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Children's Concert

Year of the Child

"And a little child shall lead them"

DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

United Nations Declaration, Nov. 1959

- to enjoy special protection and opportunities and facilities to develop in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity;
- to have a name and nationality from birth;
- to enjoy the benefits of social security, including adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and medical services;
- to receive special treatment, education and care if she or he is handicapped;
- to grow up in an atmosphere of affection and security;
- to be among the first to receive protection and relief in times of disaster;
- to be protected against all forms of cruelty, neglect and exploitation; and finally
- to experience understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, and PEACE AND UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE REPORT - 1979 -
OF THE VOICE OF WOMEN - BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Some Names and Addresses to note:
The Honorable Flora
MacDONALD, Minister of
External Affairs, Ottawa.

The Honorable John Fraser,
Minister of the Environment,
Government of Canada, Ottawa.

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THE MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th,

was attended by: IRENE and EUGENE ABBEY, to whom our grateful thanks,
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and by: Edith Adamson, 118 Croft St. Apt. 402, Victoria. V8V 2E6
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Violet Berger, 33436 Nelson St., Abbotsford, B.C.
June Black, 843 Prospect Ave., North Vancouver. V7R 2M2
Dorcas Blair, Bowser P.O., B.C. VOR 1G0
Pat Boulding, R.R.2, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5K2
Lilly M. Campbell, #44 Co-op Villa, Abbotsford, B.C.
Alice Coppard, 3360 East 5th Ave., Vancouver. V5M 1P4
Mary Cox, R.R. 1, Fanny Bay, B.C. VOR 1W0
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Marian Shipley, 2079 Viewlynn Dr., North Vancouver. V7S 2W7
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Kathleen Wallace-Deering, 3258 Venables, Vancouver. V5K 2S5
Florence Werrell, #206 - 3925 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 3Y7
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Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us, all our members of the Voice of Women in B.C. could meet together, all together? Those listed above were the lucky ones. It was a fine, stimulating, heart-warming occasion, in rare and delightful company. (If any name has been omitted, we are sorry. Please pardon.)

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on SEPTEMBER 6th, at ALDERGROVE, B.C., hosted by THE ABBEYS, the meeting convened informally in the evening. Sparked by Martin Rossander, it quickly became a 'brain-storming' session. To the questions, "WHAT WORKS?" and "WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING?", some answers were as follows: SPONTANEITY, NOT PLANNED STRUCTURE, WORKS BEST.

Each community is different; each individual is unique. Specific needs vary from place to place, as do the issues which local people are prepared to respond to. Therefore it would be impossible to centrally direct for all.

SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR PROJECTS FOR PEACE.

We can supply them with factual materials, assistance, and support, as they ask.

REMEMBER, AND CONTINUE TO WORK FOR, NATIONAL V.O.W. OBJECTIVES.

UNITE WOMEN!

Reach out to our own members and to women in other organizations.

RECOGNIZE ALL THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE DAY. BE INFORMED.

SUPPORT ALL WORTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. RESPOND INDIVIDUALLY.

Writing letters can be invaluable. Almost every letter will bring response from the 'powers that be' or their representatives. Talk to neighbors and friends.

OPPOSE: NUCLEAR POWER IONIZING RADIATION DEVICES
===== ARMAMENTS PESTICIDES

N. A. T. O.

NEW APPROACHES ARE NEEDED. The present system is breaking down.

What do we want in its place? How can we help to shape the future?

We will continue to approach our representatives in government, hoping to influence them toward better (more realistic) views, directions and outcomes than have been brought into existence in the years past.

LET US ALL BEHAVE MORE HUMANELY TO OURSELVES AND TO ALL

STIR UP PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY OVER MATTERS THAT CONCERN THEM.

Speak to people about the kind of future they hope for. Be an educator.

REMEMBER THAT "SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL". It is always the FEW who do the work, who get things done, who influence the course of events.

Members of the Voice of Women can regard themselves as a Core Group, each one charged with the challenge and responsibility of EDUCATING, of ACTIVATING, of RESPONDING, to Community, Canadian, and WORLD problems and needs in her/his own way and place.

A quotation from Scott Nearing, brought the lively discussion to a close. He said,

PICK UP THE GARBAGE; ORGANIZE; AND TAKE POLITICAL ACTION!"

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THE BUSINESS MEETING.

President' Report of activities and projects since the last Annual Meeting, May, 1978. (See 'Reports' on succeeding pages.) Jean Craig.

Treasurer's Report (on file) showing : Opening Bank Balance 545.12
May 1st/78 to August 31st/79 Receipts 3404.84
Disbursements 3105.81
for a Current Balance (Aug.31) 844.15
Joan Jennings.

Membership Report (incomplete, due to recent resignation of Pearl Barrett. According to Treasury Report, there are approximately 170 members in good standing, in B.C.)

Correspondence - presented as notated on arrival, by President, Jean Craig.

ITEM - letter from the B.C. Council of the Confederation of Canadian Unions re proposal to form a coalition of sponsors so that Craig Paterson be enabled to attend all sessions of The Bates' Commission Hearings on Uranium Mining in B.C.

ITEMS - various informational letters, communications from National, from Ontario, from Regina, Press Releases re Vietnam, Chile, Conference Reports, UNA Bulletin, Sheet from the Cheekeye-Dunsmuir Alliance requesting help in specific areas and providing contact address.

ITEM - letter from the National Administration Committee, Voice of Women, August 30/79, requesting a meeting with Flora MacDonald, to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern.

