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Victoria Voice of Women  
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Dear Victoria VOW member,

We have so many things going on in the next while we thought it would be good to keep us posted with a newsletter.

DISARMAMENT WEEK

Enclosed is the calendar of events for this important international week.

We will be starting off the week, working for peace with millions of others around the world. Join us at the Saanich Hall under the VOW banner.

All the events of the week are worthwhile but we particularly urge all VOWs to help ensure a good turnout for

\*\*\*\*\*DARK CIRCLE\*\*\*\*\*

This is a moving and informative film about citizens responding to the dangers of the nuclear industry in USA. Premiered in Canada at the World Council of Churches this summer, this is the first public showing in Victoria. Please invite your friends. Help is needed with refreshments and display set up--call Val at 478-7486

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For those who are free during the day the film showings at the NFB theatre will be a good chance to talk about our role in the peace movement- that day has been designated Women's Peace Day. Discussions after the one hour screenings will be led by VOWs Milnor Alexander & Denise Jesshope.

**\*==\* SPECIAL \* MEETING \***

We are excited that, at long last, Aggie Jakubaska of Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp will be in Victoria. Aggie will be on the first leg of a cross-Canada tour VOW is helping to arrange.

She will show films of actions at Greenham Common and talk to us about strategies and goals for peace action, as well as the new peace camp at Comiso, Italy.

Again, please spread the word and bring your friends. If you can help with publicity, refreshments or our display, Call Terry at 595-7519

**MONDAY, OCT. 17 7:30pm at Unitarian Church on Superior St.**

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As if that is not enough we encourage VOW members to hear Margaret Randall speak on "The new Nicaragua-Women, Church and Development". Margaret has lived in Latin America for 15 years, written 9 books and will be presenting her new book: Christians in the Nicaraguan Revolution.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 14 8pm at the "Y" on Courtenay St.**

One of the sponsors is the International Women's Day Committee of which VOW is a member. Call Dierdre for more info. 386-5695

VOW MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting October 12 at 1:30 pm at Madge's, #6, 1955 Oak Bay Ave. If you are unable to come because of the timing, please contact Madge at 598-5078 and we will try for another day or time. We have many long range plans and activities to discuss and hope to see a good turnout.

\*\*\*\*\*TO PLUG INTO and CATCH UP with our current activities please turn over and read on.....

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These great stickers  
in bright colours are  
available at all VOW  
meetings!





National Peace Petition - started as Peace Caravan - now organizing nationally to petition door to door across Canada against Cruise and for a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. VOW endorsed it nationally and we have representation on national committee. A Victoria committee to be organized soon. VOW needs a representative on it.

\*\*\*\*\*If you are able to serve, please call Freda at 642-5120 \*\*\*\*\*

Human Rights Coalition Milnor Alexander represents us on this.

For more info call 592-8870

Woman Against the Budget organized by VOW Judy Liefshultz 598-6597. Call if you can help, particularly in distributing leaflets.

Solidarity Coalition We need a rep. on this. They meet every 2nd Thursday, have opened offices and are having a petition blitz.

Call Terry 595-7519 if you can help

Bibliography of Peace books Terry has copies of this up to date 3 page list. We have distributed to libraries, if you want copies call Terry 595-7519.

Milnor had an excellent review of Canada and the Nuclear Arms Race by Regeher & Rosenblum in the Times-Colonist Sept. 17/83. It is the best book on the subject with a Canadian perspective.

WARTOYS We have written letters to stores opposing their sale.

We are now contacting other groups to support our objection to war toys and violent video games. We hope to have a leaflet for parents and shoppers ready soon. National Vow is preparing a kit.

Nuclear Power and Nuclear Weapons - With Canada desperately trying to sell the CANDU reactor to anyone, we have a major concern about the proliferation of nuclear weapons through reactor technology and materials. We are working on a statement on this.

DND & THE SOVIET THREAT a new slide show

We viewed this 40 minute slide show at the national meeting. We were so concerned that such an inaccurate and biased presentation is being promoted with our tax money that we have written letters objecting and Milnor has written a critique. Milnor & Eileen will be working on a rebuttal to the lengthy script DND has with the slides.

VICTORIA as a NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE.

We were turned down by the council in the spring (Saanich is a NWFZ though) and plan to present the request to council again; we will approach all candidates for election in Nov. on their stand. Try to raise it if you meet a candidate or attend an election meeting.

DEC. 2-3 REFUSE THE-CRUISE-USA/CANADA solidarity days.

We would like to have an event on these days. If you know of a good USA woman speaker we could get or an appropriate action, bring it up at our next meeting.

STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION GROUP FALL CONFERENCE Oct. 28 -29 at UVIC  
VOWS Milnor and Denise are giving workshops. VOW has booked display space. If you can help woman it on the Saturday please call Terry 595-7519

And finally, we are warned to watch for "The Final Option" a new film that slanders peace activists.

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Since we seldom have time to do any long range or analytical discussion at our meetings, we enclose 2 essays for your consideration. If enough VOWs are interested we could have a special meeting to talk about strategies and philosophy.  
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MARK THESE DAYS ON YOUR CALENDAR & SEE YOU THERE.....

OCTOBER 12

October 14

OCTOBER 17

OCTOBER 22

October 24

and.....October 25

