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## TOWARD A NEW OBJECTIVE

I N T H I S I S S U E : DORA RUSSELL (page 2) calls for the united efforts of the people of the world to curb the monstrosity of the military industrial complex. ANOTHER MOTHER FOR PEACE (page 3) mounts a campaign calling for President Carter to cut military spending and negotiate for a reversal of the arms race. ARNOLD TOYNBEE (page 4) says we must renounce the "maximization of wealth" or become extinct. "We have to reconsider our objective and to change it," declares Dr. Toynbee. "Unless and until we do this we shall not have peace either among ourselves or within each of us."

HOW CAN WE curb the monster machine of the military industrial complex while we depend upon the giant corporations? How can we begin to change mankind's greedy objectives until we have reconsidered our own?

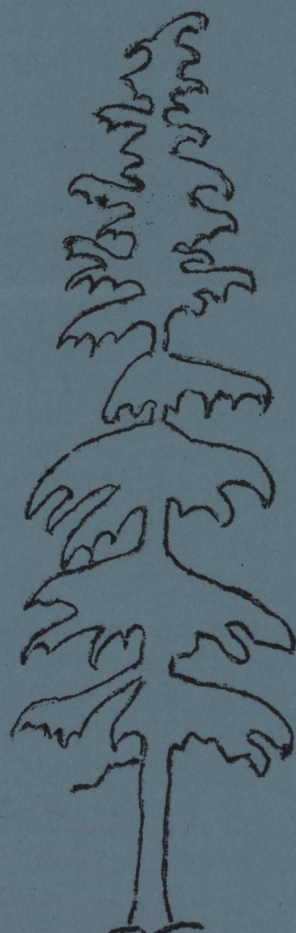
### WE IN VOICE OF WOMEN NEED TO:

GAIN, AND PASS ON, all the knowledge we can of the interlocking web of modern society in which the profit-seeking giant corporations are supported by us materialistic people. Those monsters appeal to our greed to make us need them, at the same time trampling on our rights and feeding on the arms race which threatens our survival. We must show how they feed on us, and how we might starve them out of existence by learning to live independently of them.

GAIN, AND PASS ON, all the knowledge we can of that other web, the web of interdependence of all living and non-living things, of which 'ecology' is the study. Such knowledge gives a sense of wonder, of perspectives, of direction. Perhaps it holds the seed of our new objective: for can it not generate, in modern man, a kind of "corporate worship of the gods who are the givers of the harvests that provide us with our daily bread"?

FOSTER a search for real objectives that can, and will, replace the material aggrandisement aim.

PUT OUR FEET where our mouths are - in other words we must have the guts to change our own lives, not a little but a LOT; and not tomorrow but TODAY. Working for a peaceful world demands, not just what we can comfortably spare, but our whole time, our whole energy, our whole selves.



- Deeno Birmingham



D O R A   R U S S E L L   C A L L S   F O R   A C T I O N

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The following article, taken from Call to Women\*, May-Aug. 1977, is by Dora Russell, widow of the late Bertrand Russell. Dora has long been a leader in the movement for women's rights.

There have been periods when it seemed that a desire for peaceful co-operation began to pervade peoples, and even government, and carried us forward on a wave of hope. Then enthusiasm waned, apathy and reaction took over once more. Just now is one of these troughs: the peace movement seems muted and despondent.

Yet AT NO TIME has it ever been more important that our voices be heard and every effort be made to put pressure upon national governments and the United Nations.

Not long since, many governments came together at Helsinki and we were told that certain principles of detente had been agreed. But since then constant efforts have been made to belittle what was there attempted and a spate of propaganda is going on by politicians and the media about the size of the Soviet forces relative to the alleged weakness of the West. Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Solzhenitsyn have been followed by endless comment. Lord Chalfont, once appointed by Harold Wilson as a Minister for Disarmament at the Foreign Office, has been engaged in the pursuit of what he believes to be socialist subversion. Where is our world going? Is a new war being deliberately fomented?

I want to repeat here what, with many others, I have been saying for more than fifty years - that the cold war between communist and non-communist, like the sectarian war between Catholic and Protestant in Ulster, is a nonsense. I do not deny that very sharp religious and political differences exist, but these cannot be settled by blowing to pieces cities and human bodies. To destroy your whole world because you disagree is sheer idiocy.

