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## APRIL 26th: STOP THE NUCLEARIZATION OF CANADA

Canada is deeply involved in the nuclear arms race.

While this has been said many times, few Canadians are aware of how bleak the picture really is.

We have been involved in cruise missile testing since 1983. While this began with the passive involvement of Canada, we are now actively participating in cruise testing using CF18 bombers for interception runs. Many people do not know that the umbrella weapons testing agreement signed includes testing of other weapons such as smart bombs, cluster bombs, the stealth cruise and other weapons.

Can people really think that the issue of cruise missile testing is over when the cruise crashes into the Beaufort Sea, highlighting the importance of our role in the production of this weapon. What about the connection between cruise missile testing and Star Wars? The Teal Ruby, an infra-red tracking satellite and an integral part of Star Wars, will be tracking future cruise missile tests in Canada.

Then of course there is the basing of American submarines carrying cruise missiles and other nuclear weapons at Nanos Bay, B.C. There is no separating the issues of SDI and cruise testing, cruise missile testing is very much the "foot in the door" for the "nuclearization" of Canada.

It is frightening that the Canadian government is content to allow the ecology of the North and the economy of native peoples to be devastated by bomb runs over Labrador.

It is just as frightening to witness the secrecy and apathy which surrounded the March 18th five year renewal of the Canada-U.S. NORAD agreement. The Canadian public is not aware that this agreement paves the way for direct involvement of Canada in Star Wars. The NORAD

agreement allows for actual deployment of anti-ballistic systems in Canada's North. As well, the Canadian government is subsidizing private Star Wars research contracts to industry.

These are the issues we are talking about when we say "Stop the Nuclearization of Canada". We could also include Tritium production and Uranium mining and other issues. In fact, the list is frighteningly long.

The April Protest

This is why ACT is asking you to join the April 26th disarmament demonstration and call for the end of the "Nuclearization of Canada". The April protest has an exciting history. While this had been the mobilizing month for Vancouver for several years, the first Toronto April march was organized by ACT in 1983.

ACT was then called the Against Cruise Testing Coalition and the imminence of the cruise missile testing agreement was what made us "act". In Toronto, 25,000 people showed up on April 23, 1983. This made history as the largest demonstration ever held in Toronto. Because ACT toured and networked this event across the country, the figure for Canadian protest that day rose to an incredible 125,000, causing Trudeau to remark to Vice President Bush that "we have a light problem with this in Canada".

The number of people who demonstrated that day in 1983 along with the response demonstrations (Feb 12, July 23, etc.) was enough to make the government pay attention, but not quite enough to tip the scales against American pressure for cruise testing. After all, with 54% of the Canadian population opposed to the testing agreement, under 14 actually publicly protested. Can you imagine what would have happened

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### ACT Coalition Regional Conference May 23-24

**FRI. 23 — 6-10:30 p.m.** — Brock U., Rm. 242, Thistle Corridor. Plenary Session with Speakers, including Angela Browning (Chairperson, ACT Toronto), Metta Spencer (Peace Magazine), Dimitri Roussopoulos (Ed., Black Rose Books), Peace Activist East/West from Boston area.

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## NORAD: The Front Door to Star Wars

by Stephen Dankowich

With the re-signing of the North American Aerospace Defense Agreement (NORAD) for a five year period in Washington on March 18th at the second "Starrock" Summit, Canadians have been further drawn into the destabilizing US nuclear war-fighting strategy.

NORAD is no longer engaged only in passive defence as a warning system. The role of NORAD is being transformed into the larger active and aggressive ballistic missile defence system envisioned by the Star Wars project. NORAD is the front-door to Star Wars.

While the NORAD Agreement will not be officially renewed until May 12th, the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence (SCEAND) disclosed the terms of this renewal last February (see the Jan/Feb ACTIVIST for details). The SCEAND recommended the five year renewal period "with no substantial modification in the thrust of the document." Despite the

widespread (public, parliamentary, northern, native and peace movement) concern that any renegotiated NORAD Agreement reinstates a critical clause of the 1968 Agreement denying Canada's participation in NORAD should it "involve any commitment by the Canadian government to take part in an active ballistic missile defence arrangement," the deleted clause will not be reinstated.

Contrarily the SCEAND, which was heavily dominated by Progressive Conservative MP's (22 out of 30 MP's), simply recommended "that the government consider (1) inviting the US to issue at the time of the renewal of the NORAD Agreement a joint declaration reaffirming both countries' commitment to deterrence and strategic stability, as well as their support for the integrity of the ABM Treaty and a negotiation process leading to verifiable reductions of

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## STAR WARS: Bombs Not Jobs

by John Bacher

Industrial investment analysts have unanimously concluded that the Star Wars' predicted explosion of jobs for Canadian industry has turned out to be a dud. Although President Reagan thanked

P.M. Mulroney "for the opportunity to work with Canadian private corporations, that can and will participate in SDI research," no great bonanza appears to be forthcoming. The President of Canadian Motors, a major military supplier, testified to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Defence that under American inspired defence plans such as Star Wars "all Canadian companies can get is the scraps, the very low

technology work that can be quickly put in here to create the political illusion of jobs."

Despite Mulroney's remarks about 10,000 jobs descending on Winnipeg-Fort Gary, industry spokespersons appear adamant in arguing that Star Wars will be no Aladdin's lamp to ease the problems of unemployment. Joyce Wells of SED Systems, a Saskatchewan company specializing in space communications, notes that while Star Wars might look like a "fantastic opportunity, when it comes right down to it there aren't likely to be big fortunes made in Canada." Wells believes that "it should be perfectly ob-

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armaments." As reported in the Toronto Star February 20th, senior Pentagon and State Department officials immediately began to pressure the federal government "to reject efforts to ban anti-ballistic defence systems" in the NORAD Agreement.

Only as of 1984 have the Canadian arms races been "officially" free of nuclear weapons stationed on our soil. The ABM clause was first put into the NORAD Agreement of 1958, just prior to its renegotiation, because the US told Canadians that a radar site and short-range nuclear Sprint missiles would be deposited at the North Bay military complex. Canada opposed it then as we should oppose space defences today. When the Russians and the Americans signed their 1972 ABM limitation treaty, the cornerstone for arms control, the plans for installing Sprints were discarded.

Mulroney's government was not willing, nor capable, of committing the US government to link the five year NORAD renewal to the ABM Treaty. Instead, we were offered a worthless declaration that "the NORAD Agreement is fully consistent with the provisions of the ABM Treaty and is in full accordance with other US and Canadian treaty obligations." Would it not have been much more effective to renege on the 1972 NORAD Agreement by reinstating the 1958 NORAD ABM clause?

NORAD overrides many bilateral defence agreements (some still secret, we believe), the most important of which is the recently signed North Warning System (NWS). The upgrading of NORAD's radar, computer and communications systems, largely through the NWS, is creating a vast and complex system which the US will command should there occur a protracted nuclear war based on the US's long-standing first-strike nuclear strategy. Furthermore, the NWS itself allows for the development of space-based weapons in order to destroy incoming bombers and cruise missiles.

With NORAD and the NWS as the front-door to Star Wars, it is becoming apparent that the US and Canada are on a collision course with the ABM Treaty. The ABM Treaty, although very imprecise in its language, does not allow even research into space-based nuclear defences, let alone allowing their development. Research and development are linked. The US government argues that anything short of deployment does not violate the ABM Treaty. It will include research and development by an elastic understanding of the terms of its cornerstone treaty. Gerard Smith, chief US negotiator of the 1972 ABM

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if the whole 54% had joined us that day in April?

This is why it is important to keep the pressure on and not give up. The peace movement has succeeded in bringing the arms race to the attention of the Canadian public. The government is sufficiently sensitive to our presence that it sees the need for hypocritical double talk. Obviously hypocrisy is not what we are after.

