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P R E S I D E N T ' S Dear VOW members: It is hard to realize that we
M E S S A G E are more than a month into the new year of 1977.
There are many areas of deep concern to our
organization; we must try very hard to have some
real influence in resolving the following problems:-

→ First and foremost, we must inform our MLA's of our concern about
the Trident Nuclear Base at Bangor, U.S.A. which is very close to our
border.

→ We must also use our influence to prevent the bringing of nuclear
reactors to any part of B.C. There are other methods of insuring ade-
quate supplies of power, one of them being that of adequate conservation.

February 11th marks the beginning of Canada Food Week - for which
some very fine resource material has been released. For further infor-
mation on this material and how you can get it, see page 8. ←

It will be greatly appreciated by the executive if you will take
time to write to your MLA's and MP's giving your opinions on these
issues.

All the best, FLORENCE M. STANTON

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Arrows	*	ANNUAL PROVINCIAL MEETING	*	Notices will
are for	*	The theme for our spring provincial	*	be mailed
ACTION	*	meeting is "Moving Toward a New	*	when dates &
in our	*	Society." We have had workshops in	*	place fixed
pages	*	the past on "alternate lifestyles"	*	--probably
* * *	*	as a means of opting out of our	*	April or May.
	*	present unsatisfactory social sys-	*	- Ed.
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evidence of a demand for broad economic and political restructuring as
our only hope for a sane future. Our upcoming provincial meeting will
attempt to address itself to the nature of this change as specifically
as possible, as well as to the means within our reach to promote a
shift of responsibility and control in our society.

For the last couple of Sundays I have listened to CBC "Ideas" examine
energy imperatives for North America and reach the inescapable conclu-
sion that centralized bureaucratic institutions (public and private)
are prohibiting solution of world problems. Two days ago a B.C.
Agriculture spokesman said that our children must prepare for a reduced
standard of living. Recent developments have warned us to turn our
faces against wasteful sybaritic habits and learn to be less dependent
on the insidious "huckstered commodities." But we must do more.

The authors of "Moving Toward a New Society" are looking into a future in which group action has resulted in maximum limits on individual profits, control of entire industries by consumer cooperatives, popularly controlled mass media, an end to private gain from rent,--and much more. They ask us to begin considering the strategies and organized action which will take us there...Can we rediscover the strength with which VOW pioneered in nuclear protest? Can we do less than to begin to move, ourselves, into that new society our children face?

-Marjorie Stewart

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PACIFIC LIFE COMMUNITY'S ANTI-TRIDENT PROJECTS

Pacific Life Community (PLC) is supported by VOW all across Canada in its non-violent action to "Celebrate Life and Resist TRIDENT." These people take a firm stand against the preparation for aggressive nuclear war. U.S. and Canadian members have been serving jail sentences in Seattle for testing local law and upholding international law by their acts of non-violent civil disobedience at the TRIDENT base at Bangor, Washington. Jim Douglass, still serving his 90-day sentence, writes asking our support in a

LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN - A FLOOD OF LETTERS IS NEEDED!!

NOW is the time, says Jim, for the long-stalled motion against TRIDENT to be brought up and passed - if only more public opinion in its support can be raised. Bob Skelly, NDP, and Cyril Shelford, SC, have agreed on a combined motion; and, as of last spring, Premier Bennett was not opposed to it.

Jim firmly believes we are close to the motion's approval at this Session - and every letter counts. What a chance! Why delay?

→ Find your pen and WRITE TO MR. BENNETT BEFORE YOU READ ANY FURTHER!

See Stop Press Notice on p. 3

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT LOBBY IN MARCH

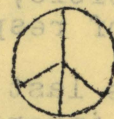
We have an opportunity in March - beginning Mar. 4 - to lobby our Government in Ottawa to do everything within its power to initiate nuclear disarmament. This includes refusing TRIDENT access to Canadian waters, discontinuing foreign sales of CANDU reactors, and arguing in support of ratification of the People's Treaty for a Nuclear Free Pacific by the General Assembly of the United Nations. This lobby will be a large co-operative undertaking by Environmental and Peace groups from Canada, the U.S. and the Pacific Rim.

