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## Environmental whitewash comes under attack

On October 31, the Department of National Defence released its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the military flying at Canadian Forces Base Goose Bay. By Christmas, the report had been declared inadequate by the government's own panel of experts.

One of the 22 members of the panel, Dr. V. Geist, went so far as to call the report a cover-up—Geist was aware of studies of caribou harassment that were deliberately omitted from the EIS. Another expert, Dr. George Lee, said the report was composed of "cursory glimpses and generalized comments".

Perhaps not incidentally, the EIS was prepared in part by Fenco Newfoundland Ltd. Fenco is a subsidiary of Lavalin, an engineering firm with a record of approving environmentally harmful projects and involved in a bid for construction of the proposed Nato base at Goose Bay.

Many of the problems with the EIS are obvious even to "non-experts". The most ingenuous statement is the assurance that airplane crashes will have no adverse environmental effect until an airplane crashes, but similar generalizations run through the report, which could be summarized as: "We're not sure what the effect will be, so we'll assume there is none". Even so, the report reluctantly (and indirectly) admits that the impact of further flying on the caribou herds could be serious, and that the traditional Innu way of life will be difficult if not impossible to maintain.

The EIS does suggest "mitigation measures", the primary one being "avoidance"—that is, the pilots will fly around caribou and people rather than over them. In order to facilitate this, it is suggested that a telephone system be installed throughout the hunting grounds.

Aside from the implications of the Innu being forced to phone

in all their movements; aside from the ridiculous notion that a forest of "bush telephones" could be built; aside from the fantastical suggestion that at 34,000 to 45,000 flights a year the planes could always fly over unoccupied land, the Innu have testified frequently that their hunting camps are deliberately overflowed (see page 2), and they are not inclined to trust this "mitigation measure".

In fact, both major Innu associations (Conseil Atitkamak Montagnais and Naskapi Montagnais Innu Association) boycotted the EIS process—another omission passed over by the authors of the report, whose major mitigation measure is clearly the hope that the Innu live more like white people (with the help of Native Liaison Officers, Community Liaison Officers, and teams of social workers: "DND recognizes that local residents want jobs on the base... DND is committed to equal opportunity employment practices [and] will direct relevant training to native communities").

The EIS will be reviewed in February, and probably set back for revision, thus preventing a final decision on the Nato base at the May 22-23 Nato meeting in Brussels. Though this is not all-important—EIS or no, the flights are still increasing—it does put as crimp in DND's plans.

• Maggie Helwig

*One week before Nato meets, there will be a chance to send a strong message of opposition to a base at Goose Bay to Nato leaders. May 12 is the date for ACT for Disarmament's Eighth Annual Spring Protest for Peace, which this year focuses on supporting the Innu against the invasion of their homeland. And the names of thousands of Canadians who oppose the base will be presented to Nato leaders: see page 7 for details on ACT's petition campaign.*



## Open skies for cruise

Berlins rang in the new decade by dancing on the Berlin Wall, crossing at will from East to West and back again.

The government of Canada waited a few weeks, then announced that the first cruise missile test of 1990—the beginning of another year in the invasion of Canada by our "allies"—and their weapons—would be held on January 23. Another followed a few days later, with tragic results.

The announcement of the first cruise test was a direct slap in the face to the peace movement, coming two weeks after the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, a quasi-governmental organization, added its name to the long list of cruise opponents, and just two days after the Ottawa Peace Camp and ACT for Disarmament

demonstrated on Parliament Hill against the cruise.

On January 23, as the cruise flew, 60 people held an energetic picket of Conservative Party headquarters in Toronto. Protests were also held in Edmonton, Hamilton and Ottawa. And plans were stepped up for larger demonstrations on February 17 in Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto and Peterborough.

In Toronto, North American peace movement history will be made as independent peace activists from Eastern Europe—until recently persecuted and in some cases jailed as "dissidents"—lead the march past the consulates of three countries that are testing weapons in Canada: Britain, the Netherlands and the United States. Members of Toronto City Council have been invited to lead the march along with the Europeans.

The second cruise test, repeatedly postponed because of weather, took place on January 29. A Canadian CF-18 plane tracking the missile crashed, ending in the death of pilot Richard Corver of Toronto. A tragedy all the worse because the test wasn't even necessary.

ACT Toronto held a candlelight vigil the next day. And hoped no more would have to die.

When governments should be talking about getting rid of the cruise, they are instead grasping desperately for ways to keep it. When President George Bush announced his "open skies" proposal (a plan originally put forward by Dwight Eisenhower in the 1950s to allow each side to watch the other's military preparations) Ottawa quickly seized on the plan.

An Open Skies conference set to open February 12 in Ottawa seems likely to produce an agreement allowing Soviet planes to watch cruise tests starting in 1991, and possibly low-level tests from Goose Bay as well.

The cruise isn't any prettier with a sugar coating of glasnost. Cruise testing shouldn't be allowed to go on with an implicit Soviet stamp of approval. The only sane course is disarmament.