We are for the end to Canadian participation in the arms race. We have to keep our visibility high until we have built a peace movement strong enough to achieve that goal. There is no doubt that this process will take longer and is more difficult to achieve than we would like. But, it will happen. One major step in that process will take place this year on April 26th. Please join us. Together we are strong enough to make a difference. We can stop the nuclearization of Canada.

Treaty, has stated that the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) already establishes the US in "an anticipatory breach" of that agreement.

As it is increasingly apparent that US "hawks" are willing to terminate the ABM Treaty, Canadians, and particularly the Canadian peace movement, must now move to renounce the NORAD Agreement in its entirety.

Canada is in the unenviable position of being the buffer zone between the two militaristic superpowers. Because of this unique geographical positioning, we could do much to help freeze, then retard, growing militarist activities in both camps. This can only be accomplished if we move in the political direction anticipated by most Canadians: of an independent, non-aligned, and pacifist peace movement.

Less than 72 hours after Mulroney and Reagan re-signed an unchanged NORAD Agreement for another five years, US Defense Chief Weinberger, rejected outright any thought of giving up the Star Wars program or of agreeing to a ban on nuclear testing. He and his fellow "hawks" have much to thank Canada for in making so strong a statement.

Donald Latham, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control and Communications said: "We are taking air defense against conventional air breathing threats, bombers and cruise missiles, space defense, ballistic missile defense and putting it together in one package called Strategic Defense."



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  - June 2 : Anniversary of the Moscow Group to Establish Trust, Rally at the Peace Garden.
  - Aug. 6 : Hiroshima Day Commemoration.
  - Aug. 9 : Nagasaki Day.
  - Every Friday at 7 pm- ACT forums
  - Every Friday at 9 pm- Fallout Shelter Peace Cafe.
  - Every Saturday 2:00 pm at Dundas & Yonge- join us for a button blitz.
- For more details about these and other events, call ACT at 960-2ACT.

# THE NUCLEARIZATION OF CANADA



Goose Bay - Operations bases for the CAF, RAF, USAF, and the Luftwaffe.

## Nightmare over Labrador

by Georgina Kosanovic

Low-level military flights have been conducted in the Quebec - Labrador peninsular area since the 1960's, but it has been approximately two and a half years since the current onslaught began. The fighter aircraft that are mainly responsible for the disruption in the Innu lifestyle are West German, but other NATO countries also conduct test flights in the region, and more are scheduled to begin within the year.

A March 12 Toronto meeting of the Quakers Committee on Native Concerns featured an address by Betty Peterson which contained many shocking revelations of concern to peace, human rights and environmental activists. She showed how the crimes perpetrated against the Innu of the Quebec - Labrador peninsula have not begun with the current low-level military flights they face, but rather that they come at the end of a trail of injustices.

Peterson showed how the Innu have been blackmailed by the government into relocation into more suburban communities, of small tightly packed clusters of cottages. Only by living in these settlements can the Innu receive such essential public services such as education. These communities lack running water and often only have a single tap for the whole village.

The only alternatives the Innu have to government sponsored, ill equipped villages are their traditional hunting and fishing camps. It is these communities that are being disrupted by low level military flights.

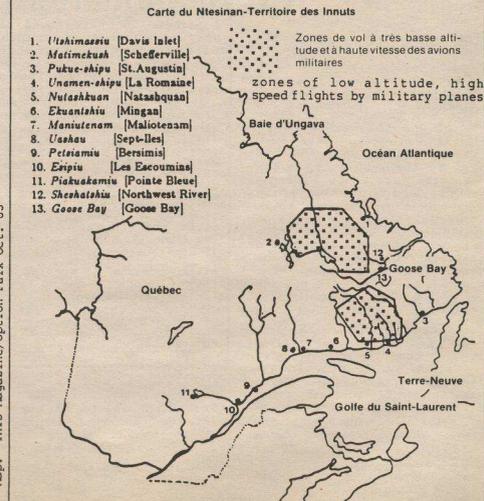
The Quebec-Labrador peninsula is considered an ideal location for low-flying aircraft testing

because the terrain approximates that of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, NATO targets in the event of military conflict. The escalation in the number of these flights reflects the tenseness of international relations today. In preparing for war against the Soviet bloc, however, a war is already being waged against the Innu.

Approximately four thousand low-level flights are conducted every year. This can mean up to 120 a day in areas which are otherwise devoid of harmful man-made noise levels. Innu in their hunting camps are plagued by the commotion these planes make in more ways than one; in addition to the psychological stress such disruption creates, there is the very real danger of hearing loss. It must be remembered that these planes fly at very high speeds at very low levels of 100 to 250 feet. They cannot simply be ignored.

Even if the Innu people themselves were not directly affected by these flights, the disruption to the environment that occurs still severely damages their way of life. The animals are retreating into the interior driven away by the noise, deserting traditional hunting areas. Gill ticks in the water kill the region's fish. Even trees are suffering the growth-stunting effects of aircraft exhaust. In general, the entire eco-system of the peninsula is being seriously threatened.

Clearly, low-level flights are extremely damaging to the health and lifestyle of the Innu people. Their efforts at establishing a degree of independence and continuance of their traditional lifestyle is being challenged at every turn. Unfortunately, these flights are only the beginning of the



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militarization of the Quebec-Labrador peninsula.

A NATO Tactical Fighter Weapons Training Centre is being planned for the area. This centre would not only increase the number of low-level flights that occur in the area, but would introduce new maneuvers such as deep strike offensive training. This increasing militarization is not only going to affect the Innu but other dwellers in remote regions.

By escalating East-West tensions, it is detrimental to us all. The peace movement must address issues such as this one if it is sincere about the welfare of humankind. The Innu are victims of the Cold War; they are being destroyed just as surely as if they were being attacked directly. If we allow their

persecution to continue, we are inviting our own destruction.

Those interested in protesting the militarization of the Quebec-Labrador peninsula should write to:

Hon. David Crombie, Minister of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ont.

Premier Robert Bourassa, National Assembly, Quebec City, Quebec

Hon. Brian Peckford, Confederation Building, St. John's, NFLD, AIC 577

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## What Kind of Jobs?

by Steve Dankowich

It is difficult to believe that the Maritimes were more industrially developed than Central Canada at the time of Confederation. The arms race is a new addition to the bonoogole of mega-projects which have given illusory hopes to reduce the Maritime's chronic unemployment problems.

Typical of the federal corporate welfare solutions to unemployment, the Port Hawkesburg/Point Tupper area in Cape Breton has actually seen the loss of every mega-project established there in the last two decades. Here a West German industrial manufacturer, Thyssen AG, has proposed building a \$100 million plant to build tanks and armoured personnel carriers for export to Algeria, Pakistan, and the Middle East. Thyssen hopes to circumvent West German arms bans to these countries by locating in Canada. The "Capers" desperately need jobs, but what kind of jobs?

On the other Maritimes island, Litton Ltd. is proposing to

build a high-tech military radar plant in Charlottetown. Yes, this is the same U.S. based multi-national which manufactures the "brains" (sic) of the cruise missile at Rexdale Ontario. It has tendered a bid for a \$605 million Department of National Defence contract to provide a new air defence system (LAW) for Canadian troops, airfields and armoured brigades in Europe.

This proposed military contract has split the people of PEI. Those in favour of the radar plant include P.C. Premier Lee, who will be sticking his political career on the issue in provincial elections to be held on April 21, federal PEI Cabinet Minister Tom McMillan, the various Chambers of Commerce, the construction association, most newspapers and other business concerns.

Many people and organizations are fighting the arms advocates. There is the Island Peace Committee, the University of PEI

People for Peaceful Alternatives, both opposition parties (NDP and Liberals), and the most active group, The Island Way. The Island Way is a coalition of peace, labour, co-operative, religious and women's groups whose title lampoons a Litton corporate publication called "The Litton Way".

