a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone, but that she has taken the money that would have been wasted on armaments and sent it to the starving people in Africa in the form of food and supplies.

A NORDIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE PLAN

A new campaign for a Nordic Nuclear Weapons Free Zone was launched on August 6th, last year. The initiators, the "Norwegian Women for Peace" are supported by peace campaigners from Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland, who intend to build a popular movement that will exert pressure on the Norwegian and Danish governments to start serious discussions for the establishment of a Nordic NWFZ. Neither Norway or Denmark allow nuclear weapons to be stationed on their territory in peace time. Sweden and Finland are nuclear weapons free countries and support the concept of Nuclear Weapons Free Zones.

The "Treaty Now" campaign is planned to peak on the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima in August 1985. By that time, the Nordic Peace movement hopes that the NWFZ will be a reality.

U.S.S.R. PEACE INITIATIVE

The April 7th announcement by the Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev regarding the proposal to freeze the deployment of any medium range nuclear missiles unilaterally, was welcomed by peace forces throughout the world. KSPC sent a letter to the Premier, congratulating him; as well as a letter to Reagan, asking him to reconsider his ill-thought out negative response to this exciting proposal.

COMPUTERS AID THE ARMS RACE

The information "revolution" that has been brought on by computers has been embraced by the armaments industry. Predicasts Inc., an American database in Cleveland, Ohio, has introduced a new service for defense contractors called Defense Markets and Technology. The database, DM&T, provides information to arms manufacturers on government defense budgets, new weapons systems, and, in their words, "identifying new business opportunities."

DM&T must be busy these days with Reagan's new Star Wars plan.

NUCLEAR FREE ZONES

There are more than 1600 Nuclear Free Zones around the world. Several countries have national laws or constitutions that prohibit nuclear weapons: Greenland, Wales, Japan, Malta, New Zealand, Sweden, Finland, the Republic of Palau, the Seychelles, the Solomons and the Republic of Vanuatu.

In most countries the struggle continues, country by country and city by city. Sixty percent of all Spaniards live in the country's 341 nuclear weapon and energy free communities.

New York City and Vancouver both declared themselves NFZ's by act of City Council in 1984. However, the political effect of local government decision to be nuclear free is often questioned. Clearly many court battles must be fought to establish the right of local communities to make "defense" decisions.

BOOK REVIEW

Conference on Long Term Worldwide Biological Consequences of Nuclear War.  
"The Cold and the Dark"  
New York: Norton, 1984

Although this book is often rather technical, the lay reader can get enough information on the subject of nuclear winter to make reading this book worthwhile.

The participants in the conference are scientists from the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., and include such notables as Carl Sagan and Paul Erlich.

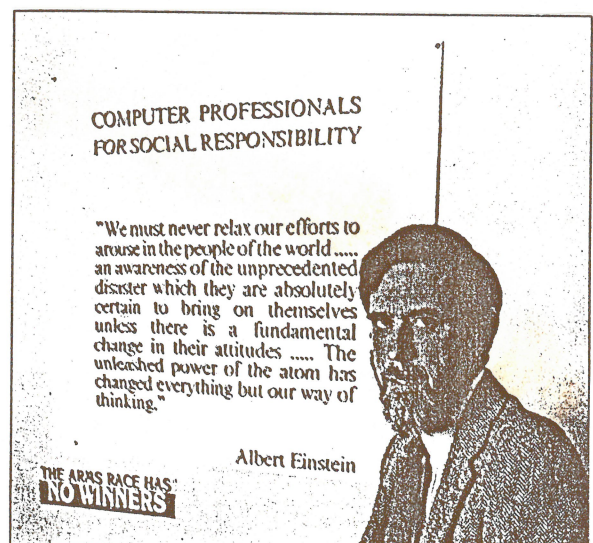
The picture after a nuclear exchange is extremely disturbing. The book explains the effects on the atmosphere, the land and the seas, and the news is all bad. A nuclear war, even a small exchange, will cause soot, smoke dust and pulverized cities to create a cloud that will engulf most of the world, shutting out the life-giving sun, resulting in an unimaginable global catastrophe that will cause massive species extinction.