MOVED Lille D'Easum, seconded Mary Thomson, that this Meeting recommend to Premier Bennett that the government of B.C. send a message to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission objecting to the construction of the proposed nuclear reactors on the Skagit River so close to the Canadian (B.C.) Border ; that the reasons for such opposition are the same as those which cause us to oppose the development of Nuclear Power in B.C. and Canada and everywhere; that the Corresponding Secretary, Freda Handford, be asked to write to the Premier in the suggested vein and that a copy of the letter be sent also to B.C. HYDRO.
CARRIED

UNANIMOUS MOTION that Freda be presented with sincere thanks and true appreciation for her 'terrific' contributions to VOW. (Marian Shipley.)

CARDS OF APPRECIATION to be sent to Robyn Smith and Carol Boggis, who planned the details of this Meeting, did so with admirable efficiency (as usual), and then were unable to attend.

PAT BOULDING'S COMMITTEE had been unable, as yet, to come up with specific recommendations regarding the production and future of The B.C. VOICE, but was continuing to work out this business.

M/S/Carried that a subscription to ENERGY FILE be taken out. (Joan J./Alice C.)

*** M/S/Carried that ENERGY FILE be recommended to members in THE VOICE. (Lille/Pat)

LACK OF ADEQUATE PUBLICITY was discussed briefly. Some felt that we are not attempting to reach the general public through the media or to establish open lines of constant communication with our members. A list of possible 'contact' publications was suggested.

IRENE ABBEY spoke strongly in favor of 1) undertaking a 3 yr. Teach-In using Film, Video etc. as recommended by Dr. Knellman, and 2) the need to learn to use such modern equipment or to sponsor young people who will.

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"NO NUKE WOMEN"- a most excellent Videotape Showing proved stimulating to all. Helen Caldecott and Rosalie Burtell, both scientifically trained, show how science should be used, for humankind and for all the myriad travellers on Spaceship Earth. We wish that everyone could see and hear these two remarkable women. (Contact Irene Abbey)

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EXECUTIVE APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR, 1979-80

President: JEAN CRAIG Tel: 929-1377
1st Vice-Pres: MARIAN SHIPLEY 988-7564
2nd Vice-Pres: PAT BOULDING 754-5819
Recording Secretary: DORCAS BLAIR 757-9216
Corresp. Secretary: FREDIA HANDFORD 922-3590
Treasurer: JOAN JENNINGS 987-5571

Committee Chairpersons: Membership - Marian S. will carry it for the time being.

Disarmament - Mary Thomson Literature - Mary Cox. 335-0393

Energy - Lille D'Easum The B.C. VOICE - Pat Boulding, with

Environment - Alice Coppard Deeno Birmingham, Eileen Kenwood, Mary Cox, Dorcas Blair.

I.Y.C. - Muriel Gough-Azmier

Members - at - Large: Irene Abbey, Martin Rossander, Robyn Smith, Carol Boggis.

[For addresses of Executive Members, please see page 2]

EXECUTIVE MEETING (at close of Conference)

Minutes: of June 13th meeting, with correction: Horseshoe Bay, not at Nanaimo, as stated therein and, July 18th meeting item should read SALT II and MOBILE X. (Woolard)

B.C. VOICE - discussion on overlapping of monthly Minutes and the Newsletter was not satisfactorily resolved. Discussion will continue. The Recording Sec. offered to prepare a full report of the 1979 Annual Meeting and Conference, to be circulated as The B.C. VOICE, Volume 14, No. 5. It would include Reports given at the Conference, the current Literature List and other pertinent informational sheets which were available at the Conference.

AGREED BY CONSENSUS that the Registration Fees collected from those who were fortunate in being able to attend, be used to defray the expense of production and mailing.

AGREED, on motion of Lille D'Easum, that \$50 be donated to the coalition of sponsors to assist in maintaining a continuous representative presence at the Bates Commission Hearings on Uranium Mining in B.C.

A NUMBER OF MATTERS remain to be discussed at future meetings - Tax Refusal; Posters for Library Displays; Delegates to attend U.N.A. meetings in Vancouver and Victoria; a new Membership booklet; etc.

NEXT MEETING will be called in Nanaimo, early in November. Please check for date, with Marian, Jean or Dorcas.

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Sept. 8th,
1979

SUMMARY OF ISSUES & ACTIVITIES, Individual and Executive, directly or supportively during the past 15 months. Letter-writing; publishing articles; placing ads in newspapers; phoning; sending telegrams; meeting with and presenting briefs to Govt. representatives; attending hearings to ask questions, present briefs; sponsoring workshops, slide shows and lectures; participating in T V panels, radio phone-in programs; taking part in street demonstrations and vigils; leafletting; petitioning.

PEACE & DISARMAMENT

B.C. Voice of Women became part of the Ad Hoc Committee for Disarmament, to promote public awareness of the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament, May/June 1978. VOW has continued membership with the same groups, now known as the Coalition for World Disarmament. Our members have participated in the following ways:

Disarmament display and booth at Park Royal Mall and Vancouver Public Library. (April/78)

Mobilization for Survival Motorcade with distribution of leaflet, "passport to a World Without War" (Vancouver area, May/78)

Appearances on two T V panels in June of 1978

Supplying peace and disarmament literature to 20 lower mainland libraries.

