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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Confession of Faith.

(NEW - N.B.)

Very few people in this extraordinary social system we inhabit seem to be motivated to look beyond immediate personal needs and desires to tackle the larger concerns of the human community. Membership in VOW is admission that one belongs to that small circle of "do-gooders" and "bleeding hearts" who are prepared to undertake the seemingly impossible task of improving the world. We know now that we cannot concern ourselves only with the overwhelmingly frustrating problem of war and militarism. In the sixties we struggled to put an end to war. In the seventies we know that war is but one symptom of all-encompassing social malaise. We know that we must be vigilant now on all fronts simultaneously: war, pollution, overpopulation and poverty. There is no time to select one aspect of our problems and deal with it at our leisure. There are so few of us who care enough to dig in our heels and resist the self-destructive drift of mankind, that we cannot close our eyes to all the other aspects of social imbalance and inefficiency.

How many other VOW members feel, as I do, that they want to be active (even if only to the extent of adding their voices) in combatting all terricidal manifestations, with one concerted effort? In concrete terms, I want actively to serve the environment, oppose aggression, improve the status of women, and promote fair dealings between nations. I want to be able to react to any instance of anti-life attitudes. Maybe it's because I'm raising young children that I want to do everything I can to prevent one more item being added to the budget of de-sensitization which is already so massive and looms so threateningly over their future. Anyway, I won't be put off by people who find excuses to dilute my efforts. It seems to me that the real dilution is in separating out all the elements of the survival issue and getting different people into separate groups. For Heaven's sake, if survival activists don't realize that the problem is indivisible, political, and soluble only by concerted action, I give in. I'm tired of belonging to umpteen different groups, all of which have to go through their own growing pains. It's September again already, and we know what that means: meetings, meetings, meetings. It's raining vital issues these days, and I need an umbrella.

VOW could be that umbrella. Those of us who are left are a tough bunch. We've weathered our early crises, we've managed to keep together a national organization, and we don't owe anybody anything. We know all the techniques, all the pitfalls. We can't all enter the field of party politics. And we are emphatically not the kind of people who are going to slide into having meetings just for the sake of having meetings.

I believe we are now faced with an identity crisis and the only satisfactory solution is to weld VOW into a group of effective political activists who are prepared to stick together in the struggle for a saner way of life locally, provincially, and nationally. Come back from those other groups you have drifted into. Come back with all your energies to VOW. And let's show Canada that women can work together as a forceful, effective

group. Let's make VOW the organization that all right-thinking women (men, too, when they've got over their own hang-ups) will automatically rally to.

Marjorie Stewart

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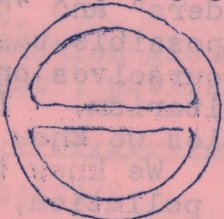
CHILE

B.C. Voice of Women has sent a telegram to Prime Minister Trudeau asking that Canada not recognize the present military junta in Chile. VOW, like Vancouver's new organization CANADIANS FOR DEMOCRACY IN CHILE*, feels "that the tragic events in Chile place upon democratic-minded people, their organizations and governments a clear responsibility to speak out."

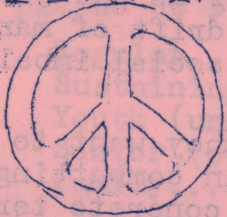
WRITE to Trudeau YOURSELF - and to the newspapers - NOW! ←

*Sec: Bill McLeod, 2465 E. 23rd Ave., Vancouver 6, B.C.

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GREENPEACE



GREENPEACE III - Don't let it slide into oblivion!

* Our President Marjorie Stewart has written to the Federal Government requesting appropriate action against the Government of France: PLEASE DO THE SAME! ↓

* The Canadian Bar Association passed a resolution recently, backing the demand of the Greenpeace Foundation that the Federal Government should get reimbursement for McTaggart and his crew from the French for their act of piracy committed on Greenpeace III (regarding both damages done and France's present illegal holding of the vessel).

* Jack Wasserman wrote (Sun, Sept. 8/73): "Dave McTaggart ... is bemused by the local lack of reaction to the feats of Greenpeace III, and the plight of himself and his fellow crew-members after their go-round with French military authorities. He is virtually marooned in his own home town. He is \$22,000 in debt; his boat is tied up in legal limbo by the French navy; and he won't know for another five or six weeks whether he's going to lose the sight of his right eye.