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# Nato war against Innu continues

The fall of 1989 saw Nato continue and escalate its low-level military flight testing over the Innu homeland of Nitassinan (Québec-Labrador), but the Innu also continued their resistance to the invasion of their lands. Many have landed in jail for the "crime" of trespassing on their own land.

Below we reprint the Update put out in December by the Innu nation at Sheshatshit, near Goose Bay.

## Autumn Actions

A six-person action directly in front of a Dutch F-16 jet attempting to take off was followed seven days later on September 26 by a mass protest which saw 50 Innu flood the runways at Canadian Forces Base Goose Bay. In this action a grandmother, stopped to pick berries beside the runway, her family's traditional berry patch, while children and adults walked peacefully behind the Innu flag. The action prevented six jets from taking off for their low-level flight training but created no disruption of civilian traffic. Several non-Innu from Canada and Europe consulted with and then joined us as we "walked on our land", thus making a visible national and international support.

## To Court and to Prison

Many of those arrested in the September actions refused to sign conditions of release stating they would not go onto the runway of CFB Goose Bay. By refusing to sign they are showing that they do not accept that Canadian courts have jurisdiction over Innu territory. The women were taken to a prison hundreds of miles from their families. Martha Hurley, having earlier signed a condition, was not offered release under any conditions as she was judged to be "a threat to public safety". She was eventually released on a bond signed by her husband, after serving 41 days without being convicted.

The remaining prisoners, Joachim Selma, Raphael Grégoire, Jackie Ashini and Rose Grégoire eventually needed to sign conditions to enable them to care for their families and/or travel on speaking tours to tell the Innu story. Only Jim Roche, former priest in Sheshatshit, remains in prison. He has been nominated by a St John's peace activist as Amnesty International's first Canadian prisoner of conscience.

## Overights Again

Two Canadian jets terrorized a group of children playing on the ice at an Innu camp on November 18. The very low

pass of the F-18 directly overhead sent the youngsters screaming to the tents, leaving some with sleep irregularities for several nights. A second low flight followed moments later, this time over the tents. All this in an area which is outside the low flying zone, after the low flying season ended, and by jets which are surveillance planes with no low-level role.

And finally, these flights occurred only days after the release of the Environmental Impact Statement in which the Department of National Defence (DND) assures that all Innu on the land will be "avoided".

On November 23, another case of harassment occurred; this time a military helicopter circled and passed repeatedly over several teenage girls in their tent. After ten minutes of these very low passes,

the girls became too frightened to stay in the camp. However the family had no radio to call for help, and so had to walk back to Sheshatshit, a journey of three days.

Whether officially sanctioned or not, this harassment only strengthens our resolve to continue fighting the military abuse of our people and our land.

## Threats Greet Complaint

Determined to have DND answer for the recent harassments, a contingent of Innu people went to the military control centre on November 30. Upon seeing the Innu, centre staff immediately locked the building and called in military police vehicles. Even after hearing why the group had come, the police officer simply reminded them that they were on

DND property and threatened that they might be arrested and charged if they did not leave. An Innu spokesperson insisted that the complaint was in writing and that it is common knowledge that the military control centre is the place to bring concerns about military flying. Still faced with locked doors, more police and sub-zero temperatures, the group took their story to the press.

Predictably, the Base Commander denied that the Innu were threatened with arrest, insisted that his people attempted to open discussions, and implied that the Innu did not even have a complaint to make.

## Legal Action

With signatures from representatives of nearly all the Innu communities in Nitassinan, a

federal court injunction has been filed:

- to stop existing low-level flying in Nitassinan
- to block the building of a Nato base here
- for the Innu to be compensated for the use of their land thus far.

Basic to the injunction is the fact that the lands in question have never been ceded to any other party by the Innu nation, and that military flying violates the rights of a people to carry out its way of life. This case is extremely important for the Innu, for other first nations seeking territorial sovereignty, and for all people working for a peaceful and secure future.

## Treaty Alliance Meets in Goose Bay

November 21 saw most of the signatories of the Treaty Alliance of North American Aboriginal Nations gathered in Nitassinan at the invitation of the Innu nation. All of the assembled chiefs, representing First Nations from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Québec spoke of the common threat to their peoplehood as the major force binding the Alliance together. All agreed that the Innu faced an especially pressing situation, and in a business session, the group formed a Defence Committee to create specific strategies for coming to the defence of any member nation. In an evening visit to Sheshatshit, the group reaffirmed its commitment to assisting the Innu in their obviously urgent struggle against militarization.

## Nato Maintains Full Strength

Despite the unprecedented reforms in Warsaw Pact countries, Nato leaders state this is no time to relax or reduce. As Innu people we have often stated that we do not simply want low-level flying shifted elsewhere, we believe it is aggressive, destabilizing and should not be practised anywhere.

We hoped that the "dancing on the Berlin Wall" would give Nato strategists the message. The tone of their November 29 meeting in Brussels suggests no change in plans to build their new Tactical Weapons Fighter Training Centre to centralize all aircraft combat and bombing training. With many months still required to complete the Goose Bay Environmental Review Process, Nato will not be able to formally choose Nitassinan as its preferred location for the TWTCF before its May meetings. Let us hope they do not attempt to undermine the Environmental Review Process and march into Goose Bay.