Picture Display of the Hiroshima Holocaust of August 6th, 1945, at the West-end Community Centre. (Aug./78)

Vigils on Hiroshima Day (Aug. 6th, 78/79) and the "Die-in" (1978)

Booth at Festival of Life, Stanley Park (Sept./78) Irene McAllister was one of the speakers at this event.

Organization of the Disarmament Workshop at the B.C. Conference, EIEO, "Emerging International Economic Order" (March-April/79)

Attending pre-election meetings to ask candidates of all Parties questions on Canada's Defence Policy. (May-June/79)

Comox Valley group entered a peace float at Cumberland, May/78, and won a special prize.

Some ten members have been among those demonstrating against Trident at Bangor, Washington, in 1978/79. A Stop-Trident Parade in Vancouver on May 26th was followed by the Assembly at the Peace Arch, in support of Bangor demonstrators.

In August/78, Victoria V.O.W. had an information booth at the Conference at Pearson College of the World Federalists of Canada, and in February/79 the Victoria group sponsored a visit and public lecture by Helvi Sipila, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Centre for Social Development & Humanitarian Affairs.

In March/79, Victoria members took part in a Silent Vigil and an interview shown on Television, displaying the banner:

THE WORLD MUST DISARM FOR THE SAKE OF HER CHILDREN!

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

In August/78, VOW was one of the sponsors of a young woman who attended the annual Conferences in Japan Against Atomic & Hydrogen Bombs. In 1979, Lille D'Easum was assisted financially to allow her to be present at Japan's Conferences in August.

In December/78 - Jan./79, Alice Coppard represented us at the Third Session of the World Constituent Assembly at Sri Lanka, Colombo.

Carol Boggis procured and has made available some "filler" tapes of one minute's duration, to be used in the breaks between Radio and TV programs. They have been used by a Prince Rupert Station. The voices are those of Margaret Meade and Paul Newman. The subjects are Peace and War.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS: That the B.C. Voice of Women favors VOW's formal association with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, WILPF, to whatever extent WILPF's Constitution allows.

To continue to use the leaflet, "Make the World a Home" rather than the bi-lingual recruiting leaflet being prepared in eastern Canada.

To give serious consideration and support to the promotion of TAXES FOR PEACE, NOT FOR WAR campaign, as spear-headed by Edith Adamson and the Society of Friends (Quaker)

The President, Jean Craig, fully concurs with Mary Thomson, whose Committee Report on the Coalition for World Disarmament follows, that "PEOPLE MUST FORCE THEIR GOVERNMENTS INTO SERIOUSLY UNDERTAKING COMPLETE DISARMAMENT."

THE COALITION FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT (1811 West 16th Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2M3
===== Tel: 731-5626. Mon, Tues, Thurs, 11-3:00)

Report by Mary Thomson.

Actually we know enough about the mess the world is in. Dare I make the following summary in the hope that it may increase our involvement and not merely our numbness and massive psychological resistance ?

The USA and the USSR are locked virtually together in the same prison.

Canada is locked in with the USA, as if in prison.

Let us look at the prison conditions for the Super-powers:

Both have a mind-set on 'national security', now a great myth.

Both rely on a MAD 'balance' of nuclear weaponry, but even more, on a war-mentality, constantly fed by fear of the other 'catching up' or worse, 'getting ahead' in this madness.

Both countries suffer under a permanent war economy wherein money is drained away from civilian requirements to the military; all this without even the 'consent' wrung from the populace during an actual fighting war. Democracy is at risk!

The beneficiaries are the War Merchants all of whom are closely allied with the "trans" or "Supra" national corporations, which are accountable to no one but themselves and who are loyal to no ethic except the money-game. (As pointed out to the Prime Minister in a telecommunication from the Summary findings of the E.I.E.O. last February, "The greatest stumbling-blocks to solving the problems of the poor countries of the world are the greed and operations of non-responsible/irresponsible intra-national corporations.")

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REPORT - COALITION FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT (Continued)

Military Technology and its preparations for war, is the major cause of unemployment and inflation. In the USA, where they are aware of the prosperity, of the civilian economies of Germany and Japan, the attitude seems to be, "They produce Toyotas/ Volkswagens; we produce Tridents."

Because of the instant nature of attack and trigger-instant response, both countries are on constant alert and indeed, can be said "to be at war" (A year ago, I might have described the situation as one in which the Super-powers are holding the rest of the world hostage. Today I realize that they are holding each other hostage, a sort of symbiotic relationship where each feeds on the other's war-phobia.)

CANADA'S PRISON PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Our situation viz a viz the USA, integrates and involves us in:

the manufacture and shipment of arms to Third-world countries - 80% conventional!
the permanent war-economy of the United States due to the full integration of Canada's Defence Industry with the Military-Industrial Complex of the U.S.
the expanding U.S. military presence everywhere in the world, poised to intervene whenever "American interests" appear to be threatened.
the U.S. Intelligence (Spy) System. Note that the newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union is from I.B.M.

triple fear - induced paranoias: a) that we will be energy-poor,

b) that the Russians are coming;

c) that we will be engulfed by the tumultuous rising of the poor people and nations of the world and their naked violence';

We are made to feel guilty at accusations that Canada is not pulling its weight in NATO and NORAD.

We seem to be making a faint struggle to free ourselves from the cultural and even economic styles of the U.S., but we are vulnerable to the infectious diseases - the fear-induced paranoia of our common prison. We must be ever alert to the brain-washing propaganda which the media delivers. Often the messages are mixed but the total effect is fear-induced tension.