"He (is) a man dedicated to the ideal that the French actions were abhorrent to all civilized men. Furthermore, the voyage of the Greenpeace III, which is actually McTaggart's own 16-ton sailboat Vega, was an amazing feat of seamanship and personal bravery on the part of the skipper and his crew that would be trumpeted throughout the world if McTaggart came from a more outward-looking community than stuffy, parochial Vancouver.

"I can't help but hope that the community, regardless of individual political views, might rally around to bail out the Greenpeace expedition. It's almost as important as raising money to send kids to a Little League tournament."

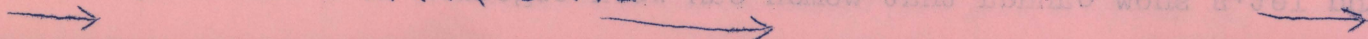
→ HOW ABOUT IT, VANCOUVER? HOW ABOUT IT, B.C.? AND ELSEWHERE?

* The Greenpeace Foundation have GREENPEACE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE, ← Yellow, short sleeves, large Greenpeace Emblem (as above) in green on the front.

\$2.50 each. Men's sizes Small, Medium, and Large.
Boys' (12 years and over) Medium and Large.

Available from Dorothy and Irving Stowe, 2775 Courtenay St., Vancouver 8.

WATCH FOR THE ARROWS → ARROWS ARE FOR ACTION



WORLD CONGRESS OF PEACE FORCES - Moscow, October 25 - November 5, 1973

Congratulations to our own MARY COX who will be attending the Congress as delegate for VOW Canada.

This project is progressively becoming an unprecedented event due to the great number of organizations taking part, and the importance of the programme which embraces all the problems concerning peace in the world.

From the list of subjects to be studied and dealt with in 13 commissions, Mary has chosen "Co-operation for protecting the environment". She is preparing a Brief in which she wishes to emphasize that such co-operation must not be restricted to co-operation with other humans, but must extend to other species and natural forces. SHE WANTS YOUR IDEAS PLEASE!

→ Suggestions to Mrs. T.M. Cox, Bowser, B.C.

Native People

by Dorcas Blair

My assignment on Coqualeetza, Indian Land Rights etc., has included the selection and weighing of sundry pieces of advice offered. Perhaps the most valuable of these so far has been the suggestion that we first become informed and then prod various governments and representatives as specific issues arise.

Much information is available. For better understanding of the Indian People and public issues of current importance to them - and to us all:-

- Join C.A.S.N.P. and receive their Bulletin. \$10 membership fee to Canadian Association in Support of Native Peoples, 251 Laurier West, Ottawa. (Recommended by National VOW)
- Subscribe to NESIKA (The Voice of B.C. Indians), 2140 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver 9. Free to them, \$5 per year to us.
- Listen to CBC Radio, Saturdays at 12.10 p.m. when Johnny Yesno hosts "Our Native Land".
- Read Native Rights in Canada, published by CASNP, \$7.95
The Sierra Club Battle Book James Bay, \$2.75
- See and Show the Film "Job's Garden", prepared by Boyce Richardson for CASNP.

Did you know that the rape of the North is well underway? James bay in Quebec, South Indian Lake in Manitoba, MacKenzie Valley Road and Pipeline close to home - all genocidal to the native people - indicate how little human beings matter in the mad race to destruction. In that race we're all Indians. Their cause and ours are the same: life.

Editor's Note: Dorcas would welcome any pertinent information on Provincial Government Policy re Indian Affairs for her file. Please send to Mrs. G. Blair, #1001 - 450 Dallas Road, Victoria.

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CORRECTION

In the June issue of the B.C. Voice, a book review (of "The Energy Crisis", by Rocks and Runyon) reprinted from Perspective, was credited to Lille d'Easum. Lille tells me this was a mistake on the part of Perspective: she hasn't even read the book! We have not as yet been able to discover the name of the reviewer. -D.B.

HIGHLIGHTS from the MINUTES
(Excc. meeting Aug. 28)

* Greenpeace III: Marjorie to send wire to Federal Gov't requesting appropriate action against French Govt, and letter of commendation to skipper Dave McTaggart. No other action until further information received.

* Recycling Brief: Martin Rossander to ask for an appointment with B.C. NDP Caucus to present his brief.

* Environmental Bill of Rights desperately needed for Canada, said guest speaker Dorothy Beach, Ecology Chairman of Council of Women (Canada): a leader in this cause is David Estrin, Barrister, Gen. Council, Environmental Law Asn, Ramsey Wright Building, 25 Harbord St., Toronto 181.
WRITE HIM GIVING YOUR SUPPORT!