The opposition to Litton has been galvanized by provocative remarks from Lee, who called people opposed to armament manufacturing "ridiculous", and from McMillan, who called people opposed to the plant "ignorant". The latter comment has led many locals to address themselves as "Another Ignorant Islander" and has spawned a button emblazoned by the slogan "Ignorant Islander of Peace". The farming community has also produced a button "Farms, Not Arms".

Considering that Premier Lee was elected on a platform of "rural renaissance", and opposition to a joint nuclear energy project with New Brunswick, the radar plant proposal is a sharp reversal in policy. The opposition fears that the rural way of life will be eroded and that PEI will become highly dependent on foreign multinationals. What

may follow Litton onto the island?

Armament manufacturing is a totally inappropriate industry for the Maritimes because it will reduce self-reliance and increase dependency on Ottawa and foreign corporations. In the face of massive cutbacks, such projects will be of substantial cost to Canadian taxpayers. Even worse, they will persuade the under- and unemployed to become part of the military machine.

Alternatives are many and much needed. Employment could be better generated, for example, by the inshore/offshore fishing industry or by the development of low-cost energy harnessing the sun, wind and tides, secondary industry for parts, service, biological waste, and reforestation would create thousands of productive jobs that would help people feel good about themselves.

In conclusion, the Canadian peace movement should continue to build and support coalitions linking non-aligned, non-violent, and anti-militarist ideas and action with the wider demand for productive jobs.

# ACT IN ACTION

## Cruise Crash at PC Headquarters

by Kathleen Solose

"Where are the demonstrators?" enquired the burly constable. "Over there," nodded the receptionist, indicating with a glance to the bench where three women were quietly reading and working.

It was Wednesday, Feb 28, getting on towards 3:00. We had been at the P.C. Party Headquarters since 11:30, waiting for some kind of response to the questions we had addressed to PM Brian Mulroney - questions on cruise testing, questions about the NORAD agreement, including a question from the High School Network on whether the government had ever listened to concerns of High School students on issues.

It was the day of the 6th cruise test, or was supposed to be. It had crashed. We heard this from a CBC reporter who came up to interview us. There was considerable interest on the part of the press, who were anxious for our reactions to the crash. Somehow it seemed beside the point.

4 p.m. Still waiting. There had been a demonstration and balloon release outside at 12:30. Too bad they had closed the office doors, blocking the view we would have had of the airborne messengers. (They would probably get to Ottawa before our questions would.)

"Would you like some coffee? Do you have everything you need?"

"Except what we came in for."  
"Right."

## Linking up for Peace

by Trevor Price

On Saturday March 15, ACT for Disarmament members brought out their banners and headed down to the US Consulate on University Ave. with a message in mind. The message took the form of a "human chain for peace," which succeeded in joining the Consulate with the Conservative Party headquarters on Richmond St.

The content of the message was this: on March 19th, PM Mulroney would be renewing the Canada-US NORAD Agreement, still lacking an important clause prohibiting Canadian participation in the development of ABM systems. This clause was quietly removed in 1981, the same year that NORAD ceased to be the North American Air Defence Command and became the North American Aerospace Command.

It would seem that the road is being paved for more Canadian participation in Star Wars and the nuclear arms race. The nature of the NORAD agreement has changed drastically and perhaps should not be renewed at all. As ACT spokesperson Angela Browning said, "Canadians do not want to participate in Star Wars, just as they did not want to participate in Cruise missile testing."

The superficiality of the cordiality was somewhat sickening, and there were signs that we were not being taken very seriously. Apparently our questions had been wired to the Prime Minister, and we made it clear that we would not leave until we received a response.

The office decided to close at 4:30 instead of 5:00.

"You're welcome to come back tomorrow. Our answering machine will be on to accept any reply."

"No thank you, we will just wait here."

After more than 15 minutes of attempts by the police to talk us out of our decision, we were told that we would be arrested for trespassing. They dragged us out of the office, into the elevator, and into a paddywagon. We left the police station after 1 1/2 hours of filling out forms.

More than one month after posing the questions to the Mulroney government, we still have had no reply. Since then the NORAD agreement has been signed, and the concerns of the peace movement seem to have gone unaddressed. But with each protest, every effort on the part of individuals, every public action will help to keep driving home our concerns.



While Mulroney is drawing Canada further into a military connection with the Americans, ACT was symbolically trying to link the two nations with peace. With the help of ribbons and banners, the human chain succeeded in stretching a third of a mile, from the consulate, south to Queen St, east on Queen to York and then south to P.C. headquarters on Richmond. An encouraging number of media representatives were there to watch us complete the chain.

Attending the demonstration were upwards of eighty people from the ACT coalition and several other peace groups. When asked why they had come such a distance to take part in a demonstration that only lasted an hour and a half, ACT members from Grimsby, St.Catharines, and Kitchener agreed that it was part of their commitment to peace as ACT members. Peter Tinkler from St.Catharines said, "It's the individual that counts." More than eighty individuals made Saturday's demonstration a success.

The human chain was conducted in solidarity with the North Bay Peace Alliance which organized a successful protest of over 100

## Four Unanswered Questions

1. The majority of Canadians are opposed to cruise missile testing and have demonstrated their opposition to it. Furthermore, experts agree that the cruise is only useful as a first strike weapon. Will the cabinet put a stop to further cruise tests as they only serve to drag Canada further into the arms race?

2. In the NORAD agreement currently up for renewal, a clause was dropped in 1981 which ensured that Canada would not be involved in anti-ballistic missile development. Will you reinstate this clause?

There seem to be many secret Canada-US military agreements that even Parliament has been denied access to. With this kind of secrecy and deceit, how can we have any assurance that nuclear weapons will not be, or are not already, deployed or stored on Canadian territory?

3. On the occasion of the 5th cruise test, we planned a protest at Don Mills Collegiate, handing out white armbands to show a desire for peace and our

rejection of armament as an answer. Our school is an ordinary suburban school, yet in two hours more than 350 of the students were wearing white armbands. We encountered a lot of interest and support for our protest, even among those who were normally uncertain about the issue. We are certain that a majority of students and youths are opposed to the testing of the cruise. Ours is the future that you must decide. Have you ever consulted extensively or invited input from high school students about a nuclear policy that affects our future and our inheritance?

4. Canada is preparing for war—with continued cruise missile testing, tacit approval of Star Wars, increased defense spending, development of a new northern warning defense system, nuclear ships harboured in Nanoco Bay, the consideration of a Cape Breton West German tank manufacturing company that would export them to the Middle East, and the possibility of nuclear weapons being based on Canadian soil. Don't you agree that Canada has contributed enough to the arms race and that the arms race must be stopped now?



people the same day. TDN also sent a bus-load of people to support the protest, held at the underground military installation that serves as Canada's NORAD headquarters. According to ACT members Ted Dymont and Dianna Wilson, it was a cold, isolated scene, but the protest was "high spirited and very friendly." Dymont also thought that bringing in "Giff" Gifford of Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament (Halifax) to speak was very appropriate in a town so dominated by the military presence.

The Toronto chain ended with a rally outside P.C.headquarters. Although the crowd was beginning to feel the cold, they were still enthusiastic and sure that the demonstration had been a success.



Photos : Rob Fantinato

## FALLOUT SHELTER

The first in a series of monthly poetry readings happened on Saturday, April 5th, featuring "Jones" and "Smith". This kicks off the series, organized by poet and activist James Deahl. The readings will be on the first Saturday of every month.

"Jones" and "Smith" came across as extremely interesting and provocative poets, capable of astute socio-political commentary, as well as having a great rapport with the audience.

Come out and enjoy the next readings on Saturday, May 3 at 9pm, featuring poets Chris Faiers and Sharon Goodier, and on June 7 at our new location with Sharon Berg and Pam Oxendine.

Of course, the regular coffeehouse continues every Friday at 9 pm, after the forum. Watch NOW club listings for the featured artist, and come by and play on the open set any Friday.