In the FILM, "No Nuke Women", Rosalie Bertell reminds us of the hostility, even hatred, which we will likely experience if we bring our challenges to the political arena. Note her TWO WARNINGS TO CANADA:

1. Both nuclear and solar power are masking the weapons industry.
2. Canada deals with the U.S. Department of Energy, which operates under an Enabling Act with a double mandate, "to solve the energy crisis and to develop weapons' systems. (Killing two birds with one stone?)

Noting the greatly increased coverage since Three Mile Island, one wonders if the Arms magnates have seized this opportunity to promote a raging controversy around the issue of nuclear energy, to divert attention from what most of this energy is destined for - profits from the sale of nuclear weapons. (20% of the total arms industry is responsible for over 95% of radio-active wastes.)

On the one hand I am sympathetic to the strategy of tackling problems close to home. On the other hand many crucial problems are played out on an international stage. Therefore I believe that as a national organization, the Voice of Women must revive some of the old questions, which we asked from the beginning, as well as add new questions in accordance with the times. WHAT ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIPS IN NATO, IN NORAD? IS CANADA A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE? WHAT ABOUT OUR URANIUM-PLUTONIUM INDUSTRIES? CAN CANADA BE TRUSTED AS A PEACE-KEEPING NATION WHILE SO TOTALLY ALIGNED WITH THE U.S.A.?

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DISARMAMENT (Continued)

IN THE COALITION FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT, we accepted the analysis provided by THE FINAL DOCUMENT (of the United Nations Special Session)

Article 19 : "Removing the threat of a world war - a nuclear war - is the most urgent task of the present day."

Article 15 : "It is essential that, not only governments, but also the peoples of the world, recognize and understand the dangers in the present situation."

C.W.D. accepted this two-part Mandate :

1. to increase public awareness through education and public events;
2. to guide aware persons into effective means by which to influence our Canadian government. That is our primary responsibility.

THEREFORE, WHAT IS NEEDED ON OUR PART?

1. to make it our business to find ways of speaking with other women about the seriousness of the situation, and then
2. to recruit more individuals for the work involved in:

- - preparing a travelling exhibit for use at public meetings;
- - preparing display materials for libraries, public places;
- - getting these displays into suitable locations;
- - providing schools and teachers with usable information, materials;
- - encouraging discussion groups in churches, women's and community groups. (The religious community has been moving in this direction)
- - observing United Nations Disarmament Week each October -(Oct. 24-31/79 George Ignatieff, Pres. of the Canadian UNA will be in British Columbia at that time.)
- - helping with the usual chores - typing, printing, - donating time!

WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME?

We have, perhaps, the equivalent of a few minutes in history (or herstory); some say until 1982 at least. The Tri-lateral Commission will continue until then. The Second Special Session on Disarmament, U.N., is scheduled for 1982.

Although the fact is that it is we, Humankind, who are confronted with imminent Life or Death, although everyone, to one degree or another, suffers this awareness and its resultant tensions, yet the pressure on our policy makers, those in government, has been faint.

Sister Bertell has said that we must, for our own sakes, find ways to relieve the tension. Activity is a marvellous tension-reliever. Those who are inactive - worried but unable to do anything about it - suffer most severely from tension and its symptoms and illnesses. So BE ACTIVE.

- SUGGESTED LITERATURE:**
- "The Nuclear Connection" a leaflet.
 - "Are the Russians Coming?" a pamphlet.

For Libraries, Churches, Community Groups:

- The Final Document of the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament, 1978.
- The U.N. Declaration on the New International Economic Order.
- "Dubious Sentinel": Canada and the World Military Order, published by Ploughshares - Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario. N2L 3G6.

REPORT: concerning Ground Zero and the Trident Demonstration, Oct., '79, to the Voice of Women Annual Meeting, September 8, 1979, by Kathleen Wallace-Deering, 3258 Venables, Vancouver, V5K 2S5 Telephone: 253-8661

A. Ground Zero, Centre for Non-Violent Action, is located on 3.8 acres of land which shares a fence with the Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor, Wash. On the other side of Ground Zero's fence, hidden by a thick band of trees, is a high security ammunition storage area, probably containing some of the base's nuclear weapons. The land was bought by a collective in December, 1977, with donations from hundreds of people. It is incorporated as a land trust. The six articles of incorporation state Ground Zero's purposes in the following way:

1. To establish a Centre for Non-Violent Action which seeks the goal of a world free from nuclear destruction and unjust divisions in humanity;
2. To hold the land on which the Centre is located in an environmentally sensitive and responsible manner;
3. To develop, at the Centre, specific means toward a nuclear-free world - means based on the principle of truth in thought, word and action; the principle of unity of all beings; the principle of transforming love in resistance to war and injustice;
4. To explore strategies and tactics for nonviolent campaigns which incorporate the Ends-Means Vision;
5. To use the Centre as a training site for participants in non-violent actions;
6. To encourage and foster a continual reflection on, and deepening in, nonviolence as a way of life.