* Dorothy also pleaded for action on Phenoxy Herbicides (see next Voice)

* Claire Culhane will take our greetings and a token sum of money to Hanoi in October (see page 10)

* d'Easum brief "Should We Develop The North?", sent to 255 MP's, drew 15 replies, notably an enthusiastic one from Ran Harding, NDP kootenay W.

* Thieu's Political Prisoners: we ARE AGAIN URGED TO WRITE ON THEIR BEHALF, EVERY MONTH. For further info. write International Committee to Free S. Vietnamese Political Prisoners from Detention, Torture and Death, 52 Elgin Ave., Toronto, Ont., M5R 1G6.

* BCVOW Literature subscribes to:
1) Akwesasne Notes (publ. for all New World Indians)
2) Nesika (see Dorcas Blair, page 3)

* Membership Application Forms: a new supply available from Mary Cox, or Lin Latham (8758 Armstrong Ave., Burnaby 3)

* Dr. Gofman and Hannes Alfvon to attend NDP Caucus in November.

And from the September minutes -

* NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, October 16th, 11:00 a.m., at the home of Lydia Sayle, 1760 Ottawa Place, West Van.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Reviewer of the lecture on Transcendental Meditation presented at the Tenth Annual Conference of B.C. VOW, June 1973:

I read your review with interest. In substance you dealt correctly with the general method and results of meditation. But your final few lines quite surprised me, and I quote: "Also governments would like such a psychological tool to keep people quiet and well behaved. The Maharishi has stated that if everyone practises Transcendental Meditation, wars will disappear."

Somewhat your remarks came through as suggesting the disappearance of war would not be beneficial - surely you do not mean this. Secondly, you seem to suggest that those who meditate are more easily manipulated than other folk. I assure you this is not so. The frenetic types who never settle, are never quiet, never still long enough to discover the real values of being alive, are the ones most easily moved through psychological means. Look around you - maybe even try Transcendental Meditation before you make any further assumptions in this regard. Sincerely,

Frances Hatfield, Nelson.

God give me stillness, give me time to stand
 Unpressed by crowds and credits, undefiled
 By dust of industry, and be a child
 Reminded of my oneness with the land,
 Let me stop running and be reconciled
 To feel my feet send roots into the sand;
 Let me put forth fresh blossoms from my hand.
 Let me not lose kinship with the wild;
 And if I call this mine, remind me, God,
 That it is only as my flesh and bone
 Are mine; not mine to waste, not mine to own,
 But mine to be. I am the goldenrod,
 The grain, the granite; I am stream and glen.
 Remind me to preserve myself. Amen.

Margaret Monamin

be SURE to READ
BOB HUNTER
 (reprint inserted
 with this issue)

Protest this Publication! by Eve Smith, Ecology Chairman

A B.C. Department of Wildlife publication intended for the schools is something that we must all heed: Fish and Wildlife - the Recreational Resource, first edition July 1972 (Soered) and second edition Nov. 1972 (N.D.P.). D.J. Hatter is still, unfortunately, the Director of Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Department of Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, and Jack Radford, also a keen hunter, is now Minister of this Department, replacing Bob Williams, who was doing a very good job.

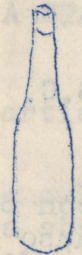
To many of us it seems like a conflict of interest to have hunters in charge of conserving wildlife.

This slick, glossy publication presents wildlife as a "resource" that must be "managed" to "satisfy the demands of the people". There are 18 pages on hunting, gun handling, the "ethics" of hunting, the "respect" for wildlife, and developing "a feeling for the natural systems", "a respect and sympathy for other creatures" (you develop this to such a degree that you are inspired to go out and kill these "other creatures", all in the name of good conservation and ecological consideration).

The 93-page manual is a public relations blurb for the promotion of hunting and it is all tied in with ecology and conservation as though hunting were a necessary part of conservation. Descriptions of the "eagerness and tension" of shooting, the "excitement of the hunt", promoting "more enjoyable and successful hunting" all add up to the fact that this publication is not one that should ever have been put out by a government department, least of all for the schools.

This writer objects to wild animals being described as a "resource" for humans' use and entertainment and pleasure. We must think of creatures as a part of the evolutionary scheme of things, each one having its place and its right to live in its own way. We have molested them too much in too many ways, and this trend towards looking upon wild creatures as "ours" is quite shocking to the true ecologist. We don't own them.

There are very many people who are concerned and active, and environmental protection is of vital importance without the ulterior motive of killing creatures for "sport" (referred to as the "bonus of pure pleasure"). With as little interference as possible from our Wildlife Department, let us present to the young a picture of other animals that must be allowed to live.



