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.....A thought for winter, 1980: While Soviet and American leaders heckle each other over who is responsible for the arms race, over who more deeply violates human rights, these two superpowers move steadily closer to the brink of nuclear war, by accident or by the act of a politically irrational leader.

The real issue is not who is most to blame for the arms race. The real issue is who is rational enough and responsible enough to end it NOW. --from War Resisters League Action Special, % War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York 10012.

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* * * SPECIAL FEATURE * * *

P A X Women's International League P A X
for Peace and Freedom
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WHY WILPF IS BEING FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE VOICE:

1977 VOW National Newsletter, Donna Elliott, National Co-ordinator:
"I talked with all groups about the proposal of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) that there be some kind of affiliation between their organization and ours. Since there is no provision in their constitution for affiliation, WILPF has suggested that VOW become a national section of WILPF, maintaining its autonomy and name. Under our letterhead would read, in smaller print, 'National Section of WILPF.' Of course, no final decision has been made on this, nor will it be made until we can have an annual meeting."

1978 Voice of Women Annual Meeting in Toronto, October 15: A motion "that decision re membership in WILPF be deferred for one year."
(Kay Macpherson/Alice Coppard) Motion carried.

1979 B.C. Executive, Voice of Women, gave its approval to a motion that the Canadian Voice of Women ally itself with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, in whatever way may be constitutionally feasible.

The Vancouver Branch of WILPF was established in 1921. Mrs. J.S. Woodsworth, Mrs. Laura Jamieson, Mrs. Dorothy Steeves and Miss Kate Lane were among its founders.

A more peaceful Future?WILPF then.

What effect can or will women have on international affairs, on armaments, on militarization? . . . I see the route forward in human relations as a non-violent one, not as much because I see women as intrinsically more peace-loving (though indeed it is possible that overall they are) but because . . . I believe that the bonus from learning to co-operate and to treat each other with love and respect instead of fear will be beyond estimation and will diminish the sum total of violence in the world. . . .

As for armaments, given the reduction in the will to war which could follow on the development of a more co-operative society, fiscal priorities will change and we shall no longer be willing to hand over such vast sums to those who produce nothing but a means of destruction.

A related area is that of international relations. International relations is a field traditionally quite outside the sphere of women's influence. It has not always - perhaps it has never ever - been outside the scope of her interest. The first world war was a time of change for women in Europe, Britain and North America. They were called on to work in all kinds of activities previously closed to them and they astonished everyone - even themselves - by their competence in occupations they had repeatedly been told they couldn't possibly tackle.

IT IS LESS WELL KNOWN that a considerable number - mostly women activists who had campaigned strenuously for the vote but had rejected the violent extremes of the militant suffragettes - found themselves unable to commit themselves to support a fight to the finish and began early in the war to seek out means of bringing the war to as just an end as possible, and of fostering education towards a more peaceful world order when it was over. REFUSING TO DEFER to those who told them that they couldn't possibly meet during wartime without themselves breaking up in violent quarrels, WOMEN FROM MOST OF THE BELLIGERENT AND A NUMBER OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES CONVENED IN APRIL 1915 AT THE HAGUE. They ruled out of order recrimination on war guilt and set to work to plan for peace. Several things emerged from their conference. THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM was inaugurated. The Congress adopted a proposal for a practical approach to peace negotiations, which was drawn up in fact by a young Canadian woman, Julia Grace Wales.

[From an article, "Women, People and The Future" by Jo Vellacott, in HUMANIST IN CANADA, Winter 1980, No. 51. Pub. by Pacific Northwest Humanist Publications, P.O. Box 157, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2M6. Capitalization added.]

THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM (WILPF)

seeks to unite women throughout the world into a force working to put an end to war. The League maintains that peace can be built only if human rights and freedoms are safeguarded. It is founded in the belief that women can make a particular contribution to efforts to construct a lasting peace.

The WILPF works for disarmament, and the elimination of violence in relations between States.

WILPF condemns all nuclear tests.

WILPF condemns Racist Policies.

WILPF condemns Military Aid and Loans for military purposes by any country to another.

WILPF condemns the stationing of troops, weapons, military advisers in any foreign country.

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THE VOICE OF WOMEN (VOW) speaks against the manufacture, sale and export of armaments, against nuclear proliferation, against Canadian involvement in military alliances.