## Innu Rights Now! holds sit-ins

"I don't wanna go to the Don!" Imagine if you were held in a cell for five hours with a group of manic peace activists, threatened with overnight in the Don Jail, yelled at with sexist comments, and we had it luckier: we weren't beaten (too much), held for long, or faced with the racism, classism or blatant physical oppression that many face in our "justice" system.

Fifteen of us were arrested on February 5 while conducting an occupation of the Toronto office of the Department of War, in solidarity with the Innu of Nitassinan. This action fell on the same day as the retrial (on a charge they had already been found not guilty of last April) of four Innu protestors (see above

article). It was also the date of a trial of others arrested this fall for "trespassing" at CFB Goose Bay, including Father Jim Roche, in jail since September.

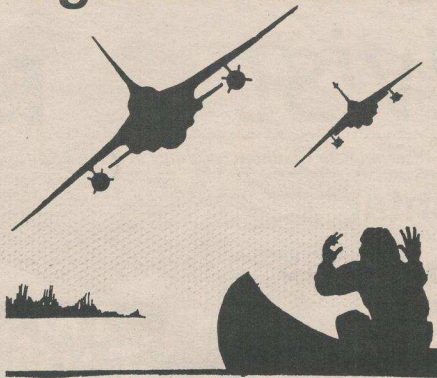
Faced with the cultural genocide our Innu brothers and sisters are threatened with we have felt left with no recourse except to conduct continuing occupations of government offices (Indian Affairs, War and Conservative party headquarters) and the consulates of the various countries (Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands) responsible for the war testing in Nitassinan.

As a condition of our release on February 5, conditions were imposed demanding that we all carry bail papers at all times and

hold no demonstrations on government offices, or even nearby. Is this freedom of speech?

We are facing more and more serious action by the police in an attempt to stop us. Innu Rights Now! needs your help. The invasion of Nitassinan must be stopped.

## • Innu Rights Now!



# A New Europe?

ACT for Disarmament has always had a strong focus on human rights as an issue inseparable from peace and disarmament. This has brought us naturally to supporting our counterparts in Warsaw Pact states of Central and Eastern Europe. The right to protest, limited enough in Canada, has been virtually non-existent in the East. ACT has tried to lend what support we could to peace activists imprisoned and persecuted by their governments, often with notable success.

We believe, with the authors of the 1980 European Nuclear Disarmament Appeal that "we must learn to be loyal, not to East or West, but to each other". We agree with Czech activist Jan Kavan (keynote speaker at ACT's East-West peace festival in 1986) that there is no such thing as peace in a concentration camp, or human rights in a nuclear winter.

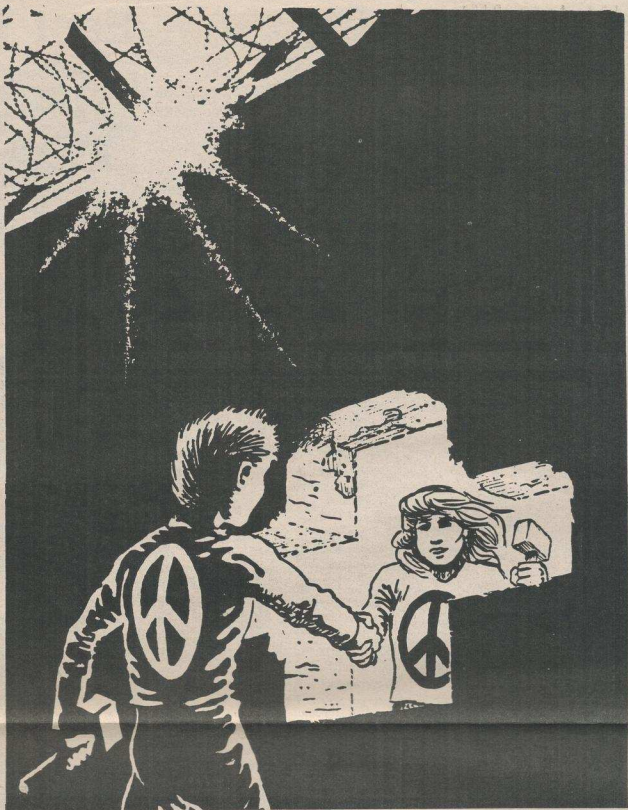
Now the Berlin Wall, symbol of a divided Europe, has been brought down by millions of East German protestors. The hardline government of Czechoslovakia fell when a band of high school students took to the streets armed with nothing more dangerous than candles. Now, even Ceausescu's Romanian regime has been toppled.

A new Europe is taking shape, changing by the day. To a great extent, it's being shaped by our counterparts in the East - independent peace, human rights and ecological activists who are now leaders of "opposition" groupings like Civic Forum in Czechoslovakia, New Forum in East Germany, Solidarnosc in Poland, Eco-glasnost in Bulgaria, and others.