The Ground Zero Collective currently consists of 5 core members: Ruth and Bill Hood, who live in Bellingham; Shelley and Jim Douglass, who live near the Trident Base in Seabeck; Bob Bradac, who lives in Seattle. Shelley is employed as a staff person at Ground Zero. The major responsibilities of the Collective include:

1. Upkeep and maintenance of Ground Zero facilities - a small house used for meetings and workshops, and a partially completed geodesic dome. Nobody lives in the house, which has a small library, office, kitchen, meeting-room, and unfinished upper floor, used to accommodate those who attend weekend workshops.
2. Planning for weekly Wednesday night discussions on a wide range of topics related to nonviolent social change. Recently, for example, Michael George of the Lucas Aerospace Shop Stewards was present to talk about his group's peace conversion activities. Many of the participants in the regular discussion group come from the Seattle area and spend the night at Ground Zero so that they can help with leafletting of Base personnel every Thursday morning.
3. Organizing leafletting of Base personnel weekly. An average of 600-700 workers regularly slow down in heavy traffic to accept leaflets which challenge them to reconsider the Trident weapons system and their role in helping to build it. The leaflets treat such topics as "What about the Russians?", "Effects of Radiation", topics of peace conversion, reasons for demonstrations and civil disobedience actions at the Base, etc.

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GROUND ZERO & TRIDENT

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4. planning and facilitating an on-going series of weekend workshops which train people for nonviolent resistance. Several times, a few workshop participants have decided to do a civil disobedience action at the Base. Since November of 1978 there have been a series of small civil disobedience actions by persons who have taken part in one of Ground Zero's non-violent training sessions.

5. outreach in Kitsap County (the County in which Ground Zero and the Trident Base are located.) This has included speaking at churches attended by Base workers and personnel, and meeting with local residents. In the Fall of 1979, Shelley Douglass will be looking for some kind of community service work for Ground Zero.

Many others, besides the members of Ground Zero Collective, do work and provide financial support to keep Ground Zero going.

Anyone wishing to donate money, to find out more about Ground Zero, or to be on the Ground Zero mailing list so they can receive regular newsletters, schedules of coming events and workshop programs, can write to:

GROUND ZERO : CENTER FOR NONVIOLENT ACTION

Route 5, Box 5423, Poulsbo, Washington, U.S.A. 98370.

B. TRIDENT CONVERSION ACTION - OCTOBER 28/29, 1979

A large demonstration and civil disobedience action is being planned to take place at the Trident Base on October 28 and 29. Organizing the event, is the October 28th Coalition, made up of several groups and including Ground Zero and Live Without Trident. It will be coordinated with other Trident Conversion Actions being held at other sites throughout the U.S.A. on the same day.

The Pacific Life Community in California is planning a civil disobedience action at the Lockheed missile plant in Sunnyville (where the Trident missiles are built;) the Great Lakes Life Community is planning an action in Detroit, and a demonstration at the experimental facility of the Sanguine-Seafarer site. (Seafarer is Trident's underground communications grid, scheduled for deployment in 3,000 square miles of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.) There will also be demonstrations at Groton, Connecticut, where the submarines are being built, and at the head office of General Dynamics which has the contract to build the subs.

The goals of the Trident Conversion Action are: 1) to make the public aware of the urgency of the nuclear threat, especially Trident; 2) to communicate the theme of USA and USSR Disarmament; 3) to empower a continually growing number of people to participate in mass resistance.

SCENARIO

On Sunday, October 28th, demonstrators will arrive at a meeting place near the Trident Base by 1:00p.m. Due to the probability of wet October weather, a stationary rally is impractical. Instead, there will be a march/parade to the Old Main Gate area of the Trident Base. Demonstrators will have brought with them symbols of disarmament, peace conversion, world citizenship, etc. in the form of banners, displays, murals and booths. With these symbols, demonstrators will build a settlement - - Peace Conversion City - - directly in front of the main gate, and inside the white line which designates the base's boundary. Throughout Sunday afternoon and evening, demonstrators will celebrate alternatives to Trident such as going beyond the SALT complicity of the superpowers to genuine disarmament, converting from weapons production to the service of human needs, reclaiming our world citizenship

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Those who are able to stay will bring food, tents and supplies. As many as 600 can sleep on the site Sunday night; more can stay at Ground Zero. The risk of arrest in Peace Conversion City on Sunday is estimated to be low, but those who choose to not take this risk can stay in safe, legal area outside the white line, and along the fence in front of the gate.

On Monday, October 29th in the morning and throughout the day, affinity groups which have already done nonviolence training will climb the fence, and if possible, take the themes of Peace Conversion into various Trident facilities, ranging from lower to high-security areas. Civil disobedience will continue for those who may have received only barring letters on Monday, and who wish to complete the civil disobedience action.

Guidelines

1. Civil disobedience participants are asked to make a minimum four-day commitment to this action, from October 27, for final preparation and training in Seattle. October 28th - building Peace Conversion City; October 29th - civil disobedience inside the Base; October 30th (if necessary) to repeat civil disobedience action in order to be charged.
- 2) Civil Disobedience participants are further encouraged to make a commitment to accept no bail and no personal recognizance for one week, remaining in jail until Sunday, November 4th.
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The only persons in B.C. trained by the October 28th Coalition to lead nonviolence training sessions are John Sawyer, Barbara Neuroth and Kathleen Wallace-Deering. John and Barbara can be reached by calling the Vancouver Pacific Life Community at 874-8868 and 688-5801. The P.L.C. address is 3255 Heather, Vancouver. Kathleen's address etc. appear on the heading of this report.

For further information call John, Barb or Kathleen or
Tel: (206) 779 - 4672 - - Contact Ground Zero, Route 5 Box 5423, Poulsbo, Wash.
Tel: (206) 633-8323 or - - October 28th Coalition, 79 Yesler Way, Seattle, Wash.

BRITISH COLUMBIA VOICE OF WOMEN LITERATURE COMMITTEE

R.R. 1, Fanny Bay, British Columbia VOR 1W0

Literature List for 1979

IDENTIFYING V.O.W.