VOW speaks for the goal of 'Security through Disarmament', for a moratorium on Nuclear Development (unless its problems of waste disposal and accidental releases of radiation can be overcome,) for leaving Uranium in the ground while developing clean, safe Energy sources, for World Peace and toward a world fit for its children to live in. for generous Aid - Foods, Medical, etc. - to people anywhere in the world who are stricken by famine, flood, war, and other calamities, whether natural or man-made.

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Jane Addams, who presided at the First International Congress of Women, wrote in "Peace and Bread",

"We believe that experience condemns force as a self-defeating weapon although men still turn to it . . . in dealing with crime, in effecting or preventing social change, and above all in carrying out national policies."

(Further information available from the Vancouver Branch, The Women's International League For Peace and Freedom, 1768 West 11th Ave., V6J 2C3, as e.g;

"Highlights of History, 1915-1965", "WILPF - What it is; What it does.")

AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN 1978, Kay Camp, international president of WILPF, addressed the President of the U.S.A. as follows:

"You know that there is no defense against nuclear war... We will be far more secure with world disarmament under effective verification and control, than in the saturation of the globe with the means of mass annihilation.

"You know that the arms race is a bad investment. Years of excessive military spending have seriously damaged the economy. Military spending is inflationary. It produces fewer jobs than does equivalent spending for housing, health care or education.

"Yet your administration downgraded the importance of the First United Nations Special Session devoted to Disarmament, doing ourselves and the world a grave injustice. We lost a great opportunity for leadership in a global course of action which is inevitable if humanity is to survive."

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.....from the COMOX DISTRICT FREE PRESS, 14 November, 1979

Seven jet fighters were sent aloft from CFB Comox early Friday morning in response to a false missile alert apparently caused by computer error.

Although Military authorities say it took only six minutes to correct the error and call the fighters back, CFB Comox pilots probably thought they were facing the real thing--an air attack from the Soviet Union.

The seven CF-101 Voodoo jets that were scrambled in response to the missile alert had to take off without being fully armed. Only two of the planes carried missiles of the conventional infra-red, air-to-air type, while the other five were unarmed.

The Voodoo is primarily designed to carry nuclear warhead-equipped missiles, but there wasn't time Friday morning to arm the planes.

CFB Comox information officer Maj. Jim Gregory said the alert, received about 8 a.m., came as such a "surprise" that the five unarmed jets took off to avoid being destroyed on the ground in the event of an attack on the base.

Normally, he said, there would be a "build-up" of alerts allowing personnel time to arm the fighters with nuclear weapons before taking to the air....

CFB Comox personnel and aircrews came up with an "excellent" response to Friday's surprise alert, Maj. Gregory said, adding that their "adrenalin probably flowed a little quicker." But he said the crews are trained all the time to react to the threat of a real Soviet air attack....

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R.R. 1, Port Washington, B.C.
South Pender Island. (VON 2T0)
December 22, 1979

FOR B.C. VOICE

ECOTOXICITY— RESPONSIBILITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Report from Canadian Environmental Advisory Council by Dr. Ross Hume Hall, Head of Dept. of Biochemistry, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario and Dr. Donald Chant, Dept. of Zoology, University of Toronto. AVAILABLE FREE from Executive Secretary, Environmental Advisory Council, Dept. of the Environment, Ottawa, K1A 0H3.

More than 63,000 man-made chemicals are now in commercial use; they are increasing at about 1,000 more per year.

Too little is known, (and what is known is often unheeded), of even short-term effects - let alone any great knowledge of long-term effects.

There is very little being done about searching for alternatives to chemicals.

THERE ARE TOO FEW TOXOLOGISTS, a totally inadequate number even to test for harmful effects, the masses of chemicals surrounding us.

Say the authors, "Chemical technology is outstripping our knowledge of the biological effects of chemicals. All chemicals, in some form, eventually end up in the environment, where they have the potential to cause harm to humans and other species."

We are apt to stress nuclear hazards, uranium mining, mercury, lead, asbestos, etc. But there are so many others whose dangers have not yet shown themselves to be so pronounced, - or those dangers have been kept from us.

So many chemicals in common use are quite unnecessary.