REFUSE to buy SOUTH AFRICAN AND PORTUGUESE WINES AND LIQUORS

The sale of S. African and Portuguese liquors means foreign exchange to these countries - revenues for "defence taxation" and support for colonial wars and racist repression.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- (1) DON'T BUY: Faisca, Matous, Dao, Paarl wines (and several lesser-known brands ... check before buying).
- (2) CALL ON YOUR MLA's to press the provincial government for the withdrawal of these wines and liquors from the L.C.B. shelves
- (3) SIGN the petition in support of this move
- (4) INFORM yourself and others of the real situation in Southern Africa by contacting the following address for further information:
The Southern Africa Action Coalition,
214 - 1811 West 16th Ave., Vancouver
Tel. 736-9515 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

WHAT'S BEING DONE?

The above Coalition is distributing leaflets and collecting signatures on petitions on the streets and outside the big liquor stores in Vancouver on Sept. 28 - 29, and October 5 - 6.

B.C. VOW is pressing for an N.D.P. resolution on the matter before the party Convention in November.

COFFEES YOU CAN BUY (NOT from Angola)

- Brooke Bond:
 Rod Rose, Hyde Park
 Instant Sandra
 Top Value (I.G.A.)
 Pride of Arabia
 Two Cup (Loblaws)
 London House Coffee

- Good Host:
 Sterling, Stuart,
 Bells, Daily Grange

- Nabob:
 Kadana, Mulkin's
 Food City, Dixon's
 Supervalu Brand
 Mother Parker

Boycott These:

General Foods:

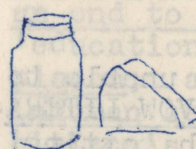
- Maxwell House
 Maxim, Brim
 Sanka, Yuban

Nestles:

- Taster's Choice
 Nescafe

Standard Brands:

- Chase & Sanborn



KRAFT BOYCOTT

by Dorcas Blair

I sent a postcard to Kelly-Douglas, Wholesale Distributors, Vancouver, and received an immediate reply by phone. The card had stated dissatisfaction with Kelly-Douglas for providing no alternatives to Kraft products in the many small stores they supply. I said they were unfair to their dealers in forcing customers to go to larger stores and centres for their purchases of cheeses and salad dressings and that they were causing unnecessary embarrassment and, in some cases, bad feelings between customers and storekeepers.

Mr. --, who phoned me, said:

- 1. The larger stores were importing alternatives.
- 2. What other brands were there?
- 3. They couldn't pay attention every time a few (!) people got upset and started a boycott.
- 4. Most people were quite happy with Kraft products. They kept on buying them, etc.
- 5. More of the same kind of "But what else can we do?"

If you agree that it is unfair to the small stores to which Kelly Douglas is the exclusive supplier, and to customers who don't want to travel miles for cheeses and salad dressings in particular, for Kelly-Douglas to maintain Kraft's virtual monopoly, write a card to Kelly-Douglas and say so. Maybe Mr. -- will phone you!

LITERATURE

Address Mrs. T.M. Cox, Bowsor, B.C.

a very important book: ←

MUST THE SEAS DIE? by Colin Moorcraft, 1973; Gambit, Inc., 53 Beacon St Boston, Mass. 02108. We are in trouble - and should know it now, because there are things we can be doing about it. This book gives a vivid, informative picture of the present predicament and future prospects of one of our principal sources of nourishment and oxygen - "the still-living sea - the creatures in, on and above it - and the lands it embraces that poison it."

interesting papers to make note of: ←

EL MALCRIADO - the United Farmworkers official voice. Published in illustrated form every two weeks, it contains the latest strike and boycott info from the crusade of Cesar Chavez. Also excellent background material. No subscriptions, but \$5.00 brings a bundle of 50 for distribution.

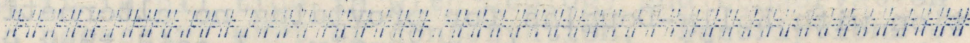
NESIKA - the voice of B.C. Indians. Published monthly by the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs. 12 pages of news, issues, poetry, photographs. \$5.00 per annum from 2140 West 12th Ave., Vancouver 9.

AKWASASNE NOTES (48 pages). No fixed subscription rate - this remarkable paper depends on voluntary donations. Published 9 times yearly by the Indian Studies program, Wesleyan U. For a subscription, send to White Roots of Peace, Mohawk Nation, via Roosevelttown, New York 13683. It's hard to do justice to this treasury of resistance news, comment, art, history, literature and film lists, reviews, humour, prose and poetry - from all over both Americas and elsewhere too!

a special item from VOW national office:

TINTO ZINC TO BENEFIT FROM JAMES BAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, by Kari Levitt and Jean-Pierre Fournier. Reprinted from Le Devoir, April 10, 1973, after translation by Lyn Center.