But I want to add a view that I think perhaps I alone or very few have held also for fifty years. This is that the enemy of mankind is what we have made of our industrial way of life. The rivalry of ideologies is used to obscure from us the truth that it is the industrial technological system which is making an end of democracy and paralysing our creative initiatives.

It is not a question of capitalism versus communism, it is the machine itself which we have allowed to evolve in our midst into what Eisenhower called the "military industrial complex." This is rampant, both East and West, setting out on its computerised Juggernaut course, harnessing our wealth, our work, our best brains in the service of aggression and violence. It wastes our scarce resources and pollutes our earth; as well as destroying bodies, it murders the generous impulses of the heart.

The Vietnamese people stood up to it and paid a very heavy price. The united efforts of the peoples of the world will be needed to curb this monstrosity. Human survival and that of our planet are at stake, not only in the risks of nuclear war and armaments, but in our whole vision of the destiny and purpose of human life. (emphasis ours - Ed.)

There is scarcely any part of our planet undiscovered; thus there is no refuge from the global problems that we face. Prophets of gloom

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abound. But we cannot afford to be pessimistic. First we must go on tirelessly trying to make the world's statesmen turn their minds to the real issues instead of the petty, involving personal careers or groups, with which they are - short-sightedly - concerned.

Next we must look for our allies - all those who still have faith in the forces of life with good purposes in every living thing. There are many born who would only seek to create, to think, to have children. The cruelty and devastation of war are forced upon them. There are now millions who are aware that we have taken a wrong direction - that the ends and values of our societies must change.

I can see no way but to hold fast to this belief and communicate it to others, in the hope that it will help to create thoughtful and tolerant democracies whose very existence must bring the arms race to an end and deliver humanity from the fatal impasse created by its own folly.

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ONE WAY TO FIGHT THE JUGGERNAUT

Across the border, ANOTHER MOTHER FOR PEACE is indeed "tirelessly trying to make the world's statesmen turn their minds to the real issues". Following are excerpts from their Feb. '77 Newsletter.

"During his election campaign, President Carter promised to cut the military budget and to work to reverse the arms race. And only one week after he won the election, a powerful new lobby calling itself the Committee on the Present Danger surfaced in Washington to launch a nationwide scare campaign that 'the Russians are coming!' ...and to convince the Congress and the White House of the need to increase military spending.

"The 141 founding members of the Committee on the Present Danger are leaders from the military-industrial-academic complex. They are Directors or former Directors of major arms manufacturers ... (and many) are affiliated with universities ... which last year received a total of \$170 million in military contracts.

"...The same small group of men who run the Committee on the Present Danger sponsor an interlocking, non-profit organization, the National Strategy Information Center, which also has a full-scale Washington office.

"The Washington press got hold of an internal memorandum, printed on Center stationery, stating that the Center has been 'granted \$1 million to crank up an all-out effort to meet the current and growing threat from the USSR - whether military, ideological or economic.' The memorandum spells out the Center's intent 'to interact with policy echelons in the White House and the Pentagon; to "tutor" Congressional staffs and brief members of Congress; to work with Trade Associations with an interest in "defense"; and to generate thro' the media "public information" on the Soviet threat.

"But the most chilling words in the internal memorandum are 'we are living in a pre-war and not a post-war world.' In other words, David Packard, Dean Rusk, et al, are telling us that nuclear war is inevitable... and the U.S. must go all out preparing for it, rather than devoting ourselves to preventing it.

"...For as long as we can remember, every Administration in Washington has served the Corporations and not the people. The Dept. of Agriculture works for Agri-business. The FDA protects the profits of the food processors and the pharmaceutical corporations. And so it goes. Above all, the Pentagon couldn't care less about protecting you and me. In the words of Pentagon cost analyst A. Ernest Fitzgerald, speaking of the Pentagon under Pres. Gerald Ford: 'It is entirely clear that the No. 1 priority



of the Pentagon is to protect the interests of the giant contractors - they are our constituents, not the taxpayer. Our job is to keep them as comfortable and happy as possible.'

"Pres. Jimmy Carter tells us that his Administration will serve the people of this country. He has promised to cut military spending and to negotiate for a reversal of the arms race.