A gathering set for this October in Prague may well be decisive in forming the Europe of the twenty-first century. The Helsinki Citizens Assembly will bring together citizens of the 35 countries taking part in the Helsinki Accords on security and co-operation in Europe. This citizens conference is likely to be more important than all the government negotiations that will go on this spring and summer. 1989 showed that people, not governments, are what bring about change.

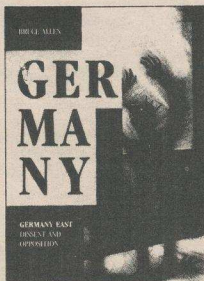
The Assembly agenda is to be finalized at a meeting this February in Budapest. ACT Toronto member Stephen Dankowich will be the only Canadian present, but several other groups and individuals have expressed interest. Stephen's report will appear in the next issue of *The ACTivist*.

There will also be a chance to hear about the Citizens Assembly - and the independent peace movements which have played such a large role in making it possible - following ACT Toronto's protest against cruise missile testing on February 17. Four East bloc activists will take part in a public forum following the march at the City Hall Council Chambers. They are: from Czechoslovakia, Jana Petrova, one of 30 members of the Civic Forum co-ordinating group and member of the Independent Peace Association; from Slovenia (Yugoslavia), Marko Hren, editor of *Independent Voices*; and from Poland Jacek Czapotowicz of Future Times in Warsaw (who was invited to meet George Bush, but then disinvented because he planned to raise the question of imprisoned American draft resister Gilliam Kerley) and Gosia Tarasiewicz of Freedom and Peace in Gdansk.



## Beyond the Berlin Wall

October 18, East German (GDR) Communist Party leader Erich Honecker resigns following unprecedented street demonstrations. On October 23, 300,000 people in Leipzig march for democratic reforms.



By October 30, close to a million people march in rallies throughout the country. November 4 sees one million protestors in East Berlin. The cabinet resigns en masse November 7. The Berlin Wall falls on the weekend of November 10-12.

Ever wonder how social

transformation can happen so fast? Thanks to ACT Niagara member Bruce Allen, you can find out why. In the timely book *Germany East: Dissent and Opposition*, Bruce analyzes dissent and critical thought in the GDR.

We learn about the origins and development of the GDR as a social system modelled after the one built by Lenin and Stalin in the Soviet Union. The 1953 workers' insurrection that swept across East Germany is offered as one of the first major examples of dissent. Scrutiny is given to the 1956 East Bloc crisis in Poland and Hungary as well as to early limited attempts for glasnost and perestroika led by Soviet Communist Party leader Nikita Khrushchev. The role of the East German Protestant Church as a unique and independent institution is evaluated. The significance of the Berlin Wall is carefully analyzed.

We read also of the various intellectual and cultural dissenters of the 1960s and 70s. The influence of Solidarnosc in Poland is discussed.

Peace activists undoubtedly will find the chapter on the 1980s autonomous peace movement in

the GDR most exciting. In the history of the GDR, this represents the most sustained expression of independent political activity. It also led to the birth of feminist and human rights activism and has stimulated the development of ecological activism.

It openly took up the "German Question" of reunification with West Germany and thereby challenged the legitimacy of the East German "peace state". It is no accident that key figures in the independent peace movement like Barbel Bohley are now leaders in the New Forum democratic opposition. *Germany East* argues that without the independent peace movement there might not exist an active opposition in the GDR today.

Bruce Allen has written a timely and readable book which is equally valuable for activist and academic.

• Stephen Dankowich



## Government lies on cruise

The Tory cabinet told a whopper last year when they announced that they would be allowing American tests of the stealth cruise missile over Canada. The announcement followed Cabinet Minister Otto Jelinek's "guarantee" to ACT for Disarmament - Oakville members that "we are not testing stealth or armed cruise missiles. . . nor would we" (*the ACTIVIST*, Winter 1988).

### Jo Peacenik

Then there was External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's repetition of former PM and alleged peace supporter Pierre Trudeau's assurance that cruise testing would end as soon as there was progress on arms control. Perhaps Clark wasn't given the news of the 1987 INF treaty.

The latest lie comes from the US Department of Defense, which informed the Toronto Star (editorial, 19 Jan 1990) that cruise testing would begin this March. Imagine our surprise when a cruise test was announced for January 23!

### "A Friend of the West"

Why is it that, while former dictators Erich Honecker (East Germany) and Todor Zhivkov (Bulgaria) are put on trial for past misdeeds, Romania's new National Salvation Front headed by ex-Communist hack Ion Iliescu wasted no time in executing Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu? A neat solution to prevent public airing of the new leaders' crimes, perhaps?

The sudden demise of Nicolae and Elena is equally convenient for many in the West. Britain's Margaret Thatcher led a host of European leaders in posthumously revoking Nicolae's knighthoods.

Most red-faced of all, our own government. Brian Mulrooney has been a friend of the Ceausescus since he visited Romania as a private citizen in 1980, and recently hosted a return state visit. Atomic Energy of Canada Limited has been building a nuclear reactor complex at Cernavoda on the Danube River, with extensive use of slave labour, but Mulrooney and Joe "Human Rights" Clark never managed an expression of concern. Even veiled threats by the Romanians that they might use their nuclear capability to launch an attack on Hungary were ignored. Despite the unstable situation in Romania and questionable nature of the new regime, construction at Cernavoda goes on.