(Signed) Eve Smith.

THANK YOU, EVE, AND FOR THE BOOK REVIEWS WHICH FOLLOW ON SUCCEEDING PAGES.

"It would have been a good vacation, but for the problems of getting good food," the tired volunteer said. "In some places I had an awful time getting food like whole wheat bread, unprocessed cheese and good potatoes. When I asked for whole wheat bread the waitress would bring brown, which is only colored white bread. The vegetables were often overcooked, soggy and tasteless. It was even hard to get a good, plain salad, without gooey dressings."
(From 'Food for Thought' in January/80 Newsletter, Canadian Schizophrenia Foundation)
Address: 2229 Broad Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 1Y7 - Request Free Pamphlet.

TIME BOMB -- by Peter van de Linde -- (Doubleday & Co., N.Y.)

The horrific dangers of L.N.G. Liquid Natural Gas - the latest insanity to provide a wasteful world with energy, instead of using the sun. Gas is compressed into ships a thousand feet long. To carry that amount of gas in its natural condition the ships would have to be 100 miles long.

And we are hearing talk of LNG ships being brought through Lancaster Sound, up to Britannia from Kitimat. Look at a map and see the hazardous route they would be travelling. We have been opposing oil tankers in these waters for many years. An oil spill is probably more harmful to the environment, but an LNG Carrier could explode into nothingness with all on board. To have storage tanks and tankers near populated areas is potential murder. (Eve Smith)

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+++ YOU MIGHT LIKE TO ASK YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIAN FOR THESE BOOKS AND OTHERS. +++

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THE SUN BETRAYED -- by Ray Reece -- A study of the Corporate Seizure of U.S. Solar Energy Development -- (Black Rose Books, 3981 blvd St. Laurent, Montreal, H2W 1Y5)

Solar energy is by its nature the most democratic and humane of the world's energy resources. Properly developed, it could furnish up to 30% of the country's energy requirements by the year 2000; it could also generate a peaceful revolution in the socioeconomic structure of North America. But the solar promise is being subverted. Since 1971, a technocratic alliance of federal agencies, major corporations, utilities, and elite universities has evolved a solar development strategy aimed at placing control of solar energy in the hands of the same corporate oligarchs who control the rest of the economy. . . Already the strategy has produced the ruination of hundreds of small solar enterprises while enabling corporations to purchase or create solar subsidies with millions of tax dollars. (From Publishers Blurb- D.B.)

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"ALTERNATIVES: JOURNAL OF FRIENDS OF THE EARTH" -- Canada's new national Environment Magazine, from Alternatives, c/o Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B8. \$10 per year -- 4 issues.

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PORTRAIT OF A SPY by Ivan Adams (Gage & Co.) -- R.C.M.P. Intelligence, the Inside Story.

"In 25 years, the RCMP has caught only one illegal - one real spy. Not a hell of a lot to brag about, is it?" asks Inspector D.V. of the RCMP Security Services. Not, indeed, "a hell of a lot", to spend millions of dollars on, is it? Chivying people around! (Eve Smith)

OPERATION MORNING LIGHT by Leo Heaps - "Terror in our Skies, the true story of COSMOS 954" (dedicated to A.A. Heaps, a founder of the CCF.)

Exhaustive research into the Cosmos 954 calamity shows how the truth of the dangers of extensive radioactive contamination was not made generally accessible to the public, and then traces the details of the long, painstaking search for radioactive particles in the frozen north. Just one more way in which our earth is being made uninhabitable. (E.S.)

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LIQUIDATE THE GUILTY, Prof says. (Vancouver Sun, January/80)

Major corporate crimes ought to be punishable by death - or in this case, liquidation of the guilty corporations - says a University of New Hampshire humanities professor.

Her plan would broaden sharply the penalties available against businesses found guilty of criminal offences; now they generally can be punished only by fines - which are often miniscule for giant corporations, even when judges impose maximum penalties.

Noreen Dorneburg . . . said the most serious corporate wrong-doing, such as massive pollution - should be a crime, carrying punishment that could include 'death' or conversion of the firm and its assets to public service.

She described middle management employees as the strongest defenders of the current capitalist system. "Middle management feels it has to defend the system because it has no power to change it" she said.

