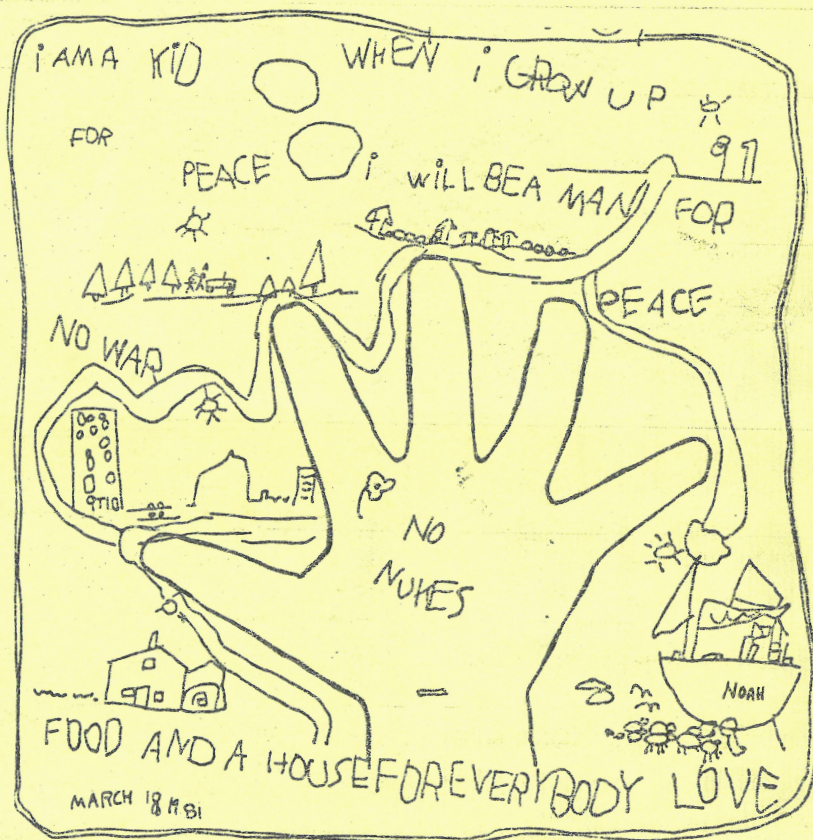




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Imagine all the people
Living life in peace
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be as one.

"Imagine"
John Lennon

Royal Dutch Shell has more than \$500 million invested in South Africa.

Shell co-owns an oil pipeline with the South African government.

Shell has consistently defied the UN and OPEC embargo on petroleum products for South Africa.

By South African law Shell must supply oil to the South African police and military.

Shell Canada is 79% owned by Royal Dutch Shell.

BOYCOTT SHELL

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Stop buying Shell products.
Destroy Shell credit cards.
Ask local governments to stop using Shell products.
Spread the word in your community.

Write to Shell Canada:
Donald J. Taylor
President, Shell Canada
75 Wynford Drive
Toronto, Ont. M3C 2Z4

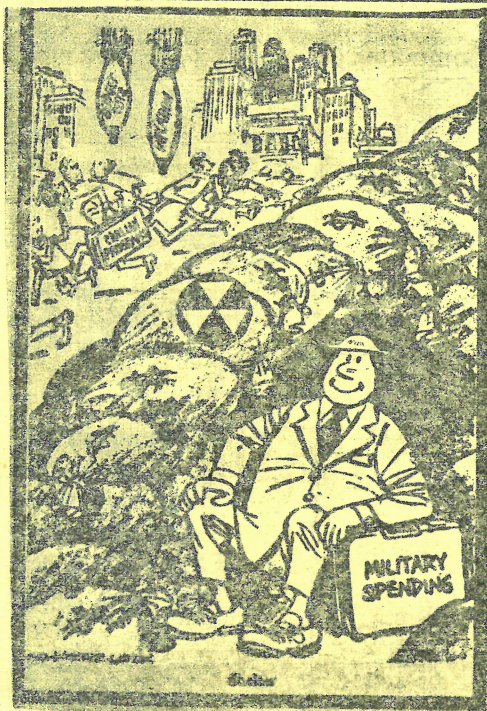
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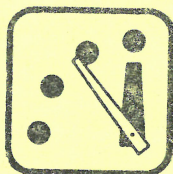
DAY OF DESTRUCTION OF WAR TOYS

The World Association for Orphans and Abandoned Children in Switzerland is calling on the peace movement to join with them in the Day of Destruction of War Toys on International Peace Day in September. The KSPC is writing to get details so that we may be involved here as well. Watch for more in the Peace News.