Pacific Life Community is looking for people to:-

- 1. go to Ottawa to participate in the lobby
- 2. co-ordinate overseas delegations
- 3. co-ordinate solidarity actions at local federal buildings
- 4. gather signatures on petitions
- 5. raise funds for delegates.

BANGOR SUMMER - Dedicated People Needed

PLC hopes in March to establish a centre close to the Bangor Base, to be the focal point for a summer-long series of Nonviolent Workshops and constructive campaigns. They are calling on people from all across N. America and the Pacific Rim to come to Bangor for the summer to participate in "Bangor Summer," a "great experiment in building community and creative nonviolent resistance." They feel that a mass occupation of



the Base could be designed to focus attention on the important Peoples' Treaty for a Nuclear Free Pacific, and on TRIDENT's threat to such a Treaty. It could also, they say, "focus on our personal accountability to the Nuremberg Principles and International Law."

YOU ARE INVITED to dedicate your summer or a portion of it to resisting TRIDENT and the nuclear arms race.

----- S T O P P R E S S -----

Re LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN (P.2). Shelley Douglass wrote (Feb. 11th) on behalf of PLC, sending the text of the Bill they -- and we -- are supporting:--

THE BILL as it stands:

That this House express grave concern to the Canadian government, at the continued construction and proliferation of nuclear missile bases in neighbouring countries, and other nations around the world such as the Trident Missile Base at Bangor, Washington, and any Russian equivalent; and

That it is of continued concern that not only are the numbers of bases increasing along with strike capability, but the numbers of nations, including those not necessarily regarded as major powers, are now entering into this arms buildup; and

That this House supports those people or organisations genuinely concerned with the proliferation of nuclear arms and bases threatening world peace.

PLC also asks us to press for an amendment to the bill, requesting Ottawa to protest on behalf of B.C. residents the construction of the base at Bangor and to refuse the Tridents access to the Canadian portion of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

"We think the bill stands a good chance of passing if it is called," Shelley writes, "but it will take some constituent pressure to get it called; also we'd like some teeth in it for the March lobby."

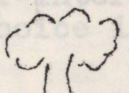
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR PEACE ACTION, hosted by New Zealand,



takes place in March, 1977. New Westminster PLC is sending Marty Osberg as their delegate: he hopes to make contact with Pacific Rim people interested in participating in the Ottawa lobby and the Bangor Summer. His flight schedule will allow for meetings with resistance communities in Hawaii, Fiji, Sydney and all the groups at the Convention itself.

NUCLEAR CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING - P.L.C.'s upcoming project

→ Voice of Women's help is needed for this. ←



The project, running from February through to August, is called The Hiroshima Gift. It is intended to inform the people of B.C. about the personal results to human beings of atomic warfare, and to build a base of opposition to nuclear weapons in B.C. on this understanding.

The group has a Hiroshima film from the Japanese Gensuikyo, plus considerable information, poetry, artwork and photographs. Shelley Douglass is prepared to speak on her jail reflections, and Marty Osberg on the N.Z. Peace Convention.

Their idea is to meet in people's homes with small groups, show the film or just talk about bombs and their effects, and share their feeling about the need for concerted opposition to nuclear weapons. Small cards

printed with a pledge will be sold for \$1 each, and the name of each signer will be added to a pledge from the people of B.C. to the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that we will resist nuclear proliferation.

Money from the sale of cards will go to buy a 'peace gift' (a plaque or small sculpture) for the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a token of our solidarity in the work for peace; and any left over would go to the Japanese A-bomb sufferers' relief organisation. PLC hopes to make a personal presentation of the gift, money, and pledge with signatures at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August.