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Also from the Van Sun: (New Year's Eve in Oakalla - Ed.) "About 20 prisoners took part in a 13 hour protest, which followed prisoner complaints about deficiencies in the medical and educational programs, excessive use of disciplinary methods and cut-backs in visiting privileges. . . Destruction included all windows, most light fixtures and furnishings. The prisoners also activated the fire extinguishers, coating everything with dry foam. . . The protesters barricaded themselves into the upstairs hall and were only dislodged by a riot-equipped squad of guards from the men's jail up the hill. No one was injured during the incident, and police were not called in. . . Harrison said he had ordered the temporary reopening of the controversial "cow barns" isolation unit to house the protesters. The unit located underground near an old barn on the jail property, was closed several years ago because of its archaic and unhealthy conditions."

(Comment 1 - Some people have no sense of humor, especially when dragged away from their own New Years Party to settle a bunch of women. Comment 2 - What would you do to make New Years Eve a special celebration if you were in Oakalla? - D.B.)

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BARRED FROM PRISON by Claire Culhane (Pulp Press, Vancouver) and PRISON DOCTOR by Guy Richmond, who was Medical Director at Oakalla for many years.

These two books complement each other. They deal, with sympathetic understanding, with the penal system and all its shortcomings and injustices. Claire's book details tragic happenings and appalling conditions at the B.C. Pen. She details the lack of adequate methods to deal with prisoners, and with the inadequacies of the Parole system in Canada. Dr. Richmond sees poor nutrition as a factor in behavioral abnormalities.

PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT - FEMINIST PARTY OF CANADA
(Box 5717, Station A, TORONTO, M5W 1A0)

The present world has so far excluded the creative contributions of women to public life. We see our society and politics as male dominated, structured around technology and the profit motive. The entire perspective and sensibility of our part of the population has been excluded from any consideration, and from the political sphere.

Feminism is now a world-wide perspective. Everywhere there are growing numbers of women and men (people) committed to the women's movement. The FPC is currently in formation. The Party is rooted in the women's movement and in feminist thought. It represents the determination of Feminists to become active in the decision-making political process. It offers an alternate political analysis of human life, based on different values than those existing in other political parties. We place top priority on the following values :

1. Non-violence - freedom from war, brutality, torture, armaments.
2. Protection of the Environment - air, water, land, living species.
3. Economic policies to prevent excessive profit-taking and monopoly control.
4. Protection of health through safe environment, safe food, consumer-oriented health.
5. Education toward all attaining their potential, continuing throughout life.

(Comment and Suggestions are requested. Send to F.P.C. at address given)

"Materialism and acquisitiveness will have to be replaced by deeper and more spiritual values, in which our happiness depends less on our possessions and more upon personal maturity and cultural riches. We will survive only if we succeed in the near-total transformation of our values. Succeeding generations will live better with less, but will like living a lot better." (E.F. Schumacher - Harpers, 1973)

"Too often the purpose and content of debate is devoted to the interests and aspirations of governments and politicians, not of the peoples they represent. Too often the energies and skills of delegations are devoted to the goal of political advantage, not of human betterment". (Secretary of State for External Affairs, Flora MacDonald, to the # 34th Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly, September 25, 1979)

WORK MUST BE REDEFINED SO THAT A PERSON'S WORTH IS DETERMINED BY CULTURAL MEASURE MORE THAN BY THE KIND OF WORK ONE DOES AND THE SIZE OF ONE'S PAY. (Martin Rossander to People Talking Back, in support of the idea of Guaranteed Adequate Income for all.)

From the Advisory Council on the Status of Women - EVERYBODY GETS OLD. Yes, but

- * Right now, more than one million women in Canada are over 65 -- $\frac{1}{4}$ million more than men in the same age group.
- * 3 out of 5 women over 65, and 4 out of 5 women over 75 are widowed, divorced, or single. Only half of Canadian women over 65 live with husband, children, or any relative. (1977)
- * 1 out of every 4 single, separated or divorced retired women over 70 live in a rooming house. (1975) And almost 70% of the residents of nursing homes are women over 65.
- * 3 out of 4 single, widowed or divorced women over 70 had annual incomes under \$5,000. (1977)
- * About 333,000 single, widowed or divorced women over 60 live in poverty -- three times the number, of men in the same circumstances. (1977)
- * Women who become widowed after 65 suffer a sharp, sudden drop in income. The average income for women over 65 and on their own, is just $\frac{1}{4}$ of the average income for couples aged 45 - 64. (1977)

(Contact : ACSW, Box 1541, Station B, Ottawa, K1P 5R5)

:THE RICH WORLD'S POOR - A New Internationalist guide to those who don't have enough and those who have more than enough.:

Officially, most Western nations have established poverty lines -- usually a figure somewhere near one-half the average family income. If a family spends two-thirds of its income on basic necessities it is likely to live below the poverty line.