HANS BLUMENFELD, 1892-1988

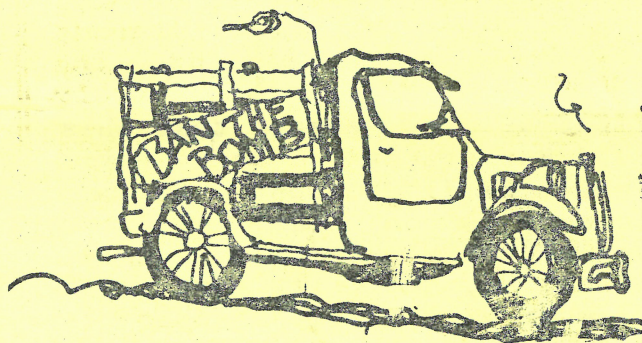
The Canadian Peace Congress has suffered a loss. Veteran peace activist, Hans Blumenfeld, 96 years of age, died in January. His efforts for peace spanned the world as well as the decades. He will be sorely missed.





SIX MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT

Since January 1964 the clock of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists has stood at three minutes to midnight. Following the signing of the INF Treaty, the clock was moved back to six minutes to midnight. Let's keep the momentum going!



PEACE WEEK ON CHANNEL 10

This year again we are pleased to announce that Channel 10 is providing extensive time during the week before the peace walk for peace programming. Every evening from 7 to 9 PM, April 18-22, we will be presenting programming on peace and disarmament issues. A phone-in show will conclude Channel 10's peace week, Friday night. We are hoping to have special guests for that evening. Tune in to TV Peace!

WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?

Parents and Teachers for Social Responsibility are encouraging children to work actively for peace. In one town in the US, a group of children prepared their own statement to other children, urging them to write to political leaders. In part, the statement says:

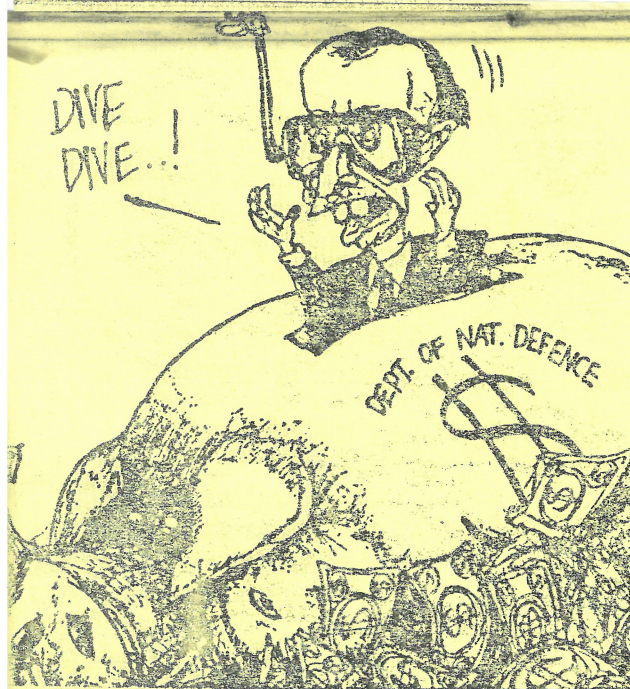
"Every day the threat of nuclear war becomes greater. Our leaders are making decisions that affect us, as children, more than anyone

else. We believe that the only way all the people, all the children, will be safe from a nuclear holocaust is for the United States and the Soviet Union to stop building nuclear bombs and take apart the that they have already built."

Let the children lead!

