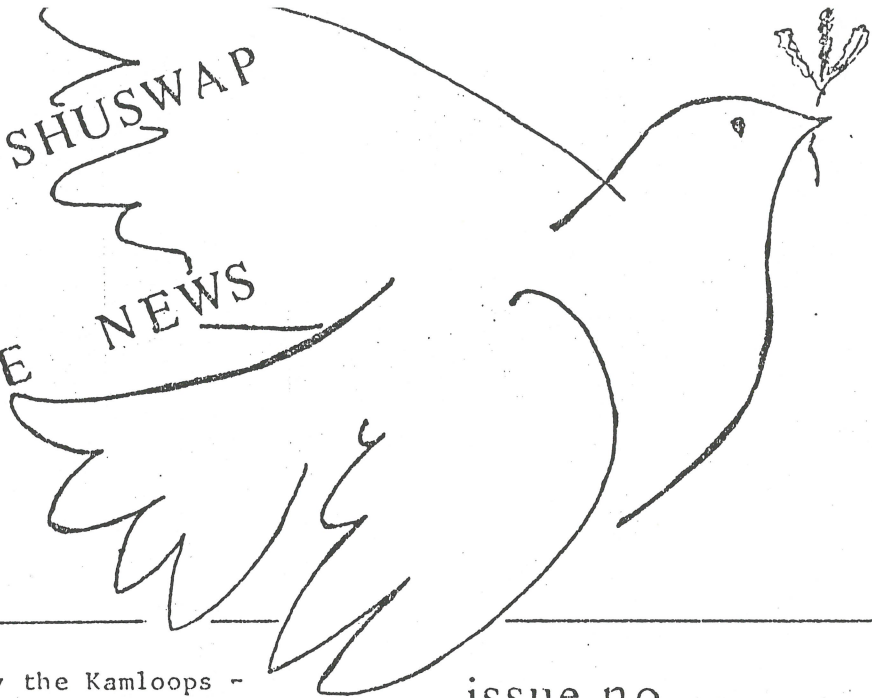


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#### THE SUMMIT MEETING - A HOPE FOR PEACE IN 1986

People around the globe are anxiously awaiting the Soviet-American summit meeting scheduled for November 19th and 20th. The hope for a peaceful, safe future rests on the outcome.

Almost everywhere in the world, governments and political leaders have welcomed the new Soviet Peace Initiatives. The summit is an opportunity for serious negotiations, not for "acquaintance", as Washington says. Its aim is to find, in spite of the differences, zones of common or parallel interests and to hold an honest and unbiased dialogue with a desire to find a way back from the brink of a nuclear abyss, and to overcome the current negative trend in relations between the USSR and the USA.

The Soviet Union has prepared seriously and thoroughly for the meeting, and has worked out a firm negotiating position. The Soviet Union's decision to place a moratorium on all nuclear explosions; their proposal on peaceful use of space, submitted to the United Nations; and Gorbachyov's statement that the USSR would put forth radical proposals on nuclear arms cuts if the US gives up it's plans for Star Wars are seen everywhere as proof of this.

However, there is growing apprehension about the negative and even arrogant position of the US administration, which continues to reject any Soviet proposals, dismissing them as propaganda, without taking the time to study them. At the same time, Washington is stimulating the arms race and escalating tensions between the two nations. In spite of the opposition of some Congressmen, the US tested the ASAT, an anti-satellite device, against a real target in space. Even NATO forces refrained from openly supporting this negative position, taken on the eve of the summit; which angered the Penatagon chief, Caspar Weinberger, who declared that the Soviet proposals, including the moratorium on all nuclear explosions, "unpractical" and demanded that the allies further escalate the arms race in all fields.

Until recently, the conception of equal responsibility for the arms race between the USSR and the USA has been propagated by the cold war in the west. That falsehood has been dispelled by the events of the last few months.