Some dates to watch: Saturday May 10: Performance by David Prentice String Trio with Arthur Bull and David Lee Friday May 16: Violence and the Sacred—lute, electronics and tape. Drop in to the Fallout Shelter, the hot-spot of Toronto's peace community. Meet other peaceiks of the 1980's. See you there! (Watch for our new location beginning June 1st)

# REPORT ON BUSINESS



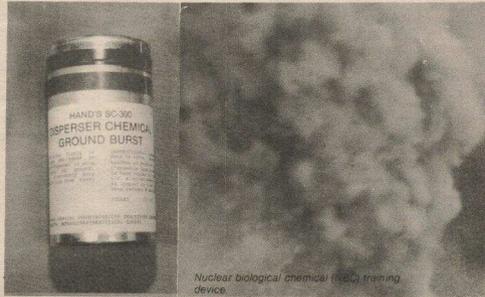
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## Some of Canada's Contribution to Chemical, Biological and Nuclear War

by John Bacher

Canadian companies are manufacturing a variety of equipment to carry out NATO and NORAD plans for use in chemical, biological, and nuclear war. The Canadian Defence Products Guide, a publication of the Canadian government written to promote the arms industry, highlights the roles of two Canadian companies in this process: Hand Chemical and Uniroyal Limited.

Hand Chemical Industries, located at 221 Nipissing Road in Milton Ontario, is "a pioneer Canadian company, established in 1873 specializing at that time in the manufacture of fireworks." "Over the decades" Hand Chemical has "become one of the foremost firms on the inter-



Nuclear Biological Chemical (NBC) training device. Hand Industries Photo: Canadian Defence Products Guide

national scene in the production of a complete line of custom military pyrotechniques." Hand's products include "airburst, liquid, nuclear, biological, chemical" training simulators, thunderflash and nuclear bomb simulators.

Uniroyal Ltd. through its "Government Products and Development Division" has also "developed a unique expertise" in serving requirements for nuclear, biological and chemical warfare. This has focused on the development of protective equipment for use in such wars.

Potential purchasers of chemicals, nuclear and biological warfare equipment can obtain further information on these products by contacting "your nearest Canadian trade office".

## Our Children are Frightened

by Rick Bogacz

"I feel the government should do something about the nuclear threat. They should try to make this a better place to live so children and grandchildren will have a world to live in".

That was one 15-year-old's thoughts about the nuclear arms race.

A 13-year-old said: "If nuclear war starts I think they should make cyanide pills instead of dying in a nuclear fallout."

Still another 15-year-old remarked: "I don't care about nuclear war. The only thing that is important are my parents and my music."

These candid comments were included in an extensive survey by Of Children's Hopes and Fears compiled by the Niagara Chapter

of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR). PSR is a national organization of doctors who try to teach the public, government and their colleagues about the medical dimensions of nuclear war.

The main purpose of the survey was to measure the extent that school children in Niagara Region are pre-occupied with the threat of a nuclear holocaust. Part of the questionnaires sent out to 682 students in Grades 8 to 12 asked them to list their three strongest hopes and three greatest worries.

The results show that 54 per cent of all the children said war and peace was their main worry. The second was work and employment, human relationships, such as marriage, children, love, friendship and a good home placed third. Only 3.3 per cent mentioned pollution.

The vast majority of the respondents said they hoped for some kind of human relationship. Three out of four put work and employment as their next priority. Only 18 per cent of the respondents said they hoped most for world peace.

Twenty-six per cent think about nuclear war at least once a week. Twenty per cent admitted to feelings of fear or anxiety about nuclear war at least once a week.

Twenty-one per cent said plans for marriage and children have been affected "some" or "a lot" by the nuclear weapons build-up.

The survey also found that nuclear war is almost never spoken about in half of the homes in the region despite the fact that it is the number one worry of most children. Two-thirds of the children questioned felt totally powerless in

the face of the nuclear threat. And although one third felt they had some influence in preventing nuclear war, only five per cent of the sample said they had taken any kind of action.

About nine per cent of the students had obtained counselling at school for nuclear-related worries. Four per cent had done so outside the school.



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## Canadian Uranium Fuels the Arms Race

by David Webster

Canada's role in the arms race has been to provide test ranges for new weapons systems and to provide the uranium needed as the raw material for nuclear weapons. Yet the exportation of uranium has been overlooked by large sections of the peace movement, despite it being an equally destabilizing factor. It is time for the peace movement to recognize and take a stand against Canada's own major stake in the arms race.

Canada mines 1/4 of the world's supply of uranium, mainly in northern Saskatchewan and Ontario. Over 93% of it is exported, making Canada the #1 supplier of uranium in the world.

### Fueling the Bomb

Without Canadian uranium, the Manhattan Project probably would not have been able to develop the bomb in time to be dropped on Japan. "An urgent need for uranium in quantity equal to that of the British-US-Canadian undertaking which eventually brought forth the atomic bomb. Canada's role was to supply the uranium." (Eldorado annual report).

About 30% of American nuclear weapons built before 1965 used Canadian uranium. British nuclear weapons program also found its fuel in Canada. But in the early 60's, both the US and Britain found their own uranium sources. This is what prompted the 1965 decision of the Pearson government ban on the use of Canadian uranium in nuclear weapons (a book-keeping fiction) and the "atoms for peace" policy--not concern over the nuclear arms race. After 1965, the government began to stockpile uranium and accelerated the search for new sources.

The US is self-sufficient in uranium, but still imports from Canada. Even if Canadian uranium were to be used in "strictly peaceful" nuclear reactors, it would free other uranium for use in nuclear weapons. However, all uranium goes into a common stockpile to be processed into enriched uranium needed for reactors (no tracking by country of origin). It's the leftover depleted uranium (5 of each 6 pounds that goes into enrichment plants) that is used by the US military.

The depleted uranium is used as the casing of hydrogen bombs, to double their explosive power, and is also bombarded with neutrons to create plutonium for use in the core of nuclear warheads.

Another use is in new conventional weapons. Its chemical properties allow it to burn rapidly through armour. Depleted uranium ammunition is produced by two contractors for General. Uses include armour-piercing shells for the M-1 tank and a new penetrating gun system for the US Air Force. These emerging technologies bridge the gap between conventional and nuclear since they use nuclear material in battlefield conditions.

Over half of the depleted uranium stockpiled in the US is of Canadian origin. Canada's Department of External Affairs is satisfied if the amount exported by Canada equals the amount used for peaceful purposes but has had to admit that there's no way to put "a Canadian flag on every atom." The safeguards exist only on paper.

### The French Connection

But it's not only the US which uses Canadian uranium for its arms buildup--France is another customer. France has refused to sign the Non-proliferation Treaty or to allow international inspection of its uranium enrichment plant (the US also refuses inspection). Amok, a consortium of the French government and three French companies, owns 80% of the Cluff Lake mine, with the Saskatchewan government owning the rest.

France also holds a large stake in the Cigar Lake property, the richest deposit in the world, again in partnership with the Saskatchewan government. The uranium from Cluff Lake is exported to France for use in military reactors. These sales undercut the Australian boycott on uranium sales to France (imposed because of a French nuclear testing in the South Pacific).

Another favourite customer is the military dictatorship of South Korea. The Korean government has an interest in the Baker Lake Mine, in the NWT. In 1976, a US Congressional report said that South Korea was engaged in a clandestine program to manufacture nuclear weapons. It was estimated that by 1988 Korea would be able to build 36 plutonium bombs a year.

Canadian uranium is sent for enrichment to the USSR as well as the US and France. Again, there is no attempt to separate by country of origin. Just as INCO sold uranium to both sides during World War II, Canada sells its uranium to both sides today, helping in the acceleration of the arms race.