### Dinosaur Watch

Reports that the Communist Party of Canada (CPC) remains mired in Stalinism are fading. The CPC has found itself a young guitar-playing leader and turned away from Staliodolity. Its in-house organ, the *Canadian Tribune*, remained silent for months as Eastern European governments, and finally the Berlin Wall itself, crumbled. Then, in a sudden piece of doublespeak, it announced that the CPC was in full support of European People Power, and furthermore that it always had been. "We are at war with Eastasia. We have always been at war with Eastasia".

The CPC's past support came as a great surprise to non-aligned activists critical of both military blocs, in ACT and other groups, who have been attacked and reviled for years by the CPC as Cold Warriors, CIA agents and worse.

For East Timor, the fall of 1989 represented a glimmer of hope in a decade and a half of almost unrelieved misery. At least forty people were arrested and tortured in October (no news has come out of the territory since) but a Papal visit brought comfort to the largely Catholic Timorese and - even more important - signs of growing international support for the forgotten people of a neglected land.

The war against the mountain people of East Timor has been going on since thousands of Indonesian armed forces "volunteers" invaded the tiny former Portuguese colony on December 7, 1975. Since then, a hidden holocaust has engulfed East Timor. In fourteen years of Indonesian military occupation, 250,000 out of a population of 680,000 have died, a result of war, bombing of villages, illness and deliberately-induced famine. More recently, compulsory abortions and reported murder of newborns by injection of poisonous drugs have added genocide against future generations to genocide against the living. Yet, at a time when peace seems to be breaking out around the world and self-determination is increasingly recognized as the right of all peoples - Afghans, Estonians, Falklanders, Saharaws of the Western Sahara - East Timor is ignored.

Now, all this may be beginning to change. A recent historic conference - the first of its kind in Canada - was held October 19-20 at Ottawa's Carleton University. It brought together activists, academics, students and politicians from Portugal to Japan. If the movement to support Timor that came out of the conference can be sustained, the support of Western governments which sustain Indonesia may yet be ended; East Timor may yet be allowed to decide its own future.

About 150 people heard speeches by long-time supporters of the Timorese cause: Derek Evans of the Canada Asia Working Group, Sorbonne professor of international law Michel Robert, Michio Takahashi of the Free East Timor! Japan Coalition, Elaine Briere of Canada's East Timor Alert Network, retired Australian diplomat James Dunn, and José Ramos-Horta, representative of the Timorese independence movement at the United Nations and former foreign minister of East Timor.

After hearing their testimony, few could disagree with the conclusions of five Portuguese parliamentarians in attendance: "An escalation of human rights violations in East Timor has been verified, namely the continuation of massacres . . . the arbitrary political arrests of hundreds of Timorese . . . ongoing forced mass sterilization, the compulsory displacement of entire populations and the adoption of intolerable birth control methods, financed by the World Bank, and the colonization of the territory with alien populations subservient to Jakarta - practices condemned by the United Nations and qualified as crimes of genocide".

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# East Timor Update



An evening reception on Parliament Hill - home of successive governments who have backed Indonesia's ruling generals - heard from American international law expert Richard Falk, one of the Portuguese MPs, and a representative of Parliamentarians for East Timor from each of the three parties: Conservative David Kilgour, Liberal Christine Stewart, and Lynn Hunter of the NDP. But despite Parliamentarians for East Timor, none of the parties has any position on East Timor, and Liberal and Conservative governments have denied that human rights violations are taking place.

Although there has been no news out of East Timor since a pro-independence demonstration during the Pope's October visit to Dili embarrassed Indonesia into something of a clampdown, there has been progress made by East Timor's supporters at the United Nations. In February, the question of East Timor will be discussed at the United Nations Human Rights Commission for the first time in several years. The vote to once again discuss Timor was successful largely because of the support of Western European delegates, who vote independently of their governments. When the question was last raised, Canada's representative voted against passing a resolution on East Timor. The Canadian vote this time may be a key one. Letters by concerned Canadians to Canada's delegate could be a major step in swaying the vote - or at least in raising the awareness of one Canadian policy-maker. Other possible actions are:

• Send a letter of support to the Catholic Church of East Timor, the only space for dissent and sole means of self-expression left to the Timorese by their Indonesian masters.

- Encourage Canadian churches to do the same.
- Invite a speaker from the East Timor Alert Network to a meeting of any groups you're involved with, or show the video "East Timor: Betrayed but Not Beaten".
- Join events leading up to the fifteenth anniversary of the invasion of East Timor - get in touch with your regional contact for the East Timor Alert Network for details. It needs everyone's help!

It needs everyone's help! If its people are to survive.

-David Webster

For more information, or to get involved, contact the East Timor Alert Network at PO Box 354, Ladysmith BC, V6R 2E0. In Toronto, PO Box 562, Stn. P, Toronto M5S 2T1.