This book is recommended for all. It is available at Cariboo College.

DEW LINE PART OF STAR WARS PLAN

Canada, under the Tory government, is getting deeper and deeper into the arms race. Cruise testing and nuclear capable underwater weapons testing at Nanoose Bay are only part of the whole scenario.

The latest and probably the most frightening is our involvement in the Star Wars scheme promoted by Ronald Reagan and the Military-Industrial complex. It's called "mending" the DEW Line, but it really is part of the Star Wars scheme. The peace movement must speak out against our involvement in this madness. Billions of our dollars will be poured and many more billions of U.S. dollars will be poured into this insane plan. This massive amount of money spent on human needs would ensure jobs for all and justice for all. The time is now, before any more is spent on this insanity, to speak out loud and clear!

COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CPSR Chairman Ornstein: "It's clear that the defense planners intend to use computers in increasingly sophisticated ways. Ironically, as we rely more and more on them, we become more and more endangered."

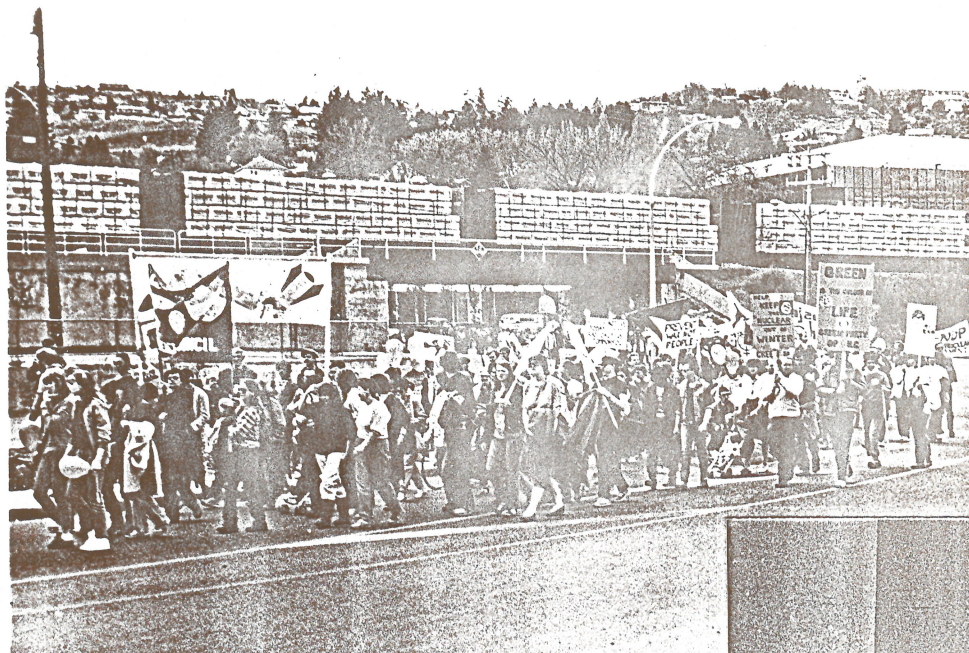
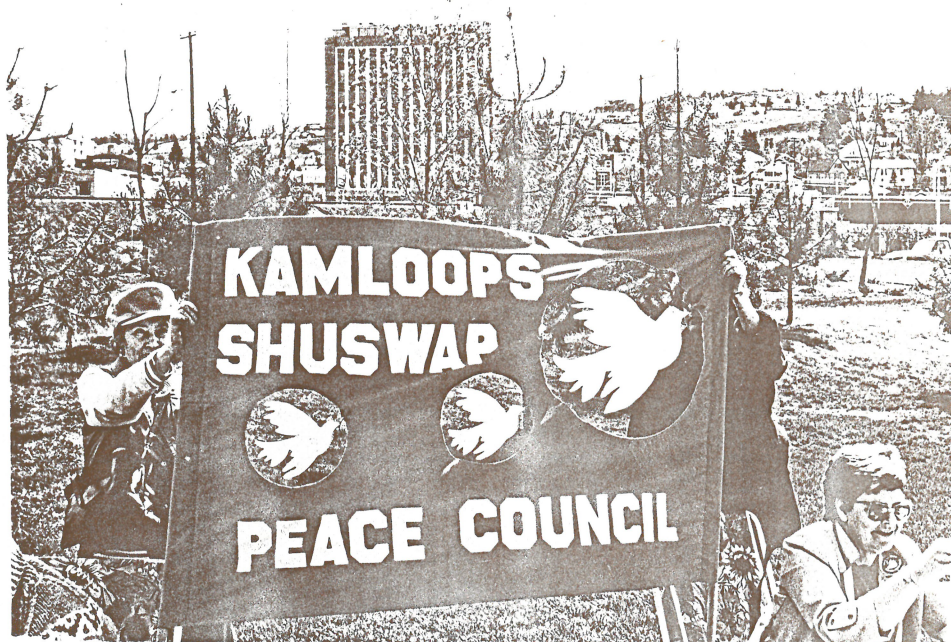
BOOK REVIEW