### Suffocation

After 1965, the Canadian government set up Uranium Canada Ltd (UCAN) to ensure that corporations mining in Canada will always be able to meet their production targets by borrowing from its uranium stockpile. UCAN encourages uranium mining as there are no economic risks for the mining company. The federal government also owns Eldorado, "the people who supply uranium to the world." Eldorado is active in mining and also operates the Port Hope refinery.

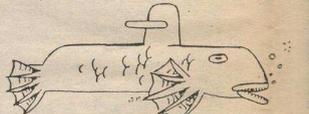
The Ontario government subsidizes the operations of Denison Mines and Rio Algom Uranium, partners in the Elliot Lake mine. Without government support, Elliot Lake would be unprofitable. The Saskatchewan government, through its crown corporation Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation, owns half of the Key Lake mine. The SMDC is involved in over 300 projects.

When he was on his "peace initiative", ex-Prime Minister Trudeau proposed that the arms race be "suffocated" by cutting off the materials that feed it. But Canada continued to sell its uranium around the world. What is needed is real suffocation--an end to uranium mining and trade. By "stopping it at the source" Canada could do more for peace than it has by all its Prime Ministers' "peace initiatives" and lobbying of the superpowers.

## Nanoose Bay

by Laurie MacBride

DURING THE SUMMER, WE WERE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO FEATURE AN EXCELLENT SLIDE SHOW AND TALK BY MS. MACBRIDE AS PART OF ACT'S WEEKLY FORUM PROGRAM. WE FOUND THAT WE SHARE MANY CONCERNS WITH NANOOSE CONVERSION IN OUR COMMON OPPOSITION TO CANADA'S INCREASING INVOLVEMENT IN THE ARMS RACE.



During the winter, life at Canada's only surviving peace camp is centered around the physical challenges posed by drafty tipis situated in an exposed and typically very windy Vancouver Island location. However, we intend to stay until at least next April.

Our reason for being there is the presence of a little known but extremely important undersea weapons testing range just off Nanoose Bay in the Georgia Strait--The Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges (CFMETR) is nominally a Canadian facility, but in reality operates under the wing of the Navy base in Keyport, Washington. U.S. ships and nuclear submarines use the range, a fifty-square mile area, to test and develop the latest in the anti-submarine warfare arsenal. CFMETR was built when Canada's External Affairs Department signed an agreement with the U.S. in 1967 to establish, maintain and share the use of the range; the agreement was renewed and expanded (to include a part of the Jervis Inlet) in 1976, and is due to expire in April, 1986. The U.S. has no intention of leaving Nanoose; they have installed millions of dollars worth of computer, video surveillance, and acoustic equipment and lined the ocean floor at CFMETR with highly sensitive listening devices. However, we hope to create enough public pressure to block another renewal of the agreement, which is why we are camping at Nanoose Bay, overlooking the naval base.

But the peace camp is only one part of the overall plan of action. Since our formation last fall, the NCC has attempted to develop and carry out a multi-faceted and clearly planned strategy in order to achieve our three goals: 1) non-renewal of the Canada-U.S. agreement governing the use of Nanoose when it expires in April, 1986, 2) an end to all weapons systems testing in the Georgia Strait, and 3) conversion of CFMETR to peaceful, productive purposes.

We launched the campaign officially in 1984 on Remembrance Day, with a peace walk to the Nanoose base; not a new tactic by any means, but a new departure for Vancouver Island activists, in that previous



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## Bay: The Pace Never Slackens

Nanose protests had taken place at the rest stop on the Island Highway, rather than in front of the base. Since then, we've demonstrated outside the base many times. Our main focus for the early summer, however, was on the peace camp and rest stop area, where we held several special events and celebratory gatherings, and often helped staff the "Peace Truck", which has become an institution on Vancouver Island. An aging one-ton truck, it is brought to the rest stop each morning throughout the summer by various peace groups, working together in the Vancouver Island Network for Disarmament (VIND). Free coffee and information on Nanose and other peace issues are handed out to passersby, and donations are accepted for buttons and bumper stickers.

In August, we turned our attention back to the base, as the U.S. Navy had suddenly stepped up the frequency of its use of Nanose.

In a single month, we had three visits by U.S. nuclear attack submarines. The first of these came, ironically, on Hiroshima Day, when the USS "Flasher" arrived. Like all U.S. subs, it carries a small nuclear weapons system called the SUBROC, a nuclear depth charge of one to five kilotons up to a potentially one-quarter of the destructive power of the Hiroshima bomb). We decided to protest its presence, and quickly organized a demonstration on very short notice. We were delighted with the response; seventy people participated and we managed to get some media attention. Two visits from the USS "Salt Lake City" within the next three weeks prompted repeat demonstrations.

The "Salt Lake City" is of particular concern to us; a Los Angeles class nuclear attack sub; the newest, fastest, quietest, and most deadly of this type, it carries nuclear depth charges, and we're almost certain that it now also carries twelve Tomahawk sea-launched cruise missiles. Each Tomahawk could have a 100-kiloton warhead, giving a single submarine the firepower of at least 120 Hiroshimas.

Over the next few years, the U.S. plans to put 4000 nuclear and conventionally armed Tomahawks on board all of its subs and many of its surface ships. One of the many problems with the Tomahawk is that of verification. It's virtually impossible to tell whether a given vessel is carrying nuclear or conventionally armed Tomahawks, thus making arms control a nightmare, and leaving Canadian citizens in the dark as to when nuclear weapons are in our back-yard. The U.S. policy is to neither confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear warheads on board any of its vessels, and three Ministers of National Defence, both liberal and conservative (including Erik Nielsen), have told us they'll continue to respect this policy and not ask.

We're encouraging people to push the Canadian government to adopt the "New Zealand Solution": that unless the U.S. confirms there are no nuclear weapons on board a vessel, it should not be allowed into our harbours. We believe the U.S. can be moved on this issue, as it recently made a pledge to the people's Republic of China that it would not bring nuclear weapons into its harbours.

With only a few months left until the Canada-U.S. agreement in April, we want to step up the political pressure considerably. Direct action at Nanose will be intensified as well. We plan to include non-violent civil disobedience and creative symbolic actions within future demonstrations.

A major project is the "People's Enquiry into CFMETR" planned for January. This is being organized by the Gabriela Island Peace Association as part of its ongoing support of the NCC. The two day event will be held in Nanaimo on January 18 and 19.



One area the Enquiry will examine is conversion: how CFMETR can be better used for peaceful, productive purposes. The NCC will be presenting a paper on this, and is presently researching models for conversion and the costs and benefits of alternative proposals.

A major concern for us is money. At present our financial picture is very gloomy, and while we've had generous donations over the past ten months, the campaign continues to be expensive. We are hoping that people who agree with our campaign will dig deep into their pockets at this time so that it can continue and broaden. Donations can be sent to the NCC at the address below.

We're also publishing a monthly newsletter and welcome subscribers (no charge but a donation for printing and postage would be helpful).

Visitors to the peace camp are welcome (especially those who don't mind cold, wet weather), but there are also many ways that people from other communities can help in the campaign. Please write to us or call if you'd like to receive further information, buttons, bumper stickers, newsletters, literature, petitions, or the slide show:

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(604)420-5098 (Vancouver)

## Mulroney Drives a Hard Bargain (But not for Peace)

by Doug Harrison

"Colonel! Look! On the screen! See those radar blips! I think they are Russian missiles!"

"Yes son, indeed they are. Twenty of them. Must be an attack. Guess I had better go and tell the President. Don't forget to go outside and wave when they pass over. Oh, by the way, when you come inside, I suppose you should call the Prime Minister if you have the time."

Last spring, the government of Canada signed an agreement with the U.S. to replace the old DEW line. A new radar system, called the North Warning System (N.W.S.), is supposed to detect Russian missiles, such as a cruise or Russian bombers coming in from the north.