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# Israeli Bomb shrouded in secrecy

Israel has been a "suspected" nuclear nation since at least the 1960s. Suspicion became certainty in October, 1986, when the London *Sunday Times* printed testimony and photographs from Mordechai Vanunu, a technician at the Dimona nuclear reactor, proving that Dimona concealed a secret nuclear weapons construction plant and that as many as 200 nuclear warheads were already stored there.

The Dimona reactor was built by France in 1963, and has been operating—and producing weapons grade plutonium—ever since. A week after Vanunu's story broke, Francis Perrin, the French high commissioner for atomic energy from 1951 to 1970, admitted that they had not only built the reactor, but an eight story underground

plant for plutonium production. The French believed, he said, that the plutonium would be used for peaceful purposes.

The Dimona reactor has been fueled with uranium from France, the U.S.A., South Africa, Argentina, Brazil and according to some reports, Canada. Uranium for the reactor has also been stolen on at least two occasions—in 1966, 200 pounds of enriched uranium were stolen from a U.S. nuclear plant, and in 1968, 200 tons of yellowcake were ordered from Antwerp for a fictitious company in Italy, then diverted to Israel.

However, Israeli scientists can now extract suitable uranium from phosphate deposits in the Negev, and it is believed that Israel has been partly or entirely uranium

self-sufficient since 1981.

If Israel does possess the 100-200 warheads described by Vanunu, it is the sixth-ranking nuclear nation. The extreme



secrecy in which the Israeli nuclear industry is run, and Israel's atrocious human rights record, make this a very disturbing possibility.

Israeli nuclear weapons seem to be primarily or entirely low yield nuclear warheads. The delivery systems include ground-launched missiles such as the Jericho (French-Israeli), the Lance (U.S.) and the Gabriel (Israeli), and nuclear capable aircraft like the Mirage, the F-16 the F-4 and the F-15. The nature of the arsenal suggests (as one might expect) that Israel is stockpiling the weapons for possible use against its neighbours, or in the Occupied Territories.

There is evidence that Israel has intended to use its nuclear weaponry at least once, in October 1973, when, reportedly, the warheads were deployed to the air force. Before they could be used, however, the fighting turned in Israel's favour, and the plans were abandoned.

In an unlikely alliance, Israel has joint nuclear weapons projects with South Africa, according to reports.

Mordechai Vanunu was kidnapped by Israeli government agents in September 1986 and imprisoned for treason. His crime? He told the world, once and for all, that Israel has the Bomb.

Vanunu had supplied photographic evidence and personal testimony to *The Sunday Times* of London showing that nuclear weapons were being produced at Israel's Dimona plant. In a world where nuclear weapons are spreading at an alarming rate, and usually spreading underground, disclosure to the world of which countries are nuclear-armed can only be seen as a service to the cause of peace. But the government of Israel didn't see it like that.

Vanunu's abduction by the Mossad (secret service) reads like a cross between a spy thriller and theatre of the absurd. Lured from London to Rome by a model known only as "Candy", flown secretly to Israel and held for two months before international pressure brought out the truth about his whereabouts, taken to and from the courthouse wearing a football helmet amidst blaring sirens, lest he blurt out a message to the press. After he wrote a message on his palm and flashed it at cameras, he was transported in a convoy of vans with painted windows, then escorted down a specially-built "Vanunu tunnel".

Now, Mordechai Vanunu languishes in a 2 by 3 meter cell under constant watch by video surveillance camera, according to his brother Meir (who visited Toronto in 1988 as a guest of the Toronto Universities Middle East Group and ACT for Disarmament). He has been awarded the Right Livelihood Award and nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, but his captors seem impervious. They plan to hold him for another 15 years.

## State of Israel

First Nuclear Explosion: test of a low-yield nuclear device over the South Atlantic, near South Africa, in September 1979. This is the only **known** nuclear test.

Weapons systems: ground-launched missiles, nuclear capable aircraft.

Uranium Suppliers: in the past, South Africa, United States, France, Argentina, Brazil, possibly Canada. Now thought to be self-sufficient.

Treaties: Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Partial Test Ban Treaty.



• Maggie Helwig

## Free Vanunu! demonstration

Friday, March 23, 4-6 pm  
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# — \$Financial Appeal\$ —

The potential for global change has never been greater. The Cold War is rapidly coming to an end with the dissolution of Communist Party authority in the East bloc, thanks to the activities of people like you over there. Great opportunities exist to transfer precious resources now spent on militarism to meeting human needs — both here and around the world.

But we remain confronted by the Mulroney government which seems determined to maintain Cold War militarism.

The 1987 Defence White Paper remains on the Tories' agenda. They proceed with the attempts to secure the first Nato base in North America while turning a blind eye to the cultural destruction of one of Canada's natives peoples, the Innu. Low-level military flight testing is also going on in northern Ontario, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and New Brunswick — in virtually all cases, over the lands of other native peoples. Cruise testing continues unabated. Diesel powered subs are to be purchased. Massive subsidies and grants to military producers come directly from the tax-paying population. The national debt increases with ever-rising expenditures on "national defence". Did you know that through the 1980s Canada has proportionally increased military spending at an even greater rate than the United States under Reagan and Bush?