In the US an estimated ten percent of all families are poor.

In the UK there are close to eight million people below the poverty line; nearly 15% of the population

In Canada, nearly 20 percent of the population -- about 4.5 million -- live below the official poverty line.

In the US in 1972, women in fulltime work earned only 58 cents for every dollar earned by men.

In Canada in 1973 only 4.2 percent of all women workers had managerial jobs.

In Canada nearly 25 percent of children under 16 are poor.

In the UK in 1976, women with husbands in the top social class had a death rate 35% below the national average; women whose husbands were in unskilled occupations had a death rate 65% above the national average.

There are many forms of TORTURE, which those caught in the net of one sort or another have no choice but to suffer. Some are shockingly overt and obvious; others are insidious, slow and quietly accomplished. We, in VOW, set ourselves against every kind of torture, every type of inhumanity. We support all who strive to win full lives for themselves and their loved ones and not MERELY TO EXIST. WE, IN THE VOICE OF WOMEN, CARRY THE Vision of a BETTER WORLD - A WORLD STILL TO BE CREATED.

TAXES FOR PEACE, NOT WAR.

Statement of Principles: In two World Wars, Canadian governments respected the right of conscientious objectors to refuse to kill, and exempted them from military service, approving alternative services of a non-combatative, humanitarian nature.

(In some Provinces, taxpayers allocate school taxes according to conscience, to whichever school system they prefer, denominational or otherwise.)

Modern warfare, with its emphasis on expensive weapons depends more on arms than on armies. Personal refusal to kill is not enough to absolve the individual from responsibility for killing. The strength of the Warmachine depends on those who pay for it through taxes.

Therefore our government should provide, for those who object on religious and ethical grounds, a legal alternative to war taxes such as A PEACE TAX FUND, to which the portion of their taxes, equivalent to the war taxes, could be directed.

* * * WHAT CAN I DO? * * *

1. Donate to registered organizations with Peace Programs, such as Canadian Peace Research Institute, Project Ploughshares, Amnesty International, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Friends' Service Committee, and others. This helps to promote peace and to reduce your Income Tax payable .
2. Write to the Minister of National Revenue and to your Member of Parliament, House of Commons, Ottawa, ONY. K1A 0A6. Tell them of your objection to your taxes being used for war purposes. Request the establishment of a Peace Tax Fund.
3. Write letters to newspapers, talk to your friends; encourage others to take a stand against taxes for war and in favor of a Peace Tax Fund.
4. [WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THIS PAGE, AND THIS PAPER, PLEASE PASS THE MESSAGE ALONG SO THAT OTHERS MAY KNOW]

Some useful addresses: The Canadian Peace Research Institute (a tax-deductible, non-profit organization) 119 Thomas Street, Oakville Ontario L6J 3A7.

Amnesty International (Canadian Section) 2101 Algonquin,

P.O.Box 6033, Station J Ottawa, Ont. K2A 1T1

Sponsored by :] The Peace Tax Fund Committee, 1831 Fern Street, [

] Victoria, B.C. V8R 4K4

The arsenals of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. already contain more than 14,000 strategic and nuclear warheads and bombs with globe-girdling range, the smallest of them many times more powerful than the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. (Van Sun Ed., November 10, 1979)

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BUT the forces of life are asserting themselves with great energy, energy that comes directly from the sun and which exceeds all other forms being itself the source of all Earth's energy. The people are on the march everywhere in the world against oppression and hunger. Cruel tyrannies, supported by military might, have fallen and will, inevitably continue to do so. **THEY WILL PASS AWAY; THEIR TIME HAS COME!** (Dec. Newsletter, San Francisco Women for Peace)

WRITE TO A. PASSARELL, M.L.A., ATLIN, B.C. supporting him in his stand FOR the protection of the Environment of a breath-takingly beautiful section of B.C., FOR the interests and livelihoods of the Native People, and AGAINST the depradations exploitation and short-sightedness of Mining Corporations, which they jokingly call Progress and Development! Send copies of your letter to J. Fulton, M.P., Ottawa and to The Atlin RagTime News, Box 14, Atlin, B.C. VOW 1A0.