The first phase will cost \$1.5 billion, with Canada contributing 40% towards it. It may ultimately cost up to \$7 billion, if and when future upgrading is finished.

According to government, all the N.W.S. is going to do is detect missiles. No antiballistic missile system will be connected to it, nor interceptor jets of any kind, nor will it be made a part of Star Wars. It is just a radar system.

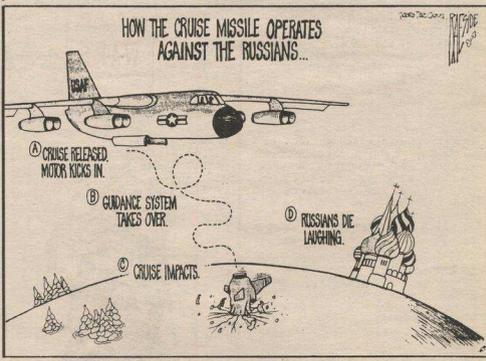
For our government to claim that this radar will not be tied into a response system is unbelievable. It is absurd, especially since the DEW line is part of NORAD, and there has been speculation that NORAD will be phased out in favour of a unified space command. The N.W.S. would certainly be the eyes and ears of a central command post. Why else would the U.S. want to detect Russian missiles if not to intercept them? This is a lot of money to spend solely on the ability to wave at Soviet missiles as they fly over our heads.

Once again Canada is being dragged into the arms race. The Americans tell us that the existing system is outdated (ie. not compatible with the planned Star Wars computers); it has to be located in Canada's far north, so that we can detect them early enough, (so that when we shoot them down, they will land on Canadian cities, not U.S. ones); and yes, you can help build it, and supply some equipment; (but not the high-tech stuff, we don't trust you). Of course, the radar stations will have nuclear power plants so they will be self sufficient in times of emergencies, (when they sink into the permafrost, you can worry about radiation problems).

But our government drives a hard bargain. We can't give the U.S. complete control of a military base on Canadian soil, what about arctic sovereignty, and all that stuff? So the U.S. gave us (under extreme pressure, I'm sure), and allowed Canada to throw in \$600 million towards building it.

The NWS is being sold as an innocent radar detection system, something defensive. But the problem is that it is being integrated into the overall military system, and so will become a part of new advances in the arms race, such as Star Wars. In turn, these advances only encourage newer and more deadly developments to counter previous advances. It is a never ending circle, except that it costs more and more money, and constantly pushes us towards the day when these weapons will be used.

The North Warning System is just a part of the problem of the continuing insanity of escalating the arms race. Canadians must demand our right to live in peace.



# Building the Non-aligned Peace Movement

by John Bacher

A successful gathering of non-aligned peace groups from South-western Ontario was hosted by Action Against Militarism in Hamilton on March 1st and 2nd. This weekend gathering brought together such organizations as ACT groups in Ancaster, the Waterloo and Niagara regions, the Hamilton Non-aligned peace group, a Barton Street Hamilton high school peace group, Peace and Development, and the Hamilton chapter of OPIRG.

A consensus developed that peace groups should be non-aligned. This was taken to mean advocacy of neutral Canadian military policies and to take non-aligned positions with regard to the two military blocs. Non-aligned policies for Canada necessitate Canada's withdrawal from NATO and NORAD. In the peace movement, a non-aligned stance means support for policies that promote the dissolution of the two military blocs. To further these goals proposals for assistance to the independent peace movement in Eastern Europe and for the neutralization and demilitarization of central Europe were discussed.

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From the discussion of the protest and resistance, came the consensus that these actions were a means of asserting popular control over Canadian actions. A lobbying focused approach was thought to be ineffectual. We agreed that we should seek more dramatic forms of protests than letter writing or petition making. Attention was given to the need for more originality in demonstrations—new slogans and songs, for example. Other suggestions included developing appropriate symbols for demonstrations to illustrate a non-aligned perspective, tax resistance, assistance to the underground peace movement in Poland, and providing sanctuary for US refugees.

Since many participants went to a Sunday ACT Waterloo region demonstration, no decisions were made. Waterloo ACT however, did agree to host a follow up meeting. Proposals were made for developing a non-aligned peace network in southern Ontario which would facilitate the work of member groups in local areas. It was felt that the ACTivist would play a valuable role in the process.

# Star Wars

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vious that all the major contracts will go to American companies."

A confidential cabinet report, prepared by Spar Aerospace, Canada's leading high-tech firm, leaked by the Ottawa Citizen, found that Star Wars contracts would not generate more than 1,000 jobs a year in Canada. These would be mostly for highly skilled scientists already in short supply.

Spar's report to Cabinet further indicated that the only way Canada could benefit from Star Wars research was to develop its own program based on Canadian, not US defence needs. This would simply involve space based additions to such traditional Canadian defence roles as northern surveillance.

The Mulroney decision not to take part in "government to government" negotiations on Star Wars, will do little to hinder American Star Wars research in Canada. While such government to government dealings will continue by the crown owned Canadian Commercial Corporation assisting Canadian firms to obtain Star Wars contracts, the decision will deny the use of the facilities of Canada's varied defence research establishments and the National Research Council to the US government. Even here however, the barriers are more apparent than real. As Hamilton Alliance for Non-Violent Action peace activist, David Kattenberg, wrote in the liberal American journal *The Nation* these facilities could simply be made available, on a rental basis, to any private firm doing SDI research. The National Research Council has also provided funding to large arms exporters such as Bristol Aerospace, Canadian Marconi, Leigh Instruments and Pratt and Whitney. It has also given heavy financial support for the development of Spar's Canadarm for the US Space Shuttle.

As usual with Canadian high technology arms exports to the US, Star Wars contracts will be heavily subsidized by the Canadian government, through grants for research and development under the Defence Industry Productivity program. Any purchases of Canadian Star Wars products by the US military, will be under the US-Canada Defence Production Sharing Agreement (DPSA). This requires that the Canadian armed forces import any equivalent dollar value of military goods from the US to those that are exported. Lt.-Gen. (Ret.) Kenneth E. Lewis, President of the Aerospace Industries Associations of Canada, notes that the pattern of trade under the DPSA reinforces Canada's technical underdevelopment by encouraging "little technology transfer of 'very modest enduring value to Canada.'"

Star Wars epitomizes how our branch plant defence doctrines only add to unemployment while escalating the danger of nuclear war.



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# Polish Appeal

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in Krakow. Its principal focus was on the conscientious objector issue. Its impact was considerable. Consequently, within another six months similar groups appeared in at least nine other cities.

Recent information indicates that this new movement is widening its scope of activity. A campaign against the stationing of nuclear weapons in Poland is apparently being planned. In addition, the Freedom and Peace groups have expressed a desire for joint activity with Western peace movement. By doing this they are echoing the aspirations of independent peace groups elsewhere in the East bloc.

Leading activists in Solidarnosc are showing increased interest in the work of the emerging independent Polish peace movement as well. This is a development of great importance in view of the continued strength of the underground movement. Put in the context of the East-West dialogue in Europe involving activists for social change in both military blocs, what is now happening in Poland is also something of great importance to the Canadian peace movement. Will we appreciate it and show our solidarity?

Sources: End Journal Newsletter of the Vancouver Committee for Solidarity with Solidarnosc

Below we reprint a statement from Poland calling for "real peace talks" between ordinary people across the East-West divide. It was signed by Wola, Robotnik, Fighting Solidarity, and the Warsaw Workers' Committee of Solidarity.

We, the members of independent social movements, are aiming through our activities to eliminate violence from the relations between nations, social groups, and individuals. As long as social and international conflicts are dealt with by the use of violence or threats of violence, a small bunch of politicians will be able to rule this world by fear. Only a rapprochement between ordinary people, and co-operation between social movements which are independent from political establishments, can eliminate fear from relationships among nations.

When Russians and Americans cease to fear each other, there will be no way for any one to force them to go on constructing the absurd holocaust machinery.