It is clearly the duty of peace loving people to examine the facts, keep informed, and to spread the correct information where-ever possible. Also, the peace and progressive movements around the globe, and especially the United States, must continue to pressure their governments into taking a correct position on peaceful coexistence and the banning of nuclear weapons from Earth if we are to survive.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US!



PSYCHOLOGY AND PEACE

Cariboo College hosts this year's Articulation Meeting of Psychology instructors from B.C.'s colleges and universities. Al MacKinnon, Psychology instructor at Cariboo, is taking the opportunity to address fellow educators on "Teaching Peace: Role and responsibility of the psychologist-educator in the nuclear age."

MacKinnon notes that psychologists, with a few exceptions, have lagged behind other professional groups in responding to the nuclear threat. This is changing quickly, however, as evidenced by an increasing number of articles in the major journals of psychological research, a growing participation in peace education at some of our larger universities, and the work of Psychologists for Social Responsibility. This year, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association in Halifax, the Canadians Psychologists for Social Responsibility are presenting a programme on "The Psychological Effects of the Arms Race: Psychologists as Peace Educators".

While it is odd that psychologists would not lead the field in addressing this issue, it is encouraging that more and more professionals are awakening to the reality that as long as our very existence is held ransom to the arms race, nuclearism is also a major health problem.

TOOLS FOR PEACE

There is still time to get your material and/or financial donations in for the Tools for Peace campaign, which ends later this month (November). All donations with a value of over \$15 will receive a tax receipt, so this is an opportunity for all of us to get rid of excess goods, which must be in working order as parts are not available in Nicaragua; and at the same time help the people of Nicaragua

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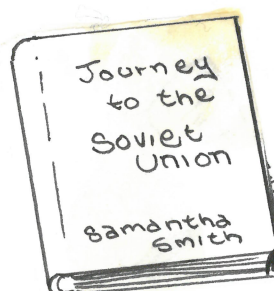
CHILDREN TO CHILDREN CAMPAIGN

AMES, the El Salvadorian Women's organization, is sponsoring a cultural evening on November 23 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 255 Nicola, at 7:30 p.m. A folklore group will be presenting traditional El Salvadorian dance and music. The group is comprised of El Salvadorian refugees. Central American food will be available. (con't →)

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

The Nobel Peace Prize Cttee has finally recognized the international character of the peace movement by awarding this year's prize to the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. IPPNW was formed by Dr. Bernard Lown of Harvard, one of the world's foremost cardiologists, and Dr. Evgeny Chazon, former personal physician to Leonid Brezhnev, and a member of the government of the USSR.

The two physicians met at an international conference on cardiology and turned their mutual concerns about the danger of nuclear war into the Nobel prize winning organization. This recognition of peace groups by The Nobel committee will have very positive results for the peace movement, and hopefully, will foster more unity and more international ties between the peace movement in the West and that in the Soviet Union.

BOOK REVIEW

Smith, Samantha  
"Journey to the Soviet Union"  
Boston: Little Brown, 1985

This moving book is Samantha Smith's account of her trip to the USSR at the invitation of Yuri Andropov, then Premier of the Soviet Union.

Through the text and photographs the reader is introduced to a delightful, intelligent girl, who was able to set the propaganda aside and accept the friendship of the Soviet people. We share her excitement at receiving her visitor's scarf at Artic Pioneer camp, and her sadness at having to leave her new found friend, Natasha.

We were all saddened at Samantha's death in a plane crash recently. This little girl built a bridge for us all, for she knew that friendship between the USSR and the USA is a major key to peace. We all owe her a debt, which can only be paid by the promotion of this friendship. Let us never forget her journey

"Journey to the Soviet Union" is available at Quality Books.

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Proceeds from this event will go to the Children to Children campaign which is raising money for child care centres for El Salvadorian refugee children.



DR. FOULKS IN KAMLOOPS FOR UN DIS-  
ARMAMENT WEEK

Dr. James Foulks, member of International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War, and Chairperson of B.C. Peace Council, was guest speaker at a social hosted by KSPC for UN Disarmament Week in October.