Pacific Life Community asks of Voice of Women:

- 1. That members hold small meetings in their homes to spread the information; also that they help arrange meetings in churches, etc., for PLC to come and show the film or talk.
- 2. That someone commit herself to work on the project from Feb. to Aug., on publicity, the scheduling of speakers, contacting people and groups who might sponsor a meeting, and showing the film and speaking to groups.

(Note: Lin Latham, Burnaby, and Madge Clarke, Victoria, have already offered to help in their areas.)

Tentative Speaking Schedule:-

Feb.	Shelley, Vancouver area
Mar.	Shelley, B.C. Interior
	Marty, Vancouver area
Apr.	Vancouver Island
May, June, July	- Depends on need & response

Good News

The CANADA VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, formed in December, 1976 and now a National Society, is flourishing, thanks mainly to the organizing genius of RHODA KAELLIS.

Remember Mandala telling us, last Fall, about the new educational and rehabilitational facilities for the young women of Vietnam who were driven to prostitution during the war? C.V.F.S. is collecting funds for this most worthwhile project.

Please send donations to them at: Box 21, Victoria, B.C.
or to: Pat Boulding, R.R. 2, Nanaimo, B.C.
or: Lil Erickson, RR 1, Fanny Bay, B.C.

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Do YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

WIN MAGAZINE - which we believe to be the best "movement" magazine in North America - asked for articles for their Canada Special Issue this month, and Lille d'Easum has sent one. We realize that the Special Issue deadline is past; but WIN editors "want to encourage you to submit things any time you have something to say. No need to wait for an all Canada issue."

Their suggestions include: Parti Quebecois - NDP - Activity by Canadian Indian movement - Women's movement - Peace activities - Nonviolence - Freedom from U.S. domination - Alternative lifestyles.

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TRIDENT

REFLECTIONS - a letter to B.C. Newspapers, Dec. 1976

I am writing this from an American jail where I am one of six members of Pacific Life Community, two of us from Canada, imprisoned for civil disobedience at the Trident submarine base.

Jail encourages reflection. I have been reflecting here on the relation between Trident, jail, and the recent Chinese explosion of a nuclear bomb.

Trident will be the most destructive weapons system in history, a submarine able to destroy 408 cities at one time with bigger-than-Hiroshima bombs. Trident is being created to protect the interests of the U.S. and its allies, including Canada which even has an arms contract to build the missile-loading cranes for Trident (at Heede International in Port Moody). The interests which Trident will protect are said to be those of the free world. I am looking at those interests now from the perspective of jail.

Because of resistance to US arms policies I have been in a number of American jails: no Canadian jails yet. In all of those jails, most of the prisoners have been poor people, which in the US translates especially into black, native American, and Chicano people. I've seen no rich people at all in jail. (I assume they commit crimes, too.) As we know, police and jails, like Trident submarines, have as their purpose protecting society's interests. The question which arises is: Whose particular interests?"

In a world wider than one country, it's hard to find a jail big enough for all the poor people who threaten the free world's interests. (The US and Canada alone control more than half of the world's resources.) But it is possible to try and keep poor nations where they are (also a kind of jail) by a system of war, and of threatening war, with arms such as Trident.

Trident's protection is said to be principally against the Soviet Union. Their missile development is five to six years behind that of the United States, supporting Trident missile designer Robert Aldridge's contention that Trident's purpose as a weapon is a first-strike capability - against the Soviet Union, or against any other nation or people which threatens US interests, as Vietnam did. The majority of those potentially threatening people are poor, and becoming poorer. Whose free world will Trident protect?

I am reminded here constantly, by prison guards and marshals in our conversations, that jails, like Trident submarines, are necessary. Yes, jails and Trident are necessary - to protect a system of self-interest which is threatened by poor people and poor nations. The only choice in response to such a powerful system is acceptance or revolution.

