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### THE YOUTH NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TOUR

*Removing the threat of world war -- a nuclear war -- is the most acute and urgent task of the present day. Mankind is faced with a choice: we must halt the arms race and proceed to disarmament or face annihilation. (taken from the final document of the First Special Session of the United Nations Assembly devoted to disarmament, Paragraph 18)*

This statement was agreed upon by every member state, including the U.S.S.R. and the U.S., in both the years of 1978 and 1982. Still little progress has been made to achieve disarmament, and the arms race continues.

Of all the groups, perhaps none stand to lose as much as the youth. Young people pay the price of the arms race on a daily basis, as their hopes for successful lives dwindle in the darkness of the nuclear shadow. The future seems to hold little hope to fulfill their dreams, and as international tensions increase, they feel frightened and helpless. The result is often apathy, which is so common among Canada's youth. Statistics show that 67% of 10 to 15 year-olds foresee a nuclear war dramatically interrupting their future. These conditions are unacceptable.

Out of these frustrations, four young Montreal students decided to do something constructive. In 1983, they formed a peace group, Students Against Global Extermination, (SAGE), for 13 to 19 year olds. SAGE feels that optimism and empowerment can be acquired through information, action and involvement. From that core of four students, SAGE grew into a network of hundreds of students in over 35 Montreal high schools through presentations on peace and disarmament issues. However, SAGE still felt that there were many more young people to reach. In order to bridge this gap, four active members of SAGE decided to put aside their studies for one year and they organized the coast to coast Youth Disarmament Tour, which began last October.

The participants are:

**Alison Carpenter:** a 17 year old graduate of Trafalgar School for Girls (Montreal). Alison has been active in SAGE since early 1984. Winner of the 1986 Soroptimist International of the Americas Youth Citizenship Award for Eastern Canada, she was also a 1986 participant in Forum for Young Canadians, and has been active in her school's debating team, track team and Student Council. Alison, fluently bilingual, also teaches Sunday School and was the founder of the SAGE affiliate group in her school.

**Maxime Faille:** a 17 year old social sciences student at College St-Laurent (Montreal), Maxime co-founded a YMCA international development youth group at age 13, as well as SAGE at 14. Fluent in French, English and Spanish, Maxime was a participant and organizer of the successful International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour, 1985-86. He was zone leader for Westmount and Notre-Dame-de-Grace during the International Shadow Project, 1985, in commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima. He received the 1986 Speaker's Award for his contribution to the United Nations Association of Ontario's 32nd annual High School Seminar, and was speaker and panelist at the November conference "Hope in the Nuclear Age", organized by the Health Professionals for Nuclear Responsibility, the Quebec Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

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Seth Klein: an 18 year old social sciences student at College Jean-de-Brebeuf (Mont-real), Seth founded his school's chapter of Amnesty International as well as Students for Social Concern. He was chief organizer of his school's Ethiopian Famine Relief Bazaar, which raised \$3000. Seth also co-founded SAGE at age 15, and has given yearly disarmament workshops at Reconstructivist Synagogue of Montreal. He received the UNA of Ontario Speaker's Award for his contribution to the 32nd Annual High School Seminar, and was speaker and panelist for the April 1986 conference "Illusions and Realities in the Nuclear Age", organized by the McGill University Faculty of Education.

Desiree McGraw: a 16 year old student at Ecole Secondaire Classique Villa Maria, Desiree has been involved with SAGE since mid-1985. She has been involved with her School's debating club, theatre-sports team, and Student Council, of which she is the treasurer. Leader of the school's International Relations Group, she won the Villa Maria Award for excellence in student activities and initiative. Fluently bilingual, she is a graduate of the child psychology and leadership course at Mont Boiset.

These four young people will be in Kamloops on April 16th and 17th, hopefully, at all four High Schools. There will be a public meeting on the 16th, but details are still being worked out. FMI call Lisa - 376-1550 or Charmian 374-3269, after the 1st of April or watch for local press releases.

Please turn out and give these dynamic, young ambassadors for peace a warm Kamloops welcome!

"AMERIKA"

Advocates of peace all over North America are distressed at the potential threat to peace and understanding posed by the mini-series, "Amerika". This program can be seen as an attempt to undermine all efforts to foster peaceful relations and increase feelings of mistrust and fear for the Soviet Union. The basic premises of the drama are preposterous and dangerous: viewers are to believe that the U.S.S.R. is not only capable of, but intends to invade the U.S.A. and that the United States could not repel such an invasion. Liberal thinkers, such as peace groups, women's organizations, the United Nations and trade unions, are portrayed as traitors, who are weakening the moral and political will of the U.S., leaving the country vulnerable to attack.

Members of the KSPC voiced their concern by writing to ABC and CTV to inform them that they will boycott products and firms advertised during the televising of "Amerika". At the same time, equal time for the expression of opposing viewpoints was requested.