The B.C. VOICE - sent to all members; subscriptions \$4/6 issues
Make the World a Home - our best introduction to V.O.W.
They Learned on the Job - a brief review of the early V.O.W.

NUCLEAR

Nuclear Myths - Comox Valley N-Responsibility reprint, 1979
Selling Nuclear Power Plants - Dorothy Rosenberg, 1979
Three Mile Island and the Public Health - Rosalie Bertell, 1979
Medical Implications of Nuclear Power - Helen Caldecott, 1978
Will Low-level Ionizing Radiation Bring an End to Life on
Earth? - Lille d'Easum, 1978
B. C. Medical Association brief to Pollution Control Board -
Robert F. Woollard, 1978
The Hazards of Uranium Mining - C.C.N.R. (Kelowna), 1978
The Candu Safety Myth - Lille d'Easum, 1978
Nuclear Power and Human Fragility - Rosalie Bertell, 1977
A Crossroad in Time: Will We Survive Nuclear Power? - Helen
Caldecott, 1977
Can We Live with Nuclear Power? - Mark Reader, 1977
Nuclear Notes - Scrapping the Atom - Karen Elliott House, 1977
Uranium Mines for B. C.? - Lille d'Easum, 1977
Uranium: its risks are great, leave it in the ground - Lille
d'Easum, 1977
Accidents on a Scale Unknown - John Moeleart, 1976
We Almost Lost Chalk River - Vancouver SUN, 1976
Selected Bibliography: Nuclear Power - Lille d'Easum, 1976
Some Opinions on Nuclear Power - Lille d'Easum, ed., 1976
Danger: Radiation - Canadian Coalition for N-Responsibility, '76
Energy to Produce Energy - Lille d'Easum, 1974
Excerpts from Pickering Annual Report - Lille d'Easum, 1972

ARMAMENT, DISARMAMENT AND OUR RIGHTS AS HUMANS

Coalition for World Disarmament brochure, 1979
SALT in Your Soup - Madeline Duckles, 1979
Passport to a World Without War - Ad Hoc Coalition, 1978
Statement of VOW to U.N. Special Session on Disarmament, 1978
Now It's a Naval Gap - George Ott, 1978
Power Plants & Weapons: the Nuclear Connection - Jerry Elmer, '78
Social Costs and the Arms Race - Ruth Leger Sivard, 1978
The Trident Nuclear Threat to Canada - William Epstein, 1978
The Ultimate First Strike Weapon - Robert Aldridge, 1978
Letter from a Jail - Phil Berrigan, John Schuchardt, 1978
What About Peace Conversion? - Comox Valley N-Responsibility, '78
Myths Behind the Arms Race - Soono Engineer
Trident & Nuremberg - Ben Metcalfe, 1977
Trident Reflections - Jim Douglass, 1976
Bill for Death Could Richly Aid the Living - Ruth Sivard, 1975
Death by Decree - Colin Turnbull, Natural History Magazine, '79
The Erosion of Our Civil Liberties - John Stanton

All above sheets & pamphlets: 1¢ per printed side from Lit. Comm.

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BOOKS

- No Nukes: everyone's guide to nuclear power - Anna Gyorgy and friends, Black Rose Books, Montreal, 1979
- Uranium: correspondence with the premier - Bill Harding, Regina Group, 2138 McIntyre Street, Regina, Sask, S4P 2R7, 1979
- The Hazards of Uranium Exploration - Jim Terral, Kootenay Nuclear Study Group, Box 205, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5P9, 1979
- Irrevy: an irreverent, illustrated view of n-power - John W. Gofman, Comm. for Nuclear Responsibility, San Francisco, 1979
- The Nugget File - Robert Pollard, Union of Concerned Scientists, 1208 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02138, 1979
- Progress for a Small Planet - Barbara Ward, Norton, 1979
- Politics of Energy - Barry Commoner, Alfred A. Knopf, 1979
- The Pentagon-CIA Archipelago: "The Washington Connection" and Third World Fascism - Noam Chomsky & Ed Herman, Black Rose Books, Montreal, 1979
- Barred from Prison - Claire Culhane, Pulp Press, October, 1979
- The Twenty-ninth Day - Lester R. Brown (World Watch), Norton, '78
- Nuclear Madness: what you can do - Helen Caldecott, Random, 1978

OTHER SOURCES

- Coalition for World Disarmament - #210A, 1811 W. 16th Avenue, Vancouver V6J 2M3. Membership \$5; Senior/Student \$2
- Ploughshares Monitor - Project Ploughshares, a working group on Canadian military policy, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G6, \$10/6 issues.
- Energy File - our very own, very excellent, scout on B.C. energy issues, \$8/year
- Our Generation - 3934 rue St. Urbain, Montreal H2W 1T7, \$7.50 for 4 issues.
- Harrowsmith - splendid for down-to-earth-work--and that isn't all, Camden House Publishing, Ltd., Camden East, Ontario K0K 1J0, \$10/8 issues.
- Win - 503 Atlantic Avenue, Floor 5, Brooklyn NY 11217. \$15 brings this keen movement publication nearly every week of the year.
- Canadian Dimension - Suite 801, 44 Princess Street, Winnipeg, Man. R3B 1K2, \$10/8 issues; students and pensioners \$7.
- New Internationalist - 113 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201, \$12/year
- Critical Mass Journal - P.O. Box 1538, Washington, D.C. 20013, \$7.50/year.
- Nuclear Hazards - Nuclear Hazards Information Center, Box 619, Woodstock, NY 12498, \$10/12 issues.
- New Age - P.O. Box 4921, Manchester, New Hampshire 03108. \$12/12 issues, with extra postage outside the U.S.
- Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR) - 2010 Mackay, Montreal, \$10/year. Send for publications list.
- Nuclear Newsletter - Saskatoon Environmental Society, P.O. Box 1372, Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 3N9. Monthly sheet.
- Kootenay Nuclear Study Group Newsletter - Box 205, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5P9, \$8/year.