* * * * THE ADDRESS of NAPO, National Anti-Poverty Organization, is 196 Bronson Ave. Ste. 300, Ottawa, Ontario. K1R 6H3. Marjorie Hartling, Executive Director, would be glad to answer your inquiries. There is a good news-letter, NAPO-INFO. It requests letters and articles.

**** CBC showed "PAUL JACOBS & THE NUCLEAR GANG", Feb. 8th on "The Nature of Things" If you saw it, send congratulations. If not, ask that it be repeated. (I. Abbey)

**** SUGAR is good stuff after all. It can be made into Methanol, a great 'gas' for cars to run on. Common Alder, called "The Weed Plant" by Hydro, makes Methanol too. Conservative defence minister Allan McKinnon thinks replacing "ridiculous" 20-year-old military equipment should be the first priority of his successor in the new Liberal government.

**** A GOOD RECIPE for MUFFINS (3) or thinned for PANCAKES. He said he will be particularly interested in how quickly the new government makes a decision on a new jet fighter aircraft.

- 30 g (6 tbs) Soy Protein Flour (Powder)
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/4 tsp Sea Salt, Pinch of B. Pepper
- 1/4 - 1/2 tsp crushed celery seed
- 1 large egg
- 5-10 ml (1-2 tsp) Oil
- Water - 50 ml. (enough for soft batter)

+ He said the Conservatives were only one day away from choosing between the F-16 and the F-18A aircraft when the government was defeated in the House of Commons Dec. 13.

MIX Soy, B. Powder and Seasonings. Beat Egg, beat in Oil, beat in part of Water. STIR in dry ingredients. Add more Water as needed for soft batter. DIVIDE among 3 WELL-buttered custard or muffin cups. Bake at 350*, 25-30 min. till well done. VERY GOOD. GOOD FOR YOU TOO. (Or thin more and cook as pancakes)

+ "If they (the Liberals) want to delay and reopen the subject it'll be a very lengthy delay before we get a fighter aircraft in Canada," McKinnon said. (From Van. SUN, Feb. 20/80) SO -- IT'S NOT YET DECIDED! If our members feel like having a say, they will know how to "take pen in hand!" Let's ask Who We Intend To Fight?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION THE VOICE OF WOMEN, B.C. 1980

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The National Administrative Committee of the Canadian Voice of Women has sent the following message to the Soviet Women's Committee and to some women who had met Canadian VOW members at International meetings. In part, "we have always joined together in our concern for children of all countries. . . Will you join us in urging our governments to keep always in mind the deadly dangers of nuclear war, and to resolve their differences through the United Nations and other international agencies, using negotiations rather than threats of force."

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In a wire to the Prime Minister of Canada, the same emphasis was stated in this manner: "Nuclear war may well mean the end of our world. It is absolutely crucial that negotiations through the United Nations and other means be used to end confrontation between the great powers. . . WE URGE CANADA TO TAKE A NON-ALIGNED POSITION in leading towards a world of negotiation, not confrontation, and to a world where the Have-nots are not the victims of the greed and power of the Haves " (Copies to Parliamentary Leaders of Oppositions)

* * * * DO WRITE, expressing your views, to M.P.s, Cabinet Ministers, Leaders.

**** VICTORIA V.O.W. BAZAAR, APRIL 25, HILLSIDE MALL. DONATIONS(except used clothing) Phone: 592-9548, 598-5078

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**** 60 Minute Video-tape "WILL WE SURVIVE NUCLEAR ENERGY?" - Dr. Helen Caldicott, Dr. Rosalie Burtell, Commentators. Wednesday, MARCH 19, noon - 5 p.m. ROBSON SQUARE MEDIA CENTRE (Downstairs) FREE ADMISSION. (North Shore V.O.W. 988-7564, 988-1069)

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