"AMERIKA" (Con't)

Below is a partial list of the more prominent sponsors, (who could watch long enough to get the full list?)

While consumer boycotts don't seem to be all that effective from this end, note that Chrysler withdrew a multi-million dollar campaign from "Amerika" due to fears of negative consumer response. We'll show them what a negative response can be!

AMC Jeep	Happy Cat Food
Purina Dog Food	American Express
Black and Decker	Air Canada
Shoppers Drug Mart	Playtex
Tampax	Chicklets
Colgate	Nissan
Century 21	Maple Leaf Meats
Diet Coke	Kelloggs
Keg	Chevron
Smith Chev Olds	Canada Trust
General Electric	Toyota

Anyone wishing to voice their concern about this program should write to:

ABC president, Roone Arledge,  
ABC News  
7 West 66th St  
New York, N.Y., 10023  
and

Don Smith, president  
BCTV Ltd.  
7850 Enterprise Way  
Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1V5

TOOLS FOR PEACE UPDATE

The Tools for Peace campaign went well last year, attracting the expected criticism from obvious sources, but also attracting new support.

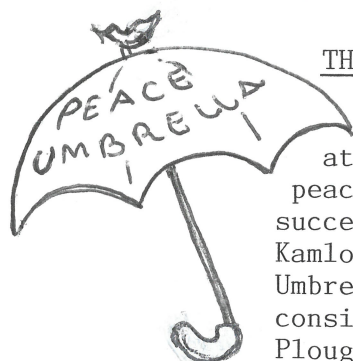
This year, the T4P intends to carry on throughout the year, with an acceleration of activities in the fall. Arlene Atchison has volunteered to co-ordinate Tools for Peace - 1987.

Last year's priority items continue to be in demand: blankets, pencils, notebooks, antiseptic, adhesive tape, rubber boots, sanitary napkins and tools such as hammers, saws, files, and long handled shovels. People are needed to donate and collect such items.

F.M.I. Contact Arlene at 579-5710 (Days) or leave message at 376-1550 (Lisa)







### THE PEACE UMBRELLA

After several attempts, a coalition peace group has been successfully formed in Kamloops. The Peace Umbrella, as it was named, consists of KSPC, Project Ploughshares, AMES (Womens support group from El Salvador), Development and Peace (CCODP), Task Force on Central America.

The first joint project will be the annual Walk for Peace in April.

### WALK FOR PEACE

Saturday, April 25th will be our annual Walk for Peace, commencing at 12:00 p.m., the location will be at Allan Matthews, as in previous years, with the "Walk" to the Bandshell in Riverside Park.

It was decided at the peace Umbrella meeting to have one speaker only. The feeling of the group was that people become bored by the long speeches and too many speakers. We plan to have more entertainment and music. Rev. Allan Richards was chosen as the speaker.

If the weather is inclement, we will have an alternate site for the rally, which will be announced at the Walk.

### NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE SIGNS TO GO UP

Council decided to put up the Nuclear Weapons Free Zone signs at a Council meeting in February.

Alderman John Cowell said that although Council voted last year to make Kamloops a Nuclear Free Z., he just found out a separate resolution is necessary to authorize staff to put up the NWFZ signs.

Cowell made the necessary motion and it passed, but not without a battle.

Aldermen Gerard, Dunsdon and Skelly opposed the motion.

Alderman Kenna Cartwright said nuclear weapons pose the most serious threat known to mankind, and Kamloops' anti-nuke zone is its "small way of saying we are aware of that incredible danger". She said that she intends to speak out against nuclear weapons "as long as I am breathing air".

### STEWARDSHIP AND SHALOM

An American Lutheran Pastor received the following illustration from a pastor friend, who shared it with his congregation through their newsletter .... it has to do with their nation's "trillion" dollar build-up of military strength:

"To get the picture of how much \$1 Trillion U.S. dollars can buy, let me create an example using Canada as an illustration: with that amount of money we could build a \$105,000 house, place it on \$7,000 worth of land, furnish it with \$14,000 worth of furniture, put a \$14,000 car in the garage - and give all this to each and every family in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P.E.I., Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C., the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. After having done all that, we could still have enough left to build 500 communities throughout the country. After having done that, we would still have enough of our trillion to put aside, at 10% interest annually, a sum of money that would pay the salary of \$35,000 per year for an army of 10,000 nurses, the same salary for an army of 10,000 teachers and an annual cash allowance of \$7,000 for each and every family - not just for one year, but forever.

And to think that \$1 trillion is only about one-half of what we are planning to spend on military expenditures alone over the next five years."

### B.C. PEACE COUNCIL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The Provincial conference of the B.C. Peace Council will be held on March 14 and 15th in Vancouver at Langara Campus, 100 West 49th Ave.