Editor's Note: we regret that, owing to lack of space, we are unable to keep our promise to print in full in this issue the 1973 B.C. VOW LITERATURE LIST. This is, of course, available from Mary Cox. Worth getting!



SLIDES

MULTI-MEDIA REPORT on the CANADIAN NORTH

Joyce Young, who reported to our July executive meeting on her recent tour of the Canadian Arctic on an OFY grant as part of a study on Canadian energy, has completed a half-hour multi-media report on her trip. Her report includes a brief description of the Arctic ecosystem and the native people as part of it, and the effects of the activities of government and pipeline companies on the human and physical environment.

Unusual color slides are synchronized with a sound-track of description, local tapes and music, etc. If you can arrange a showing of this fascinating multi-media report to a group in your locality, write or phone Joyce Young, 2311 Cypress St., Vancouver 9 (731-8777). ←

MORE SLIDES

and Information, on INUVIK, by Gary Gallon. Write him c/o SPEC, 1095 West 7th Ave., Vancouver 9. ↙

A STARTLING AND DISTURBING TRUTH

British historian Arnold J. Toynbee writes, in a thought-provoking article in the current issue of Horizon magazine;

"My observation of the living religion of eastern Asia, and my book knowledge of the extinguished Greek and Roman religion, have made me aware of a startling and disturbing truth: that monotheism, as enunciated in the Book of Genesis, has removed the age-old restraint that was once placed on man's greed by his awe.

"Man's greedy impulse to exploit nature used to be held in check by his pious worship of nature. This primitive inhibition has been removed by the rise and spread of monotheism. Moreover, the monotheistic disrespect for nature has survived the weakening of the belief in monotheism in the ex-monotheistic part of the world, and it has invaded that major portion of the world in which monotheism has never become established.

"This, then, is the nemesis that modern Western man, together with his imitators in countries like Japan, has brought upon himself by following the directive given in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis*. That directive has turned out to be bad advice, and we are beginning, wisely, to recoil from it."

*Genesis I, 28.



PEOPLE AGAINST THE ATOM

MARY HAYS WEIK, of the Fellowship Of World Citizens, a co-founder of the Committee To End Radiological Hazards, has called for a people's worldwide campaign against the spreading nuclear system. It is the people of the world, she says, "who must make the final decisions, who must demand an end to the whole corrupt nuclear system, to atomic power, research and 'education'; to the horror of atomic arms and their very polluting storage-places; and to all the political graft and assorted lies that go with this inhuman system." It is, as she says, not an organizational call, but "a citizen's call for unity of spirit in the face of our overwhelming need. Project by project, town by town, country by country - reaching friendly hands across frontiers in this common emergency - we must set in motion a world wide effort for citizen opposition to nuclear plans."

Clip and Mail Today!

Committee To End Radiological Hazards,
166 Second Ave., New York, NY 10003, U.S.A.

I would like to join the worldwide campaign of PEOPLE AGAINST THE ATOM, and enclose 50¢ for a Crede Card as shown at right, to indicate my desire to oppose the exploitation of Atomic Energy in any shape or form.

NAME

ADDRESS

PEOPLE
AGAINST
THE
ATOM

(No Further Dues Or Contributions Requested)

Claire Culhane

on the special invitation of the Vietnam Women's Union, will be leaving for Hanoi on October 3rd for a short visit. She has asked that VOW members send through her special messages, gifts and/or money for our Vietnamese friends there.

From B.C. VOW she will be taking warm greetings and a token gift of \$50, which, thanks to an anonymous donation, has been raised to \$100. If you wish to send an individual donation you may still do so - now, or at an even later date.
 Send to: Claire Culhane, P.O. Box 154, Station "N",
 Montreal, Que., H2X 2N2

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DEFENCE - AGAINST WHAT ?

Read This Again:
** Canada's proposed Defence Budget for 1972 - 73 is \$1.9 billion.
** Thirteen cents of every income tax dollar is spent in the defence budget.
(information gleaned by Burnaby VOW MARY HUNTER, from "How Your Tax Dollar is Spent", published by the Treasury Board of Canada)

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Voice of Women fees are due on New Year's Day. If you have not renewed this year, please do so NOW and help keep us ticking. Thank you!

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