Dr. Foulks talked about the many issues confronting us regarding the arms race; e.g., banning of nuclear weapons, star wars, nuclear free zones, the upcoming US/USSR summit talks, etc.

During the discussion on Star Wars, Dr. Foulks stated that the SDI system will violate treaties in effect now. He stated that Reagan didn't consult senior staff or military experts as to the feasibility of star wars. Reagan apparently just "went out on a limb" when he gave the Pentagon the "go ahead". Dr. Foulks also told us that the x-ray lasers in outer space, needed to shoot down missiles will require nuclear explosions to trigger the beams, thereby doing unknown damage to our already fragile atmosphere.

Dr. Foulks concluded the discussion by pointing out the disgraceful waste of the world's natural resources that are being spent on the useless arms race, while people are dying in the world from hunger and lack of water.

WORLD FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH

One of the major themes of the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students in Moscow last July was peace.

Over 20,000 youth from virtually every country in the world got together for celebrations, seminars, cultural events, and just plain fun. The delegates discussed problems facing youth, participated in peace activities, and made new friends.

Among the Canadian delegates was KSPC member, Darren Carey, who shot six hours of footage on video tape. That footage is in the process of being made into a half-hour video which will premiere on the Peace Council's show on Channel 10, within the next couple of months.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Anti-apartheid activists around the world denounced the execution of a black dissident in South Africa last month. The African National Congress vowed to avenge the hanging of Benjamin Moloise, a noted poet.

The Organization of African Unity joined the outlawed ANC, the main guerrilla group fighting the Pretoria Government, in urging the people of South Africa to avenge the killing.

In Paris, French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius observed a minute's silence outside the South African Embassy.

Nordic countries meeting in Oslo said that the hanging showed that it was vital to apply more pressure to end apartheid.

The United States expressed concern that the hanging, carried out despite international appeals for clemency, would worsen racial tensions, while Commonwealth leaders meeting in Nassau expressed shock and revulsion at the news.

CANADIANS CONCERNED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

CCSA is preparing a New Year's greeting card to send to Nelson Mandella, and are now soliciting signatures for it. This will be the third year that CCSA has sent the New Year's greeting to Mandela. Last year the card was signed by 31 organizations and over 1,000 individuals, including the Anglican Church of Canada, Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, the UAW, Sudbury Labour Council and the YWCA of metro Toronto, in addition solidarity groups, peace, anti-racist, and ethnic organizations.