No one in any way will be able to force people from both antagonistic blocs to murder each other. Fear feeds, on strangeness; one is afraid of what is different. Therefore every step which leads to getting to know each other better is a step which pushes away the threat of war.

Talks between the Superpowers cannot by themselves bring durable peace. Instead of talking about the military balance, we propose to establish a system of guarantees by-passing governments. Such a system can be built through:

- direct cooperation between independent social movement;
- drawing up personal peace pacts;
- speedy and independent flow of information; and
- direct personal contacts among citizens from both warring blocks.

Let this little piece of paper, which is now being read by people in London, Warsaw, and Brussels, be a beginning of real peace talks.

## Urgent Action

Since the 19th of February Piotr Niemczyk and Jacek Czuputowicz have been in prison. These two activists, members of the Polish independent peace movement "Freedom and Peace" have been charged with the crime of "belonging to an illegal organization." They are facing a possible three year prison term.

Support to date has come from organizations like CND, War Resisters International and the West German Greens.

Individuals and groups wishing to support these activists are urged to sign the following petition and mail it to either CODENE, groupe Pologne, 23 rue Notre-Dame de Lorette, 75009 Paris (FRANCE) or Polish Workers Solidarity Committee, P.O. Box 24, Main St., St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 6T7.

In the name of respect for human rights and freedom of expression and organization recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations, we demand the immediate release of Jacek Czuputowicz and Piotr Niemczyk.

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## Our Children

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Kids get most of their information about nuclear war from television.

Seventy-eight per cent supported a nuclear freeze, while only 15 per cent supported testing of the cruise missile.

Results from the Niagara questionnaires match those in similar survey done in Toronto and Hamilton, but Niagara children are "significantly less likely to have taken any personal action to prevent nuclear war."

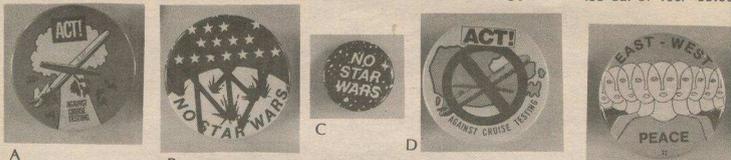
Children in large metropolitan areas are generally more likely

to become involved in social and political issues than those in rural areas, said Dr. Ken Santher, a child psychiatrist who worked on the study.

Dr. David Nicholson, president of the local PSR group, said the Niagara Region is the only area where it seems that children are less active than their parents in the nuclear issue.

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It wasn't the intention of PSR to intercept the survey's results, he added. But they will be sent to all Niagara Peninsula school boards in the hope that trustees and administrators will consider including the arms race and global conflict as part of their curriculum.

"This survey shows that children have significant concerns about the nuclear threat," said PSR vice-president Dr. Patrick Gibney. "It's our responsibility to highlight these concerns for educators in this country."

Dr. Nicholson also pointed out that children who are informed about the nuclear arms race tend to be less afraid of it.

"There's an anecdote about a teacher who asks how many of his students are afraid of the Holocaust. All but one child raises his hand. When the teacher asks him why he isn't afraid, the child says 'because my parents are involved in the peace movement and they are working to make this a better place to live.'"

Dr. Rudi Toews, a local pediatrician and a member of PSR, said parents should be encouraged to talk to their kids about the nuclear threat.

"To see that 50 per cent of the homes in the Niagara Region do not discuss nuclear war is a real shocker," he said. "Protecting the children from these issues is very wrong. We have to include them in discussions of it. I think it will help make us better parents."

# ACT ON THE MOVE

## ACT Niagara

by Bruce Allen

ACT Niagara has been increasing the range of its activities in recent months to include everything from networking to concrete actions against cruise testing.

Both cruise tests prompted a swift response from the members and supporters of ACT Niagara. Over thirty people were present at the first demonstration and the second, though smaller, received fairly good media coverage.

ACT Niagara has also been working hard at establishing contacts with other groups interested in peace. Just a week after the cruise protest Bert Kesser of ACT in Toronto spoke to a provincial riding association meeting of the St. Catharines NDP. He discussed "Challenges Confronting the Canadian Peace Movement". Bert presented a comprehensive view of the recent history and current situation of the movement.

Shortly after the NDP meeting, the UAW Local 199 in St. Catharines presented a forum entitled "Facing Up to Nuclear War". After a short film on nuclear winter, ACT chairperson Angela Browning was one of the speakers who addressed the meeting. Angela's talk focussed on cruise missile testing in Canada and its relationship to the nuclear threat. Angela noted that cruise missile testing had provided a "foot in the door" for the Pentagon's nuclearization of Canada and

stressed the need for the peace movement to maintain its pressure on the government around the cruise issue. ACT Niagara would like to express its gratitude to Rhonda Jessome and the UAW Local 199 Education Committee for inviting ACT to participate.

On the March 1st weekend, ACT Niagara expressed its firm support of non-alignment through its participation in a conference hosted by Action Against Militarism. ACT Niagara is looking forward to participation in another upcoming meeting of non-aligned groups. This will take place at the ACT Coalition the ACT Coalition conference, to be held May 23-25 in St. Catharines.



UAW Local 199 on the April ACT peace march. Photo: Bruce Allen

## ACT Waterloo Region

by Gia Lim & Chris Reid  
"Local Peace Movement Rejuvenated"

That was the headline in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record on Wednesday, February 26, describing the demonstration at Waterloo Tory M.P. Walter McLean's Constituency office in response to this year's second cruise test organized by ACT (Waterloo region).

We followed the cruise protest with a demonstration at the entrance to Kitchener's Bingham Park, where Prime Minister Mulroney spoke to a large gathering of Conservatives. The protest against cruise testing and Canadian participation in Star Wars research received excellent local and national media coverage.

Activists from the area have participated in several other protests and actions recently.

ACT (K-W) was also proud to take a substantial part in the March 15 "human chain" in Toronto.

Five ACT (Waterloo Region) delegates attended the first Southwestern Ontario conference of non-aligned and protest resistance oriented peace groups in Hamilton on March 1-2. We found it a valuable experience, made important contacts and have

accepted an invitation to host the follow-up conference in K-W, in September of this year.

On April 26, we will be going to Toronto for the fourth annual Spring Protest, thanks to busing provided by the Waterloo Regional Labour Council.

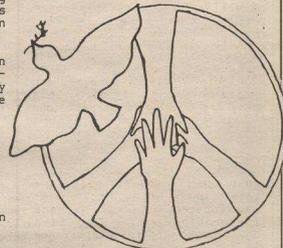
ACT Waterloo Region's first major action will be a mass peace march and rally on Mother's Day, May 11th, 1986. This will be our rejoinder to the April 26th National Day of Protest.

We have also been gathering support from labour, church and peace groups for the ACT Brodsky Appeal.



ACT Waterloo at the office of John Reimer, MP.

## The ACT High School Network



by Sheila Holyer

The High School Network is extremely busy these days. First off, we're doing our part for the April 26th rally. We'll be organizing the food supplies and emceeing the rally after the march.

We hope to have a large turnout of high school students at the rally, as we have had in the past. Anyone interested in our activities is invited to attend a workshop we will be holding indoors at the end of the day's events.

We're also coming out with a high school network button which will be available at the rally and at the ACT headquarters. In addition to our meetings, which are regularly held on the first and third Sunday of every month, we will also be holding video nights in the upcoming months. These will be held at the ACT headquarters on Friday nights before the coffee house (about 7:00). For details call the office of one of the network members listed below.

The fame of the High School Network is spreading! We now have affiliates in London, Hamilton, Kitchener, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Orillia, Montreal, and more! It's great to meet students with the same interests and concerns we have. We are tentatively planning for several of these groups to meet with us for a few days of workshops, fun and communication, perhaps in the summer.