UNSSOD III

The Third UN Special Session on Disarmament will be held in New York, May 31 to June 25, 1988. The KSPC is inquiring to see what events will be held in conjunction with UNSSOD III. We would be very pleased to see similar events to those that took place during the 1982 session. We will keep you up to date on that event. The potential for a more successful session is clearly there, in light of the atmosphere of new thinking and the huge international peace movement.



EDITORIAL

The Tory government's White Paper on defence is nothing short of cold war rhetoric and an attempt to return to the fifties attitude that had many of us as children learning how to hide under our desks at school because the Soviet Union was about to attack us any time. This dangerous turn in Canadian foreign policy must be stopped before we spend billions of our money for armaments we do not need, nor should have.

Supposedly, the Soviet Union is a threat to our sovereignty in the north, yet the only challenge we have faced was from a U.S. warship sailing through the Northwest Passage, while Washington declared Canadian waters to be international. There have been no similar actions by the USSR.

The new thinking in international affairs that has been partially responsible for the signing of the INF Treaty has clearly been lost on the Mulroney government, who press on with plans to purchase up to 18 nuclear submarines from France or Britain.

One cannot help but think that there is more than just a bit of pork barrel thinking behind the White Paper. Defense minister Perrin Beatty has announced that there will be grants and subsidies for military contractors. At the same time, we have hungry and homeless people, and a rapidly eroding social service network.

The KSPC feels that Canadians have a dual responsibility in regard to the White Paper.

First we must ensure that this Cold War policy is never implemented. The cost to our economy is too dear; we need health care, child care, education, etc., far more than we ever will need submarines and fighter planes. Of equal importance is our duty as citizens of the world to work for peace, and enhance our image as a peaceful country.

This is a time for peace and understanding, a time to join hands around the world to ensure the continuance of life on our planet, in the spirit of new thinking. We should be telling the government in Ottawa that we desire to live in a country where our goals are peace.

Val Carey



W A L K F O R P E A C E

APRIL 23, 1988

WALK STARTS 11:45 AM

ALLAN MATTHEWS SCHOOL

6TH AND ST. PAUL

RALLY TO FOLLOW

RIVERSIDE PARK

SPEAKERS

GUEST SPEAKER JIM FOORD

INTERIOR COORDINATOR

VETERANS AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS

MUSIC

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

RAIN LOCATION:

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

CELEBRATE THE INF TREATY!



THE SHOCKING STORY OF HANFORD

The plutonium for the bomb that destroyed Nagasaki in 1945 was produced at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in southeastern Washington State. Until recently, when it was shut down for renovations, the plant has been providing plutonium for warheads, and also releasing dangerous radioactive substances into the surrounding area. The inhabitants of the area have been subjected to radioactive iodine without their knowledge. In fact, a deliberate release of large amounts of radioactive iodine, called the "Green Run" took place in 1949. The levels of radioactivity were about 2500 times higher than that released during the 1979 accident at Three Mile Island, but no one was told of the release. One Carl Gamertsfelder, who was a radiation control manager at the time of the Green Run recently told a Portland newspaper that the release was an experiment to see if there was any way to detect Soviet plutonium plants. Releases were a common event following the initial release. Radioactivity-related diseases have taken a heavy toll in the area of Hanford. As one resident said, "We needn't worry about being destroyed by Russia. We'll all be destroyed by our so-called intelligent people."

AFTER THE DECEMBER TREATY

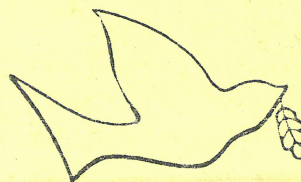
With the signing of the first-ever agreement recently by the USA and the Soviet Union on curbing nuclear weapons, two reactions seem permissible.

First, of course, rejoicing. What we've all dreamed about for years, along with a feeling of achievement that all that signing of petitions and selling of buttons, of sending telegrams and so on were well worth while.

Second, with detracting one iota from this fine beginning, to recognise that it is only a start. After all, it only covers 4% of the world's nuclear weapons!

So, there's lots to be done yet. Surely one of the main things to campaign against our country being militarily tied to the United States. Tied to that unhappy land of blatant wealth and grinding poverty, barely hidden racism and a huge, multi-billion dollar arms industry that seems to control nearly everything. Add to this that political, business and religious corruption in high places appears to be normal, and you have an alliance that Canada can do without.