To challenge our government's militarism we desperately need your generous financial support. Today, make your cheque payable to ACT for Disarmament; for a 75% provincial political tax receipt (Ontario residents only) make your cheque payable to the Riverdale Greens Constituency Association with a memo "for Peace Education" (more information this page).

If you give to ACT for Disarmament, you know your money will be going directly and entirely to our campaigns for peace. We have no paid staff, and the rent on our office comes out of the pockets of our volunteer activists. Our budget is not a large one, but we manage effective work for peace even on a tiny financial base. With secure funding, we could be much more effective.

Now is the time to give generously. Your contribution now will make a big difference. Whether it is \$5 for your subscription to *The ACTivist* or \$200 or more on the tax credit, we want you to know that your support is highly valued.

Our peace group is growing daily with enthusiastic new volunteers. Please provide us with the financial support to make peace a reality.

Send all donations to:

ACT for Disarmament  
225a Brunswick Avenue  
Toronto, Canada  
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If you're outside of Toronto, your donation will be given to your local ACT chapter. Please don't hesitate to call us at (416) 960-2228 if you have any questions.

## Subscribe to The ACTivist — just \$5

ACT for Disarmament has been mailing The ACTivist out to thousands of supporters for five years now. Because we have wanted to get out the peace message to as many people as possible, we have not asked for any money to cover this expense.

Now, however, we have regrettably decided we can no longer afford to send out the paper for free. We are now asking all our supporters to send in a subscription to The ACTivist. To keep it accessible, the sub cost is being held at \$5 for 5 issues (one year). That's just one dollar an issue for up-to-the-minute peace news from Canada and around the world, commentary on disarmament, human rights and ecological issues, and full reports on the activities of ACT for Disarmament and other peace movements.

Pioneering stories in The ACTivist have included exhaustive coverage of the militarization of Canadian territory, debates within the peace movement, crackdowns on independent peace activists in the USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Turkey, Israel, Canada and other countries, uranium mining, Nato and Norad, ecology and technology in Eastern Europe, genocide and cover-ups in East Timor, the Canadian war industry, high tech militarism, links between nuclear power and weapons, traffic in tritium, native resistance, Tibet and China, nuclear nations, and much more. We've kept thousands informed and active. Please help us to keep it up — subscribe today. If you can afford it, send more and help someone who can't.

- I enclose \$5 for a 5 issue subscription (institutions \$25)  
 An extra \$10 is enclosed — send me Peace Magazine as well  
 OK, you've convinced me. Enclosed is my donation of \_\_\_\_\_  
 I'd also like to volunteer. Please give me a call.

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## Donate to ACT — get a tax break

Have you considered making a major donation to ACT but thought you couldn't afford it? Have you decided to make a donation to charity instead, knowing you could get a tax reduction? Now, thanks to the Riverdale Greens, you can make a donation to ACT and get an INCOME TAX CREDIT as well.

The RIVERDALE GREEN CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION supports our work for peace, and now has a policy of turning over to ACT any donation it receives from people wanting to support the peace part of its programme. With Ontario election laws, such donations are seen as donations to a political party (since the cheques are made out to them) and thus entitles you to an income tax credit for having donated to a political party.

Donations to political parties are better tax write-offs

than donations to charities. This is because the first \$200 gives a 75% rebate on your income tax form.

ACT is composed of members with a number of different political views. The general membership accepted the offer of the Riverdale Greens because it gives people making major donations to ACT some way of receiving a tax benefit for supporting us. *It does not tie us or you to the Green Party.*

Now supporters have two options — sending a cheque directly to ACT, or sending a cheque to the Riverdale Greens Constituency Association with a memo "for peace education". They will send an equal amount to ACT and you will be mailed a receipt for income tax purposes.

We need your support; donations from our supporters are essential for our work to be successful. Thanks to the Riverdale Greens, you can also get a tax break!

ACT encourages all individuals who would like a receipt for political contributions to send a cheque denoting their area(s) of interest(s) to RIVERDALE GREENS CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION whose policy is to send ACT monies earmarked for Peace, directly, wholly, and exclusively to ACT.

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If you pay income tax, you can get up to 75% of your donation back in rebate directly off your tax payable (i.e. you give \$100.00, you get back \$75.00, so it costs you only \$25.00).

FOR: Peace  These represent  
Ecologism  the four main  
Conservatism  objectives and goals  
Decentralism  of our Greens.

TO: RIVERDALE GREEN CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION  
c/o 225 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto ON M5S 2M6

Checkmark(s) indicate where money is to be spent.

# 100,000 Signatures

ACT for Disarmament has launched a new campaign to support the Innu people of Nitassinan (Labrador and eastern Québec) in their fight against the military takeover of their land. 45,000 low-level flights a year, at heights as low as 30 meters, many of them supersonic, make the traditional Innu way of life close to impossible. Peace groups supporting the Innu in their efforts to get Nato out have been called a tiny fringe, and ignored almost as much as the Innu themselves by Canadian and European governments.