Which thought leads in turn to the Chinese explosion of a nuclear weapon, which sent radioactive clouds drifting over the world. It was a crime against humanity, done in the name of revolution. Poor and rich alike die from radioactive fallout. Life itself will die if revolutions continue to join established powers in creating doomsday weapons - and in putting people in jail for opposing them.

Friends, we need a society and world in which there are neither nuclear weapons nor jails. That world is possible. It is up to us to struggle and suffer for it.

- Jim Douglass, King County Jail, Seattle, Washington.

(Reprinted from Victoria Colonist)

READING - and other - MATTER

CONCERNING FOOD

Send to Canadian Council for International Co-operation, c/o CUSO, 2524 Cypress, Vancouver, V6J 3N2 (732-1814) for their excellent LIST of Canada Food Week RESOURCE MATERIAL:

Films Books
Slide Tapes Charts
Cassettes Leaflets

From Our Own Literature Committee

(Mary Cox, R.R. 1, Fanny Bay, BC, VOR 1W0)

IS WORLD HUNGER OUR RESPONSIBILITY? (B.C. VOW booklet) 24pp; 30¢

CANADA IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA - a reprint from Canadian Dimension, Nov/76 1¢

MAKE THE WORLD A HOME - B.C. VOW's beautiful promotional leaflet. NEW!
Unbeatable as a handout. Donations welcome!

From EVE SMITH, R.R. 1, Port Washington, South Pender Is., B.C.

LAETRILE: CANCER CONTROL, CURE OR QUACKERY? - Eve Smith's new pamphlet on this highly controversial subject. Well documented. 6pp 10¢ (?)

From Pacific Life Community, 29 Menzies St., Victoria, B.C., V8V 2G1

TRIDENT Petition Forms Send for several. Free!!

From Lille d'Easum, 104 - 2127 W. 40th Ave., Vancouver 13, B.C.

F I L M : "NUCLEAR REACTION AT WYHL"

A 15-minute film about the non-violent occupation of an intended nuclear reactor site in a German town. It should be of special interest to people concerned with community action.

Books on Nuclear Hazards

UNACCEPTABLE RISK	McKinley C. Olson	Bantam	\$ 2.25
NUCLEAR POWER	Walter Patterson	Pelican	2.95
NUCLEAR POWER: THE			
UNVIABLE OPTION	John J. Berger	Ramparts	4.95
WORLD ENERGY STRATEGIES	Amory B. Lovins	Ballinger	4.95
NON-NUCLEAR FUTURES	Amory B. Lovins	Ballinger	5.95
WE ALMOST LOST DETROIT	John G. Fuller	Readers' Digest	10.50
POISONED POWER	J.W. Gofman & A. Tamplin	Rodale Press	2.00
POPULATION CONTROL THRO'			
NUCLEAR POLLUTION	J.W. Gofman & A. Tamplin	Nelson-Hall	6.95
DANGER: RADIATION	Lille d'Easum	VOW - SPEC	1.00
THE NUKE BOOK	Pollution Probe	Ottawa	2.00
NUCLEAR ENERGY: THE			
UNFORGIVING TECHNOLOGY	F.H. Knelman	Hurtig	Cloth 9.95 Paper 4.95

CANADA FOOD WEEK

This special week (Feb. 11 - 19) was organized to promote public discussion of food issues facing Canada and the world at large. The quantity of fine material which has been made available for Food Week activities emphasizes that food is an essential human right, not a commodity that should be used as a political weapon or means of garnering great profits at the expense of people's lives and health. The material further says the food process "from field to table" must be based upon environmentally appropriate technology, and the food marketing system should serve people's needs first.

Such presuppositions give rise to a host of questions about agriculture, marketing, use of food resources, nutrition and additives, etc. Many of these questions are extremely controversial: included in the list of Issues are the following: "Why is there mass hunger and starvation in India with a population of 400 million and yet everyone is well fed in China with a population of 900 million?" "Why do only 4% of landholders in the USA control over 50% of the agricultural land? What are the figures for Canada?"