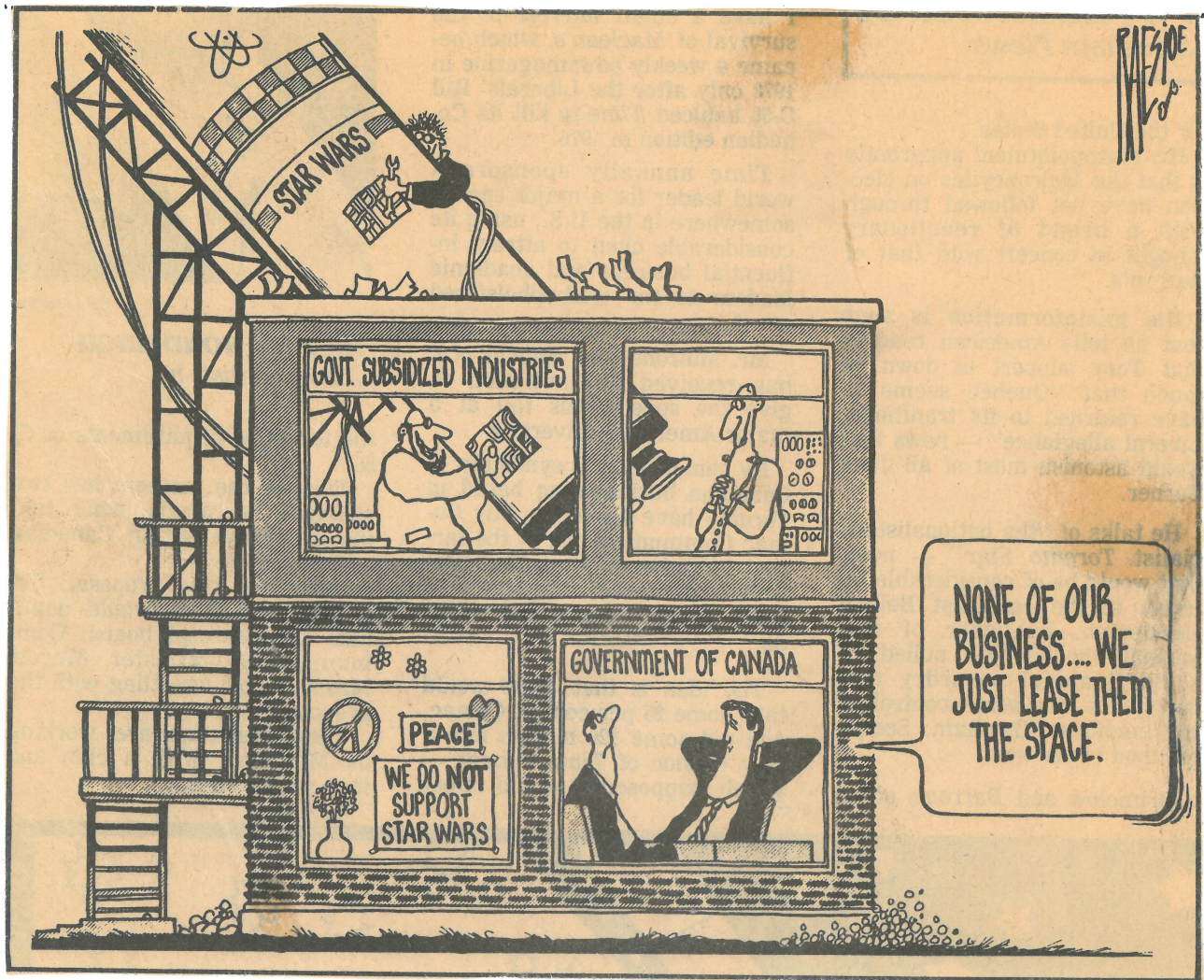
The message on the card reads:  
"The people of Canada send New Year's Greetings to you and all South African and Namibian Political prisoners. May the New Year see the final end to the inhumane system of apartheid and the beginning of a new society based on the freedom and dignity of all peoples.

The past year has seen the struggle in the South Africa Region escalate to new heights. As Canadians we pledge to assist that struggle in every way in support of the goals to which all of you have committed your lives. Amandla!"

To sign the card send \$1 individual or \$5 for an organization to the address to the left of this column.

This will be our PROJECT OF THE MONTH





#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**KSPC MEETINGS:** November 11th and December 9th. Regular meetings held at North Kamloops Library, 7:30 p.m. (Back door)

**EL SALVADOR CULTURAL EVENING:** SPONSORED by El Salvadorian Women's Association Music, dancing and food South American style. Come and have fun! Support the refugee children in Nicaragua and liberated parts of El Salvador. November 23, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 255 Nicola, 7:30 p.m.

**CHANNEL 10 KSPC PRESENTS** is aired every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. New Show each month. Watch for listings.

**PROJECT OF THE MONTH** send greetings to Nelson Mandela and other jailed South African political prisoners. (See Page 3.)

**FUND RAISING FOR KSPC:** once again we are selling the popular Peace Bears for Christmas. Please get in your orders early for Christmas gift giving, birthdays, baby gifts, etc. Phone 374-3269 to place your order.

**NOTE:** Our annual Peace Seminar has been postponed for the time being. Update on this will be in the Jan/Feb Peace News

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