- a freeze and reversal of the nuclear arms race, on earth and in space;
- no first use of nuclear weapons;
- an end to Canadian participation in the research, testing and production of chemical and biological weapons;
- an end to Canada's annual waste of more than \$8 billion for weapons and the redirection of these funds to fulfill human needs in education, health care, daycare, and public housing, thus creating useful employment;



- an end to the Canada-USA Defence Sharing Agreement, Weapons Testing Agreement and the North Warning Radar System which compromise our independence;
- support a Total Test Ban on nuclear weapons;
- export of nuclear technology only to those countries which have signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty to ensure that no additional countries acquire nuclear weapons;
- the right of all nations to self-determination, in particular in opposition to intervention to destroy popular movements for independence, democracy and social progress;
- an end to racism, apartheid, colonialism and neo-colonialism;

- strengthen the United nations and promotion of its goals;
- co-operation of all nations, regardless of their political and social systems, and settlement of international conflicts by peaceful means.

The Canadian Peace Congress works for these ends through all suitable legal means: distribution of leaflets and literature; conferences, lectures and seminars; demonstrations, vigils and marches; briefs, letters and delegations to governments and their agencies; and through the mass media. The Canadian Peace Congress welcomes the opportunity to cooperate with other groups.

The Canadian Peace Congress is a founding member of the Canadian Peace Alliance.

#### HOW CAN YOU JOIN THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS?

Any individual or organization in Canada who agrees with the basic goals of the Canadian Peace Congress is welcome to share in our work for peace, justice and social progress.

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# INTRODUCING

# THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS



#### WHAT IS THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS?

The Canadian Peace Congress is a non-governmental, non-denominational, non-profit association of individuals and organizations working together for peace and social justice.

Together with over one hundred and forty voluntary national and international organizations, the Canadian Peace Congress is affiliated to the World Peace Council, which has its headquarters in Helsinki, Finland, and is the largest non-governmental organization at the United Nations in New York.

The Canadian Peace Congress is composed of individuals in every province, local peace councils in over thirty communities and over twenty affiliate organizations which support our aims and share in our work for an independent Canadian foreign policy. The Canadian Peace Congress is a democratic association which meets in conference every two years to set policy, plan campaigns and elect a National Board and Executive to carry out Congress work.

# HOW DID THE THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS COME INTO BEING?

The Canadian Peace Congress, as well as the World Peace Council, came into being as part of the world-wide movement to "Ban the Bomb" which, in 1949, gathered over 500 million signatures on the first Stockholm Appeal for Nuclear Disarmament.

#### WHAT DOES THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS STAND FOR?

Since its inception, the Canadian Peace Congress has worked for the following principle:

strengthening the United Nations and its goals;

- prohibition of all weapons of mass destruction and ending the arms race;
- abolition of military bases on foreign soil;
- general, simultaneous, balanced and controlled disarmament;
- elimination of all forms of colonialism, neocolonialism and racial discrimination:
- respect for the right of all peoples to the sovereignty and independence essential for the establishment of peace;
- respect for the territorial integrity of all states;
- non-interference in the internal affairs of other nations;
- the establishment of mutually beneficial trade and cultural relations amongst all states, based on friendship and mutual respect;
- peaceful co-existence between states with differing political systems;
- replacement of the policy of force in international relations with the principle of settling differences through peaceful negotiation.

These principles are the pillars on which are based the Charter of the United Nations and the efforts by the UN for peace, detente and disarmament; for national independence, democracy, justice and social progress; against imperialism, colonialism, neocolonialism, racism and racial discrimination; against aggression, intervention and destabilization.

### WHAT IS THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS AGAINST?

- the arms race, in particular against quantitative and qualitative escalation of nuclear armaments such as the cruise missile, the Pershing II, the MX system, the neutron bomb and Star Wars;
- the researching, production and deployment of chemical and biological weapons;

- the propogation of hatred and distrust of other nations;
- the waste of over \$800 billion annually by the world for weapons, instead of the allocation of these resources to solve the problems of world hunger, illiteracy, health care and developmental assistance to the developing countries;
- racism, apartheid, colonialism and neocolonialism.



# HOW DOES THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS WORK?

The Canadian Peace Congress works to build Canadian public and governmental support for a new Canadian foreign policy of peace and social justice. The Canadian Peace Congress campaigns for the following:

- the establishment of Canada as a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone, thereby ending all research, transport, testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons systems and their components;
- the dissolution of all military blocs in general and, in Canada in particular, an end to our continued participation in NATO and NORAD;