"...This time we're going to see that promises are kept NOW. All the Corporation lobbies, propaganda, payoffs and doubletalk won't stop us now. The peace organizations, churches, consumer and other public interest groups have joined together to bring this Administration and this Congress to account: to halt the simultaneous inflation and unemployment which result from skyrocketing military spending, to convert from war to peacetime production, and to begin by transferring \$24 billion from military to people-serving programs.

"Send the enclosed postcard to your Representative today. And send for more cards to make sure he hears from others in your district - WE INSIST that our government begin to serve the people!!"

ANOTHER MOTHER FOR PEACE is "a non-profit, non partisan association whose goal is to eliminate war as a means of settling disputes between nations, peoples, and ideologies". Membership fees \$10.00 per year (students & seniors \$3). If you join them you will not only be supporting invaluable work but will also receive newsletters that are always informative, stimulating and inspiring.

ANOTHER MOTHER FOR PEACE, 407 North Maple, Beverly Hills, California 90210

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THE SIMPLETONS AND SEERS WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG

Excerpts from an article written by DR. ARNOLD TOYNBEE, at the age of 83, for the Observer, London, and reprinted in the Vancouver Sun, Nov. 17, 1972.

Mankind is now waging what is, in effect, a third world war. The belligerents are, as usual, trying to justify to themselves their inhuman treatment of their fellow human beings by hoisting ideological banners. The professed ideologies of opposing sides are intentionally incompatible with each other, but they are shams: there is no difference between the combatants' objectives and no difference, either, in their behavior.

The common objective is a continuous increase in material wealth; the common behavior is a ruthless use of power, whether individual or collective, to victimize the weaker members of society and to push them to the wall.

...Today, the rich minority is unhappy, yet is envied by those members of the poor majority who have been fascinated by the rich minority's aim in life. These are paradoxes. They signal the end of an epoch and portend a revolutionary change of mechanized man's aim and conduct.

At the same time, these paradoxes are not surprising. They are the predictable consequence of the deliberate rejection of the precepts of mankind's greatest seers, from the Buddha to St. Francis of Assisi.

These precepts are unanimous. The seers have declared that the maximization of material wealth is not a right, and therefore not a satisfying, objective for human beings.

...The cause (of our modern world's) malady is spiritual. We







CRY FROM A NOBODY

This cannot be allowed to happen.

This Mother Earth, fairest of the Galaxy, cannot be allowed to destroy itself.

It must not be consumed forever by the fires of a nuclear hell.

I am nobody, and I say this. You are nobody, and you must say this too.

It must be said to those we have made somebody.

The world I love lies on the green crests of swelling seas, the delicate veins of a leaf, the evensong of birds, the colors of the sunset, the delighted laugh of a babe's first discovery of life.

It is not a world of rocket-rattling, of cynical diplomacy, of lies and deceit and spying and unfaith.

This is a world I never made.

There are more nobodies than there are somebodies. The pigments of the skin and the mother tongues may differ, the noses may not look alike, some may have more of this world's goods, some may be always hungry, some may go in fear.

But there is one common link; they are Humanity.

They walk, they talk, they breathe, they laugh, they love, they weep, the nobodies.

They look up the high hills to the summit, and they yearn. Their hearts cry for what lies beyond the top.

Let their silence cease! Let the nobodies speak!

Man holds his destiny in his mind and heart and soul. The mind has harnessed the power of the sun. The stars beckon. The heart and soul cry

out that the era of universal goodwill and plenty is for the taking.

It requires only common-sense, faith and a sense of justice.

I no longer care who is right or who is wrong.

My one care is that skies shall not open in fissioned death, then close forever on what we would have made a brighter, fairer world for each and every one of us.

It need not be.

Say with one voice: this far and no farther.

This is a time for nobodies.

If it is not, there will be no other time.

Say it:

This cannot be allowed to happen.

- Horace Brown

This poem (published in a VOW newsletter back in the 60's) was used by Alice Coppard to conclude most of her talks at the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR PEACE ACTION held in Wellington, New Zealand in February '77, where she represented VOW Canada, Council of Women (Vancouver chapter) and SPEC; she received a great many requests for it.

