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Summer 1987 Victoria VOW newsletter

STRAWBERRY MEETING

Fast becoming a great tradition - our JUNE 27 2-4 pm meeting will be at Val MacDermot's house on a sunny Saturday afternoon. With Val's delicious strawberries we will exchange news and plans and enjoy good company. We have planned it for a Saturday so that members who are busy weekdays can come. For directions to 4347 Metchosin Rd. call Val at 478-7486. For rides call Terry at 595-7519

We are looking forward to the fall when we get reports from Milnor Alexander-off to USSR for World Congress of Women; Mary Wynn Ashford at IPENW meeting in Moscow and Eileen Kenwood in the U K. for 2 months.

VOW is helping bring TEYCOYANI - Nicaraguan popular Theatre group to Victoria. JUNE 23 8 pm at 1st United Church. Bring your friends to this wonderful presentation- a combination of music, myth, dance & drama. VOW is supplying cold lunch for 8 people of the theatre group June 23 - please call Terry 595-7519 if you can donate some food. VOW table needs staffing at theatre in evening also!

1987 - Vow activities to date our meetings have included presentations on Nicaragua, Uranium Mining, refugees, Veterans, and Eritrea. We sponsored a successful weekend of events on "The Search for Justice in Central America". Sofia Montenegro toured our VoW and community groups in BC. We have worked on International Women's Day, Uranium Rally and the Annual Victoria Peace Walk - we have sent letters and telegrams on everything from Nuclear weapons in our harbours to refugees to a moratorium on uranium mining.....and the work goes on.....

SUMMER SUGGESTIONS FOR VOW PEACE ACTIONS for one or many

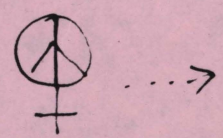
- see Moira Walker's report on the DND kit-- the White Paper on Defense has been issued - urgently needed that we flood Ottawa with letters saying NO CANADA acquiring nuclear submarines, no STAR WARS testing in Canada, etc.
- Hiroshima Day- join other peace groups in inner harbour for Physicians Lantern Project . Call Mary Wynn Ashford for details or 595-8801
- LANTERNS NOT NUCLEAR SUBMARINES IN OUR HARBOUR
- write to the Prime Minister and your M.P. - ask them to stop foreign nuclear warships from visiting our ports.
- ask for a full public enquiry into warships in our waters. (Support Mayor Brewin and other community leaders' request)
- tell Hon. Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Defense that we do not need low level bomber test flights by USA/ Canada in B.C. or anywhere.

*****REFUGEE RALLY*****

Join others in asking Ottawa not to enact new restrictive legislation which will endanger the victims of tyranny who have up until 1987 found shelter in Canada - we will now make them wait outside Canada for permission to enter - certain death for many. (Hon. Benoit Bouchard is Minister of Immigration.) WRITE A LETTER SOON.
RALLY IS MONDAY JUNE 15, outside Federal Building 816 Government st.

NOON TO 1pm We hope you get this letter in time.

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CHANGING OUR WAY OF THINKING

PEACE, ENVIRONMENT and GLOBAL JUSTICE

NELSON B.C. august 5 to 23 .. a series of events and workshops with many interesting topics and speakers. Music, poetry etc. FOR INFO.
Kootenay Centre for Sustainable Future, Box 727 Nelson V1L 5R4 ph. 604 352-5887

ARCHIVES, RESEARCH and HISTORY PROJECT

Thanks to donation we are compiling and organizing our archives. Moira Walker is going to write a short history of long time women peace activities in our area and write short portraits of our peace pioneering sisters, based on interviews. If you have any leads, information or suggestions please call Moira at 592-9352

THE CANADIAN PEACE PLEDGE & VOTING CANADA out of the ARMS RACE

National VOW has endorsed this major peace action in which every M.P. will be asked to agree to specific peace goals. We pledge to vote for only those who sign the pledge. Locally G.V.D.G. is coordinating the project. We need a VOW representative. Call Freda at 642-5120.

- Military manoeuvres -



The Department of National Defence in response to "intense popular interest" in Canadian policies for peace and security has issued an "information kit." The kit, which has been distributed to Ministries of Education and to the principals of all Canadian secondary schools, consists of a 16 page booklet entitled Peace and Security and three pamphlets.

The kit was brought to Victoria VOW's attention by Gladys Kennedy, chairperson of the local chapter of Veterans Against Nuclear Arms (VANA), who spoke at our May meeting. Kennedy said that the kit was rife with inaccuracies and she pointed to the military's deceptive use of the U.N. International Year of Peace logo on the cover of the pamphlets.

VANA is presently writing a response to the kit. To formulate your response, order the Peace and Security Kit from Director General Information, Department of National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K2.
report from Moira Walker, our National VOW director who says that BC VOW is preparing a critique of the kit.

FLASH: PERRIN BEATTY MINISTER
of National Defence - in Victoria
Monday June 15. **VIGIL** at
C-FAX RADIO 9:30am. JOIN OTHER
VICTORIA PEACE ACTIVISTS
+ SAY NO TO CANADA'S
INCREASING MILITARIZATION.