As always we are available to provide assistance to any high school peace groups, i.e., providing films, speakers, information, or just encouragement. We'll be needing lots of help in preparing for the April 26th rally. If you are willing to help or just want to know more about the High School Network call either the ACT office at 960-2ACT or Sheila Holyer at 222-7506 or Danielle Shaw at 222-5075.

PS: The High School Network will be sponsoring demonstrations at various high schools throughout the city on April 23rd to raise awareness of nuclear issues because we feel that we are not given sufficient knowledge in our classrooms.

On an international scale, ACT will send three representatives to the European Nuclear Disarmament Campaign. A representative of ACT Niagara will be among them. This year's gathering is scheduled for early June in Paris, France.

Persons wishing to get in touch with ACT Niagara or wanting to learn more about the May 23-25 ACT Coalition conference are urged to contact:

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ACT (K-W) recently obtained a copy of a "Report from Parliament" written by our M.P. Walter McLean in February, 1983, then a Tory backbencher. Now a cabinet Minister, McLean then denounced cruise testing.

ACT (K-W) sent copies of the Report to P.M. Mulroney and Deputy P.M. Neilson advising them that we agree completely with the stand taken 3 years ago by Mr. McLean and asking them either endorse Mr. McLean's position or disassociate the government from it.

We eagerly await a response.

Our Mother's Day March (May 11) will start at 1:00 p.m. at King + William St. (by Lebat's Brewery) in Waterloo. The march will end with a rally at Fed. Hall, U of W.

Photo: Chris Reid

# What is ACT?

ACT for Disarmament is a non-aligned coalition of activist groups and individuals dedicated to mobilizing Canadians against their country's deepening involvement in the arms race. ACT began as the Against Cruise Testing Coalition and organized some of the largest demonstrations in Toronto's history against cruise missile testing in Canada. It has since continued to focus on this issue as well as broadening out as Canada's involvement in US military strategy becomes more inextricable.

But there is another side to the politics of ACT. As part of the international non-aligned peace movement, ACT is opposed to the militaristic policies of both superpowers and their military blocs. We believe that peace can only be achieved through the united efforts of people, East and West, working independently of their governments. ACT for Disarmament publicly supports the right of people to organize and work for peace, free from government interference. Be it in East Germany, Czechoslovakia, the USSR, or in repressive Nato countries such as Turkey.

In keeping with our belief that people can bring about change, ACT concentrates much of its energies on mobilizing people, both by building mass demonstrations and by networking on the local and nationwide level. ACT believes that sustained, highly public action is the strongest lever we have on government policy and that demonstrations are an effective way of expressing our view in a democratic society.

ACT strives to reach people in all walks of life. ACT is a coalition that includes a High School Network active in 35 schools, a newly-formed community college network and the Fallout Shelter Collective which has involved more than 100 performing artists. There are ACT Chapters in several locations across Ontario, and we hope to be truly Ontario-wide in the future. ACT also holds weekly educational forums, film showings and public meetings. (Help us organize one in your area!)

We know that we can stop the arms race. We also know that we have no other choice. Please help us make peace a reality. Make a financial contribution, come out to one of our many events, or...join ACT.

## Get Active!

Get active...help stop the arms race by doing what you do best.

Help on one of ACT's committees:

- PUBLICITY** - designing and distributing of leaflets, posters, buttons, etcetera.
- DAY'S EVENTS** - co-ordinating the logistics of demonstrations.
- EDUCATION** - arranging weekly forums, providing speakers and literature.
- EASTEUROPEAN-WORKING** - support for independent peace activity in the Eastern Bloc and also in such repressive western regimes as Turkey.
- CFWEE** - Drafting and distribution of Press statements, arranging interviews, alerting and dealing with the press.
- ACTIVIST COLLECTIVE** - Writing and producing this paper!
- NETWORKING** - Establishing and maintaining national and international links and co-ordinating campaigns.
- FALLOUTSHELTER-COLLECTIVE** - Organizing and running our weekly peace coffeehouse, booking performers and art shows.
- FUNDRAISING** - Organizing parties, dances, button blitzes, fund-appeals, and large and small fundraising events.

If you can help in any of these areas...or want to see if you can, please call, or write using the coupon below.

Spring is a busy time for the peace movement and a time when all of our resources are stretched to the limit. The ACTIVIST, cruise missile response demonstrations and now April 26th have all been expensive yet important projects of ACT. At this time, ACT needs its membership, those who plan and organize our events, to make a donation to our work.

If every individual who read the ACTIVIST made a \$1.00 donation to ACT, the costs of April 26 would be covered. If half made a donation of \$5.00, we would be able to move into a larger space and have a good start on paying for the June 2nd rally and the August 6th Hiroshima - Nagasaki demonstration.

ACT has been encouraged by the donations that have come in since the beginning of March. Religious orders, such as The Sisters of St. Joseph (London) have made significant cash donations and even Labatts Breweries has recently supported ACT. Such large donations are, unfortunately, few and far between and we count on the



generosity and commitment of our supporters for our work to go on.

Please make a donation to ACT. Whether \$1.00, which pays for your copy of the ACTIVIST to get

# ACT in Action

## 1983

- Feb. 12th - ACT networks demonstrations across Canada and mobilizes 4,000 - nationally. ACT hours after the umbrella weapons testing agreement is announced in parliament.
- April 23rd - ACT organizes historic anti-cruise march of 25,000 in Toronto and networks Canada's largest day of protest to date; about 125,000 Canadians in over twenty cities.
- July 23rd - ACT co-ordinates a nationwide (and U.S.) reaction to the Cruise Testing Agreement and organizes march of 6,000 up Yonge Street in Toronto.
- August 6th - Hiroshima Day commemoration and protest.
- Oct. 12nd - ACT co-organizes demonstration of International Day of Protest which again brings out 25,000 Torontonians.
- Dec. 3rd - ACT puts the Santa Claus parade back on Yonge Street with a 1,500 person Christmas March for Peace.
- Dec. 16th - ACT initiates a small but significant Queen's Park protest as part of the successful international campaign to free independent Soviet peace activist Olga Medvedkova.

## 1984

- March 10th - Demonstration in response to first cruise test, networked nationally. ACT had finally won the right to march up Yonge Street with a permit.
- April 28th - ACT's second annual Spring Protest for peace attracts over 10,000 participants in Toronto and is once again promoted across Western Canada by ACT.
- August 6th - ACT's second downtown Hiroshima Day March of 1,000 is led by federal election candidates who have responded to ACT's challenge to demonstrate that they really are prepared to act for peace.

## 1985

- Jan. 15th - Press conference and nationally publicized symbolic action at Toronto's Peace Garden.
- Jan. 19th - "Saturday after" march - over 500 brave the cold.
- Feb. 19th - Second cruise test: nearly 200 people attend a weekday, noon-hour protest at which they present pictures of their children to PC headquarters resulting in international press coverage.
- April 27th - Third Annual Protest for peace draws over 4,000.
- Aug. 6-9th - ACT's Hiroshima Day candlelight march draws 2,500 people, and is followed by a three day vigil.

## 1986

- Jan. 25th - 200 people brave miserable weather to protest first cruise test of 1986 at PC HQ, then march up Yonge St.
- Coming April 26th...4th Annual Spring Protest for Peace.

## If you want action for disarmament - GIVE TO ACT!

### We need your financial support

Demonstrations cost thousands. This year's Spring Protest, publicity, sound system and materials will cost nearly \$5,000. Please make a donation. YOU are ACT — YOUR energy and YOUR financial contribution can make this an effective event.

By giving to ACT, you will support:

- Toronto's most active disarmament coalition.
- Toronto's only peace centre, hosting forums, films and peace cafe.
- The global non-aligned movement for peace and disarmament.

Here is my donation to ACT:

\$200  \$100  \$50  \$30  \$15  I want to help on April 26th! Area of interest:

I want to subscribe to the ACTIVIST (\$5)

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