Reporting on the Convention to our own Provincial Annual Meeting in May, Alice said that it had resulted in the drawing together of many groups, and ideas, and a dedication to action. She spoke of a consistent emphasis on "constructive, continuing action which must come from the grass roots level". (emphasis ours - Ed.)

A booklet on the Convention will be available for \$1.00, including the main speeches and an overall summary with the ideas for action in order of their priority. (Write to Alice, whose address appears on p.8)



BANGOR SUMMER: our chance to confront the TRIDENT system

The contents of a notice recently mailed by Pacific Life Community of New Westminster to its supporters should be circulated to all persons interested in the Trident resistance movement. This is a summary of its message. Please share it with others.

BANGOR SUMMER

This may be our last chance to try to stop nuclear war. The nuclear arms race is almost totally out of control. It is our responsibility to put every effort into arresting the programme now going forward in the country bordering our own--now, before dozens of other nations join the "nuclear club" in the name of national self-interest, now before the convening next May of the Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly on Disarmament. The United States, ahead of all others in missile development, and with powerful arms corporations pushing for more contracts, is in special need of nonviolent resistance from an aroused international community.

The May 1 issue of the Seattle Post Intelligencer shows a headline: "The Summer of Trident: It's Full Speed Ahead on the Bangor Base." As our response to the most destructive weapons system in history, we offer Bangor Summer. It is an experiment in the hope that the presence of people offering themselves in the struggle will influence the headlong thrust toward nuclear war. Our purpose is to become a steady, truthful and loving presence at the construction site of nuclear genocide, to create a moral and political crisis to disrupt the Trident programme.

We invite you to explore this hope and purpose with us by joining this summer in one (or more) of the nonviolent training sessions listed below, which will take place near the Trident submarine base in Bangor, Washington.

BANGOR SUMMER CALENDAR

- June 25-26--Trainers and coordinators arrive at Bangor Summer Base Camp.
- June 27-30--Orientation for trainers and coordinators.
- July 1-4----Annual Fellowship of Reconciliation Conference at Seabeck, Washington. Nonviolent training for July 4 action at Trident base. For Seabeck Conference registration and information, write:  
Fellowship of Reconciliation  
947 East Broadway, Seattle, Washington.
- July 4-----Summer's first large-group action at Trident base.
- July 5-12---First nonviolent training session at Base Camp.
- July 13-20--Second " " " " " "
- July 21-28--Third " " " " " "
- July 11-21 and July 29--August 9--Touring children's theatre in the Bangor area. For theatre workshop information, write:

John Tomlinson  
Box 496, Clinton, B.C. VOK 1K0

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July 30-August 1--Trident to Life Cultural Festival, Vancouver.

Aug. 1-9---Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days training session, Bangor Summer Base Camp.

Aug. 6-9---Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days actions at Trident Base. Hiroshima-Nagasaki fast and silent vigil. For information on fast at Bangor and solidarity fasts elsewhere, write:

Trisha Marymoon  
616 24th Avenue, East  
Seattle, Washington

Aug. 11-14--Annual War Resisters League Conference, Lacey, Washington. Nonviolent training at conference.

For WRL conference registration and information write:

War Resisters League  
331 17th Avenue, East  
Seattle, Washington

August 14--Large-group action at Trident base.

For training sessions: July 5-12, 13-20, 21-28, Aug. 1-9:

How to get there: Take Seattle-Bremerton ferry. From Bremerton, drive south on Highway 3. Go left on Highway 16. Continue south on 16. Look for church on right, and turn right just before it, on Linder Road. Go past first paved road on right, then take first driveway on right, going down hill to Base Camp.

What to bring: Sleeping bag, towel, toothbrush, and your favorite book on nonviolence (to share insights for discussion and silent reflection). If you have a tent, bring that, too. Some of us will be camping at a state park during the training sessions.

Cost: \$10 for the week. Some food to help with meals would be appreciated also. If you can't bring either \$10 or food, come anyhow!

Where to write (to tell us which training session you want to attend):

Bangor Summer Task Force  
Pacific Life Community  
335 8th Street  
New Westminster, B.C.  
Phone: (604) 526-4329

or

Bangor Summer Task Force  
Pacific Life Community  
616 24th Avenue, East  
Seattle, Washington  
Phone: (206) 324-7184