Lille D'Easum spoke briefly of several current interests:

1. The Meetings arranged for AMORY LOVINS' visit to B.C. in September.
(His newest book, "The Energy Controversy" contrasts his 'Soft Path' energy alternatives with "what isn't working now." Mr. Lovins argues that "Soft energy paths would do away with nuclear power, cut pollution, cut oil imports, use alternative, renewable energy systems" THE ENERGY CONTROVERSY explains what the argument is all about. The book is available from Friends of the Earth, 124 Spear St. San Francisco, Calif. 94105; and from Hurtig Publications in Edmonton, Alberta.)
2. The worst disaster in U.S.A. Nuclear history took place in New Mexico and received NO MEDIA PUBLICITY whatever. It involved Los Angeles' Water supply!
3. The South Pacific has been used as a Nuclear Testing Area by ALL THE MAJOR POWERS! Shall S. Pacific Isles now become Superports - for Arms, Wastes?
4. We ALL have Strontium 90 in our bones. Its further accumulation will lead inevitably to the extinction of life on earth.
5. The Myth of Candu Safety is just that - a myth - and should be seen in the context of the economics of nuclear energy. (Economics means profit for some.)
6. Further work with the Spiderwort plant, a small radiation detector. It is a small trailing plant, native to N. America. When exposed to even low levels of radiation, the stamen hairs change color, from pink to blue. (The best known species is one of the plants called Wandering Jew.)
7. At the Hiroshima Conference in August, George Wald, biologist and Nobel prize-winner was the star speaker. Lille attended both this and the ensuing conference at Nagasaki. The themes, "NO MORE HIROSHIMAS"; "NO MORE NAGASAKIS"; while ideally desirable will require practical ideas and more than minor changes in attitudes and activities on the world stage, to bring them to fulfillment.
8. The enthusiastic response at the 1979 NDP convention in Vancouver to Dr. Fred Knelman's address could be an encouraging sign of response in political circles to the Soft Path, Renewable Resources approach to future world energy requirements.
9. The least each of us can do is to be well-informed, so that when we meet and talk with other people we can be factual and convincing. Lille has written and published widely on topics mentioned above and on Low-level Radiation; Uranium Mining in B.C. etc. The Literature List, on an orange sheet enclosed with this report, was prepared by Mary Cox, Literature Chairwoman. Note seven of these papers. Further quantities are available from Mary, at R.R. 1, Fanny Bay, B.C. Please write - and read - and distribute!

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL IN VANCOUVER OFFERED A FREE COURSE CALLED "NUCLEAR POWER AND THE LAW" STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 20th? IT WAS TO BE AT THE KITSILANO BRANCH LIBRARY ON MACDONALD ST. WE WONDER WHAT HAS OCCURRED THERE. HAS ANYONE ATTENDED WHO COULD MAKE A REPORT?
(People's Law School 2110-C West 12th Avenue . Tel: 734-1126)

Martin Rossander presented a paper, "THE CASE FOR KRENITE". It began, "Mac Millan Bloedel conducts chemical warfare against wildlife Habitat." It ended, "The answer is simple - no insurance company is foolhardy enough to touch it. There can be no justification for either proven or unproven chemicals because the chemical route is the wrong way to go.

STILLWATER RESIDENTS REFUSED TO BECOME GUINEA PIGS
AND THEY SAID SO."

(For more of this story and for other fascinating tales, write to Martin in Powell River. It's R.R. 1, Centennial Drive. He will be glad to hear from you and to answer requests for more.)

The address of the ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE AGAINST URANIUM MINING is Suite 405 - 207 West Hastings St., Vancouver. V6B 1H7 Tel: 688-8361. Del White is the Office Co-ordinator. "The Environmental Alliance Against Uranium Mining, an Alliance of the Sierra Club, SPEC, and the Federation of B.C. Naturalists has been formed to intervene at these hearings, opposing uranium mining in B.C."

They need people who can do almost any old thing; the list of usable skills needed, is a long one. Why not get in touch? Why not volunteer!

Our President, Jean Craig, reminded us that within the past 15 months, the Voice of Women through its members has been involved in :

Education re the dangers of smoke detectors and micro-wave ovens.
Removal of abandoned barrels of radioactive material from a vacant lot in Surrey.

Objection to the spraying of spruce budworm in the Fraser Canyon.
Support and participation in the Genelle residents' stand against exploration for uranium in their watershed.

Opposition to the proposed 500,000 volt transmission line to Vancouver Island - the so-called Cheekeye-Dunsmuir Line. (There is a strong suspicion that this plan fits in with future nuclear use.)

The Lasqueti Island Energy Conference which resulted in the formation of the B.C. Energy Coalition.

Attendance at Dr. Sadao Ishikawa's lectures and workshops on the use of the Spiderwort plant in detection of low-level radiation.

Questioning Federal and Provincial candidates on their Party's policies on the Nuclear Development Issue.