"Whence the Threat to Peace"  
Moscow Publishing House, 1984

Top-ranking officials of the U.S. Administration try to prove that the arms race is being forced ahead not by the U.S. but by the U.S.S.R. This fiction is dressed up in fancy maps, charts and diagrams to present a false picture to the West.

"Whence the Threat to Peace" objectively, shows that the build up of military might has always begun in the United States, since the first Atomic bomb was dropped.

A must reading for anyone interested in factual information. Available KSPC office.



PICTURES FROM THE 1985 "WALK"

ON THE LEFT IS A PICTURE OF THE NEW PEACE COUNCIL BANNER MADE BY BETTY BEACHING, VAN'C PEACE COUNCIL.

BELOW THAT, SOME OF THE PEACE WALK IS SEEN COMING UNDER THE RAILROAD OVERPASS.

BELOW IS A PICTURE OF ROBIN DENTON, B.C. PEACE COUNCIL MEMBER, ADDRESSING THE RALLY.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Although the United States has military bases around the globe, (1340), it is against her constitution to allow foreign bases on U.S. soil!

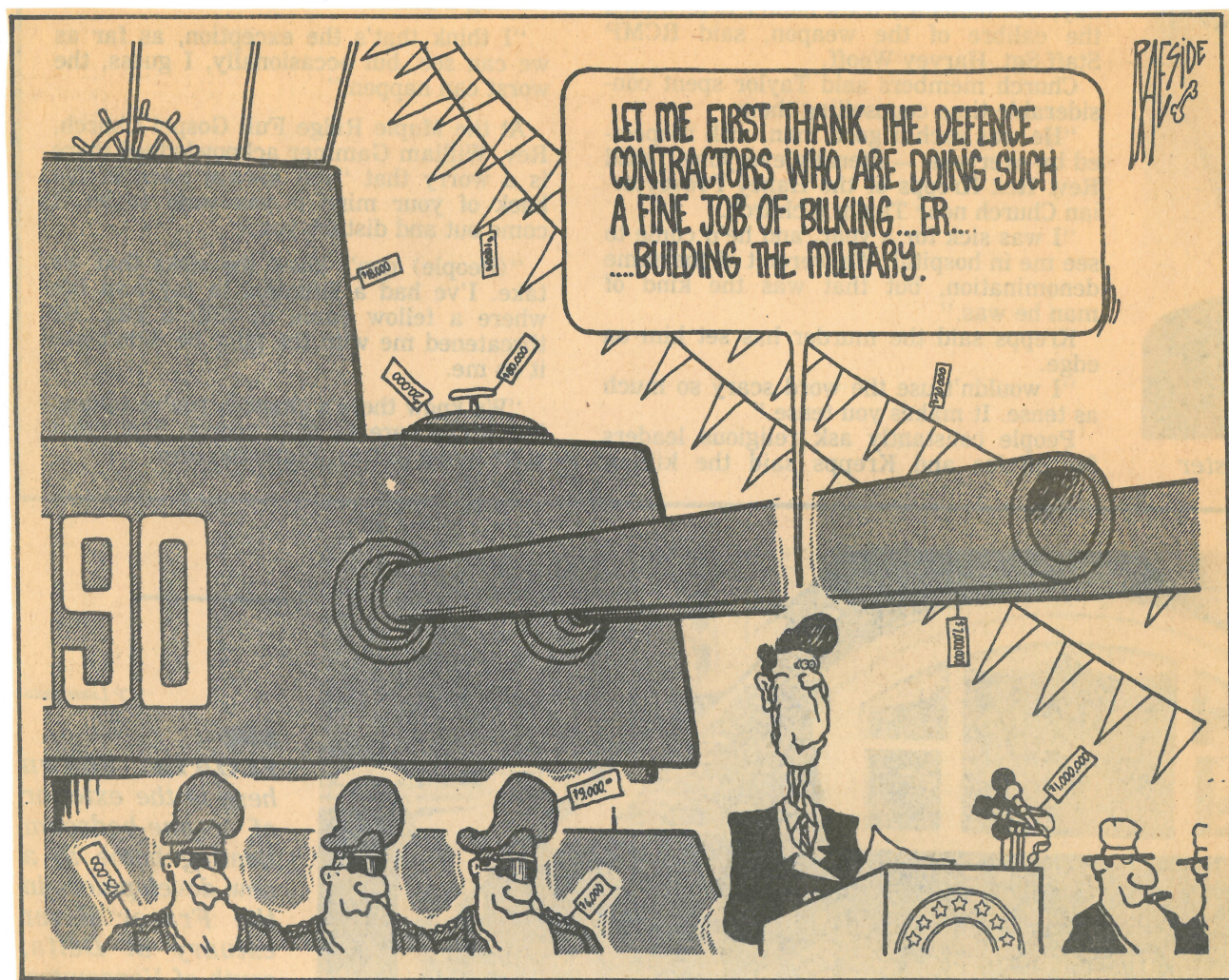
A SURVIVOR OF RAVENSBRUCK

We enlarged this issue of the "News" for the 40th anniversary of WWII, therefore felt it was fitting to include the following story from "Soviet News and Views".

Olga Golovina was only 20 years old when she was taken prisoner at Ravensbruck. Olga escaped death by bullet only because the Nazis felt that they should "not waste bullets on Soviet prisoner's". Instead they worked them to death. The average life-span of a prisoner was nine months in that camp, but Olga survived because of her youth and determination to tell the the world about her experiences.

Olga was harnessed with a team of six women to a huge cart, instead of a dray horse, to carry brick and sand. Rations were 2 cups of coffee, a basin of swede slop, and 125 grams of bread a day.

Ravensbruck held up to 35,000 prisoners, but when Soviet troops liberated the camp, only 3,000 were left alive.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

KSPC MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE \* The May 13th meeting will be cancelled for this month so that all members will be able to attend the meeting, sponsored by the Canadian Latinamerican Cttee, at the United Church 7:00 P.M. May 13th. Guest speaker - Julieta Lopez.

June 10th. KSPC Regular meeting. \*Please note that we will meet at the North Kamloops Library, 7:30, (Rear door)

PROJECT OF THE MONTH- GET EVERYONE OUT TO THE MAY 13th. MEETING TO HEAR JULIETA LOPEZ.

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