ACT believes that the majority of Canadians

are opposed to what is going on in Nitassinan. In an effort to show broad-based support for ongoing actions in solidarity with the Innu, and raise awareness about their plight, we have started a petition campaign with the goal of 100,000 signatures.

We will also be focusing our Eighth Annual Spring Protest for Peace on May 12 on the demand that military flight testing over Innu land be halted, and that plans to build a Nato Tactical Fighter Weapons Training Centre at Goose Bay (which would be the first Nato base in North

America) be scrapped. After all, with peace apparently coming to Europe at last, who needs it?

To make this campaign a success, we need the participation of all our supporters. Can you help by circulating this petition? 100,000 signatures is a lot, but we believe it's possible to meet and even exceed the goal. Circulate the petition in your neighbourhood, school, church, community centre, at events... wherever there's people. ACT will send you more petitions, tips on how to collect names, and more information on the issue - just let us know.

## SUPPORT THE INNU !

100,000 SIGNATURES

### To Stop the NATO Base at Goose Bay, NEWFOUNDLAND

#### PETITION

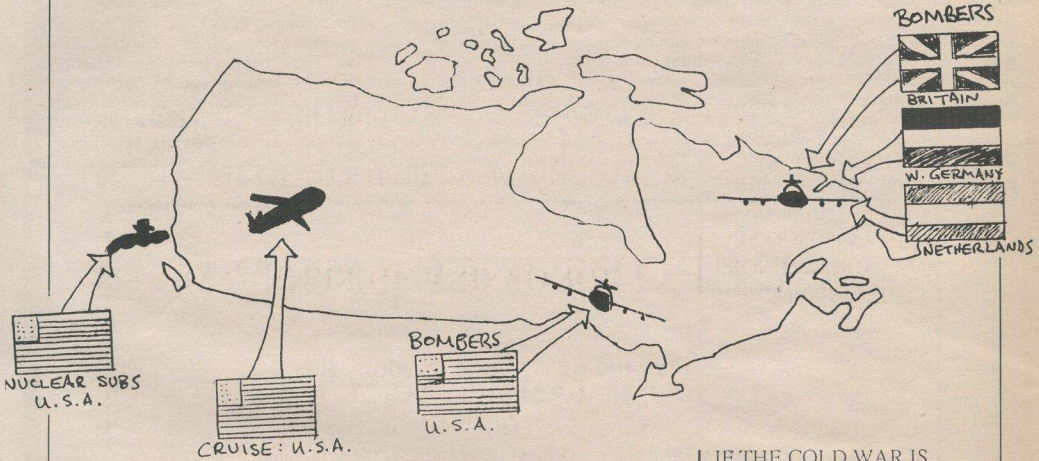
We Propose that the Governments of Canada, Britain, The Netherlands and West Germany stop low level military flight testing and training over the Innu land of Nitassinan (Labrador and Eastern Québec). And we strongly oppose the building of a NATO base which would increase the numbers and intensity of the flights.

PLEASE SEND COPIES OF THIS PETITION TO:  
ACT FOR DISARMAMENT 225a BRUNSWICK AVE, TORONTO M5S 2M6 960-2ACT

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AND FURTHER SUPPORT THE INNU BY ATTENDING  
ACT FOR DISARMAMENT'S 8TH ANNUAL SPRING PROTEST FOR PEACE  
SATURDAY, 12 MAY 1990, NOON · QUEEN'S PARK (COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY)

# END THE INVASION!



## Refuse the Cruise!

\*NO WEAPONS TESTING IN CANADA\*

**SAT. FEBRUARY 17**

**12 NOON, COLLEGE AND YONGE**

**MARCH TO CITY HALL, PASSING  
BRITISH, DUTCH AND US CONSULATES  
AND CONSERVATIVE PARTY HQ.**

IF THE COLD WAR IS OVER, WHY ARE WE CONTINUING TO TEST THE CRUISE MISSILE AND OTHER WEAPONS?

CANADA IS UNDER INVASION. THE INVASION COMES BY SEA (NUCLEAR SUBS & WARSHIPS) AND SKY (CRUISE MISSILES & BOMBERS).

OUR NATO "ALLIES" ARE TESTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS FROM NANOOSE BAY BC TO GOOSE BAY NFLD. MOST OF THE TESTS ARE ON THE LANDS OF NATIVE PEOPLES LIKE THE INNU OF NITASSINAN (QUEBEC-LABRADOR), THE DENE OF THE NWT, AND THE HAIDA OF BC.

**After the Protest:**  
Forum with independent peace activists from Eastern Europe  
City Hall Council Chambers, 2 pm approx.

**Jacek Czaputowicz**, Future Times, Warsaw, Poland  
**Gosia Tarasiewicz**, Freedom and Peace, Gdansk, Poland  
**Jana Petrova**, Civic Forum, Czechoslovakia  
**Marko Hren**, Independent Voices, Slovenia (Yugoslavia)  
Convener: **Stephen Dankowicz**, ACT Toronto