A part in the Federal Conference of the Committee on Nuclear Issues in the Community (CONIC) in March/79.

and in the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Health and Environmental Hazards of Uranium Mining in British Columbia, which is continuing at present, and known as THE BATES' COMMISSION.

the voice of women has indeed been very busy with environmental issues.

IT'LL BE A GREAT DAY WHEN OUR DAY-CARE CENTRES HAVE ALL THE MONEY THEY NEED
AND THE NAVY HAS TO HOLD A BAKE SALE TO BUY BATTLESHIPS.(War Resisters League.)

environment

REPORTS (Continued)

Alice Coppard unremittingly continues her efforts in every phase of the multitude of current environmental issues, both locally and nationally. In addition, during the past year she attended, at SRI LANKA in Colombo, THE THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE CONSTITUTION FOR WORLD FEDERISM, and has prepared the following report:

After the Opening Addresses, the objectives of the four working sessions were outlined - Ratification Campaign; Shadow World Cabinet; Provincial World Parliament; Strategy.

The Ratification Campaign Session divided itself into three sections, one for acceptance & ratification by towns and committees; one to work with governments and nations; one with universities and colleges.

The World Shadow Cabinet identified as priorities 1) Disarmament and the abolition of war 2) Human Rights 3) Food & Agriculture 4) Population planning 5) Distribution of World Resources 6) Environment, Ecology and Pollution.

The Provisional World Parliament dealt with the practical matters such as the location of a Provisional World Parliament, when to convene, delegates' credentials, methods of financing on a continuing basis, defining and forming Legislative Committees on major world problems, methods of publicizing and implementing the decisions of the P.W.P., etc.

Strategy - I was one of thirteen in this Commission, representative of eight countries and four continents. Helen Tucker was elected to the Chair.

The Indian member, Tharyan Abraham of Cochin, brought forward a plan for interlinking India's water systems, enabling the people of India to feed themselves and to become eventually the bread-basket of the world. He proposed this as a five-year project, requiring world-wide co-operation of peoples, national governments and United Nations Agencies and the pooling of scientific, technical and engineering knowledge and skills. Basic to this plan is the idea of assisting people to develop their own resources toward a more satisfactory and fulfilling life for all.

The River of Destiny Plan, hopefully a prophetic and attractive name, has been emphatically endorsed by Buckminster Fuller and presented to the United Nations where it was favorably received but shelved for lack of funds. Now we hope to see "River of Destiny" and other similar people's projects become realities.

The Conference believed that all of us should become World Citizens to further the establishment of a Constitution for World Federation. (Details on how to become a World Citizen were included in the last (June) issue of The B.C. VOICE, Volume 14 No. 4)

Described sometimes as VOW's World Ambassador for Life, Alice wrote, "Attending the trial of the 10 Canadians who climbed over the fence at Bangor on the 9th June, I felt we should be very proud of these young people who spoke so eloquently and sincerely in their own defense. They quickly won the respect of the judge, who when passing sentence, regretted that he could not rule on the wider issues involved. He ruled that each defendant pay \$100 or give 100 hours in community service work of their own choice. * * * * *

REPORTS - - - PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES
TAXES FOR PEACE, NOT WAR

Introduced by Eileen Kenwood, Edith Adamson of Victoria Society of Friends spoke of the meeting she had attended on Grindstone Island, the topic of which was

"Alternative Military Policies for Canada."

In previous issues of The B.C. VOICE, reference has been made to Project Ploughshares, A small publication entitled Ploughshares Monitor emanates from the Ploughshares 'home', the Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, at regular intervals each year. It is concise, reasoned and factual, dealing mainly with Canadian Defence and Military Policies. Its price is \$10 per year and for those who are interested in closely following these issues, well worth the expenditure. The address is Conrad Greble College, Waterloo, Ontario. N2L 3G6

The TAXES FOR PEACE Campaign is gathering momentum. A slide cassette show, "Conscience and War Taxes" was shown to our gathering. It is effectively persuasive, suitable for showing to any serious-minded group of people and available at \$5.00 per loan from 1831 Fern Street, Victoria.

It has been shown at the Grindstone Island Peace Centre, at the Canadian Friends Yearly Meeting at Pickering College, at the Annual Meeting of the B.C. Voice of Women; it is to be on Community TV in Victoria in November and will have, by now, received many other exposures.

The Taxes For Peace, Not War Newsletter Number 2 has been sent to a wide mailing list of friends. Its Statement of Principles reads as follows:

1. In two world wars, the Canadian governments respected the right of conscientious objectors to refuse to kill in military service, and provided for alternative services.
2. Modern warfare, with its emphasis on sophisticated weapons, depends more and more on arms than on troops. The war machine today, with its capacity for widespread slaughter by remote control, makes it clear that personal refusal to fight is not enough to absolve the individual from responsibility for killing. It is through taxes that we wage war today. The strength of the war machine depends on those who pay for it.
3. The Canadian government should today respect the right of those who object to killing through taxes on religious or moral grounds, and provide them with a legal alternative. A Peace Tax Fund should be established in Canada. Tax-payers who object to their taxes being used to prepare for killing, should be able to direct their 'war taxes' to such a fund, to be distributed to bona fide peace organizations, for peace research, education and action.

Peace Tax Committee, 1831 Fern Street,
Victoria, B.C. V8W 4K4

TO OUR MEMBERS - Write and ask that your name be added to the Peace Tax Mailing List if you are not already receiving this information.

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