Bill Campbell



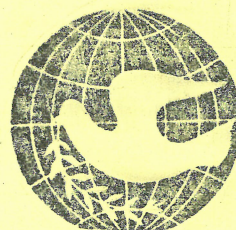
TRADE MEANS PEACE

An increasing number of people realize that the survival of our planet demands a shift from the cold war mentality, the threat of nuclear war towards International co-operation and detente. Such co-operation will ease tension between East and West and offer economic opportunities as well. Some western business people have long realized this and a number of trade agreements and joint ventures with the socialist countries exist today. Such as the Soviet-Canadian enterprise to design and build the world's largest all terrain vehicle that will be assembled in Canada, providing jobs. Canadian farmers have been helping Soviet designers to improve their Kirovets tractors. The BAM Railway, when completed in the U.S.S.R., will offer economic opportunities for Canada by

making exports more accessible for Canadians. The Hungarian IKARUS bus is built and assembled in Canada. Czechoslovakia sells its cars, the SKODA, on the Canadian market. Different varieties of quality wines are also available from countries like Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Hungary. In 1986, the village Vonda, Saskatchewan, was saved by a \$3 million sales contract with the Soviet Union for 300 rockpickers. Because of the contract, a layoff of workers was avoided. Instead, they had to hire 10-12 more people to meet the contract demand. Canada and the socialist countries have a lot to offer each other in terms of trade. As well as being profitable and creating jobs, trade helps to bring countries together, break down the barriers of mistrust and suspicion and emphasize the need for peaceful co-existence.

Jim Biro

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VIGNETTES FROM THE ARMS RACE

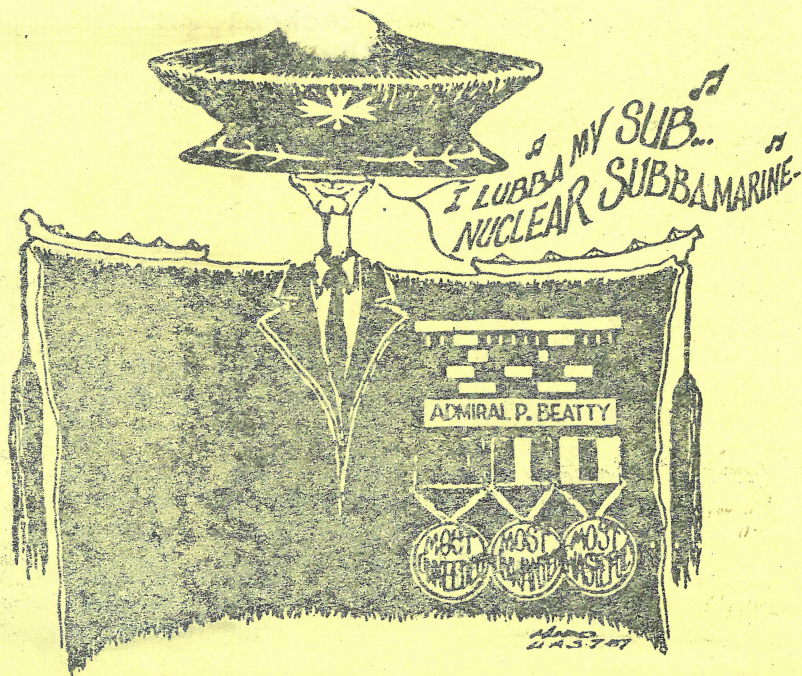
LOST, ONE NUCLEAR BOMB.

Where: Somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

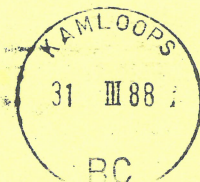
When: December 5, 1965.

An A-4 aircraft with one nuclear weapon aboard fell off a US aircraft carrier into the sea. Plane, pilot and nuke are still missing.

On November 1, 1969, Richard Nixon sent an ultimatum to the North Vietnamese that the US would use nuclear weapons if they did not settle the war. Nixon told Haldeman, "I call it the Madman Theory, Bob. I want the North Vietnamese to believe I've reached the point where I might do anything to stop the war."



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