Why talk about all this so late in the day? Well, why restrict such activities to one week? This should be an ongoing project for all of us who share the attitudes expressed in Food Week material. A glance at our Calendar of Events (below) shows that Food Week activities are by no means over, and we hope you will send for further information on the materials - AVAILABLE FROM:-

Canada Food Week, 53 Queen St., Rm. 54, Ottawa.

or Canadian Council for International Co-operation,
c/o CUSO, 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, V6J 3N2

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Calendar of Events

Sponsored by Vancouver Branch of United Nations Association

FEB 23 CANADA AND THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS - speaker FRANK SHEFRIN, Director of International Liaison Service, Canada Dept. of Agriculture, has 30 years' service with the FAO.
At the Christmas Seal Auditorium, Willow at 10th, Vancouver.

Sponsored by Ten Days for World Development - a series at Chalmers United Church, 2801 Hemlock St., Vancouver. All at 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

FEB 24 OF SUGAR AND SPICE AND CITRUS FRUIT in Central America and the Caribbean, where 70% of the children are undernourished, and 1/2 the agricultural land grows crops for export.
Resource Person: SADIE VERNON, Christian Social Council, Belize, Central America.

MAR 3 WHEN MORE FOOD MEANS MORE HUNGER
Resource Person: JOE COLLINS, Institute for Food & Development Policy; author, with F.M. Lappe, of "Food First" First

MAR 10 WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE PRICE OF APPLES? - B.C. and Chilean apples in Vancouver supermarkets.
Resource Persons: JACK WARNOCK, Political Economist and orchardist, Naramata, and MEMBERS of Committee for the Defence of Human Rights in Chile.

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MAR 17

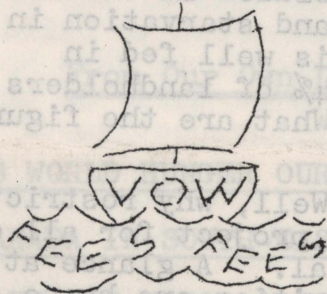
MAR 17 THE MIGHTY FRASER: WHERE HAS ALL THE VALLEY GONE?


Resource Persons: TERRY CHANTLER, SPEC, and WENDY UPPER,
Save the Farmland Committee, Chilliwack.

MAR 24 OF PIPELINES, ENERGY AND FOOD

Distribution of food is but a reflection of the control of resources that produce food.

Resource Persons from the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Enquiry.

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IF YOU THINK VOICE OF WOMEN IS A GOOD ORGANIZATION TO
KEEP AFLOAT, please pay your membership dues! Unlike
other things, the dues have not gone up. 

DON'T PROCRASTINATE - write a cheque made out "Voice of Women"; look around the house for an envelope and address it to B.C. VOW Membership Chairman, 124 E. Kings Road, N. Vancouver, V7N 1H5 (OR to your local Group Membership Chairman - see below).

If you can't find a stamp, don't toss the envelope on top of the fridge or in a drawer; tuck it into your purse and the next time you are near a post office - mail it, with your address and postal code. Thanks!

<u>Fees:</u>	Regular.....	\$5.00	Youth (under 25) ..	\$1.00	Family ..	\$7.50
	Sustaining.....	\$12.00	Senior (over 65) ..	\$1.00		

Some Group Membership Chairpersons:-

BURNABY - Mrs. Ray Ross (Elin), 7980 Hunter St., Burnaby, V5A 2B9

NORTH SHORE - Mrs. W.I. Craig, 3714 Dollarton Hwy, N.Van., V7G 1A2 (reg.\$6)

VANCOUVER - Mrs. A.P. Hewett, 3548 W. 26th Ave., Van., V6S 1N7 (reg. \$6)

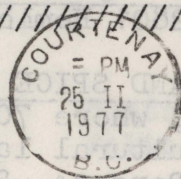
VICTORIA - Mrs. Madge Clarke, 6 - 1955 Oak Bay Ave., Victoria, V8R 1E3

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