Retired Captain Bush, expert on the Comprehensive Test Ban for the Centre for Defense Information in Washington will participate in the conference. Rt. Capt. Bush will speak at a public meeting on Friday evening at the Vancouver Planetarium.

The conference will focus on three areas: disarmament issues, international confidence building, and liberation movements.

Registration forms available through the KSPC office (374-3269). Registration fee is \$10 for organizations and employed delegates. Unemployed - \$5.00.

### A CHAIN LETTER WITH A DIFFERENCE

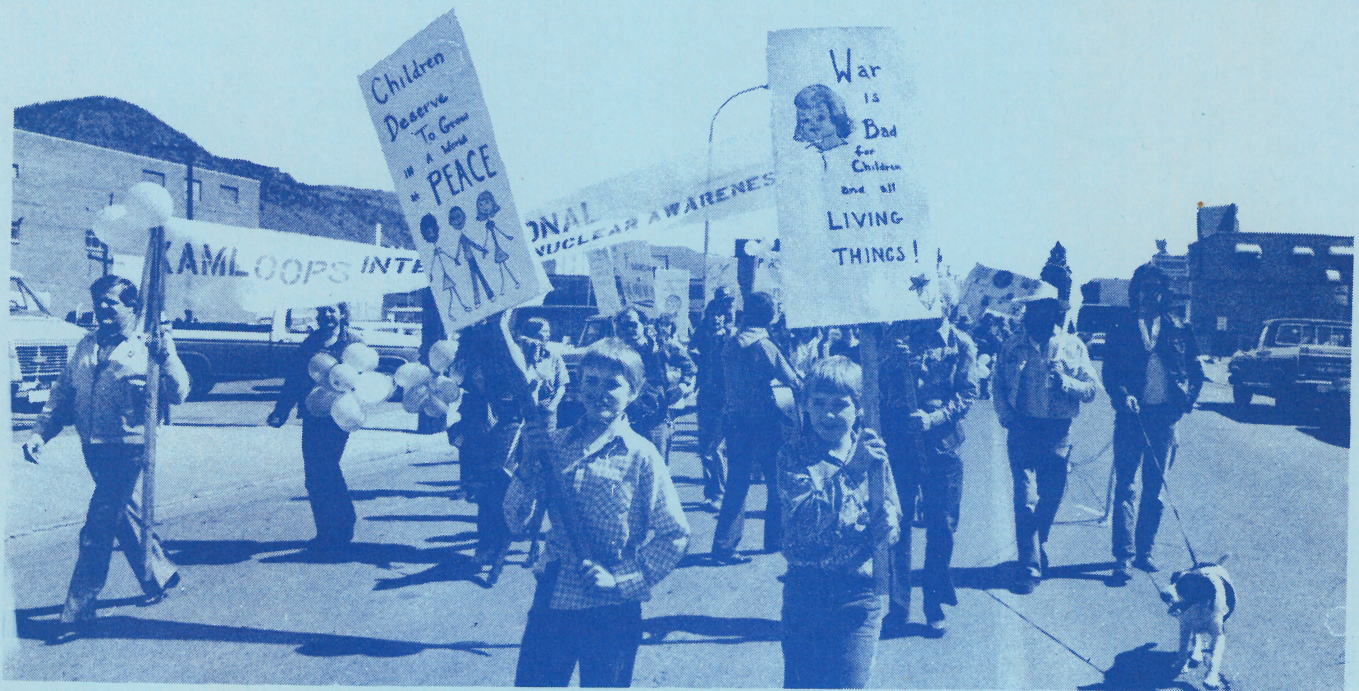
There is a chain letter going around in support of the brave women at Greenham Common. The letter asks the reader to send a postcard to the first woman on the list and one to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, bearing the words, "WOMEN DEMAND PEACE IN THE WORLD": then you send six copies of the letter to women friends, hoping they won't break the chain.

This chain letter is to be recorded in the Guinness Book of Records and will be monitored by the British Post Office, who should be handling thousands of cards.

If you are interested in this project, phone the KSPC office, and we will forward a copy of the letter to you. (374-3269)



# WALK FOR PEACE



## Saturday, April 25, 1987

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH 9 -KSPC REGULAR MEETING -N. Kamloops Library (rear door) 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 13 KSPC REGULAR MEETING " " "

APRIL 16 & 17 - SAGE VISIT - Please attend the public meeting on the evening of the 16th. Time and Place will be announced. These young people need all the encouragement we can give them, both financially and physically.

APRIL 25th WALK FOR PEACE - Meet us at 11:45 at Allan Matthews School, 6th and St. Paul Street; make this the biggest Walk to date.

\*MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE, WE CANNOT CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE KSPC WITHOUT FUNDING. PLEASE REMIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR BUDGET WILL ALLOW.

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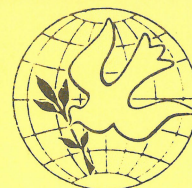
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