

The newsletter of campaigns and activities of the Toronto Disarmament Network



Cross-Canada protests mark cruise missile testing.

## TDN BRIEFS

### Cruise tests protested

About 100 people attended a quick response rally called by the TDN in reaction to this year's first cruise missile test. The demonstration was not intended to show large numbers, but rather to make sure this disturbing event would not go unnoticed. A letter read at the rally and delivered after a short march to Conservative Party headquarters stated "The people of the world need many things. But they do not need more soldiers, more weapons systems or more bases to store them." The protest also attempted to convey the broadening concerns of the peace movement and, specifically, opposition to the U.S. plan to station nuclear weapons in Canada during a time of international tension.

### Peace movement 'branches out'

The TDN's first annual Christmas "peace tree" sale was a great success. Over \$5500 was netted from the sale of over 900 trees and 450 peace dove pins. Customers were happy about having the opportunity to combine their Christmas celebrations with support for the peace movement. This important fundraising venture also helped the TDN promote a positive image for itself in the community.

### Solidarity coalition plans April 20 protest

A coalition has been formed to protest Canadian complicity and the United States' policy of intervention in Central America and the Caribbean. The new coalition plans an educational campaign, emergency response network, and a major rally on April 20. The coalition has asked for TDN endorsement of their plans and a

decision on this request will be made at a future TDN meeting.

### Caldicott, Arkin to speak in Toronto

World renowned disarmament advocate Dr. Helen Caldicott and U.S. defence analyst William Arkin will be speaking in Toronto as part of a TDN speakers series.

Caldicott is well known for her moving speeches and role in the film "If You Love This Planet".

Arkin Released the controversial documents which revealed U.S. plans to station nuclear depth charges in Canada. The March 19 Arkin date and the April 12 Caldicott event will be part of a TDN speakers series to raise peace issues during the government's defence and foreign policy review.

## Disarmament Ambassador revives consultative group

A formal consultative process between those concerned with disarmament issues and the Ambassador for Disarmament has begun with a revival of the Consultative Group for Arms Control and Disarmament. For the first time grass-roots peace coalitions such as the TDN have been included in the make-up of this group of about 50. The TDN has also been invited to sit on the group's steering committee. The group includes national peace organizations, individuals, government officials and those from the so-called strategic studies institutes, who tend to have views in opposition to those of the peace movement.

At the meeting of November 9 and 10 participants found that 'Consultative Group' was something of a misnomer. The agenda was broad and generalized instead of being focused on the specifics of government policy as the peace movement representatives would

### Outreach, lobbying focus of activities

## Bold plan, budget unveiled at AGM

2500 more TDN supporting members, 30 more TDN groups and a six figure operating budget are among the goals proposed in an ambitious new plan made public in early January. The plan, entitled "Project Proposal TDN 1985", was unveiled at the TDN Annual General Meeting to an enthusiastic gathering of close to 100 group representatives and individuals.

The proposal was prepared by a special planning committee which attempted to synthesize various options coming forward at the TDN conference and further discussions at the TDN co-ordinating committee.

Calling itself "a comprehensive plan for the year" it will, if adopted, direct TDN activities in the coming months. The cornerstone of the plan is a highly visible recruitment and lobbying campaign. Responding to sentiment expressed at the TDN conference, the paper suggests that the thrust of peace movement work after the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign (PPCC) must be towards "lateral expansion of the peace movement into new areas". As well, the proposal stresses the need for more political action especially in the form of federal lobbying. The plan calls for a direct intervention into the government's defence and foreign policy review that will be taking place this year. This review provides an opportunity for the TDN and its member groups to conduct an educational and outreach campaign based on Canadian foreign policy to date. Overall, the plan

has set itself various objectives and goals including the founding of 20 new peace groups and the placement of TDN speakers at 100 meetings.

A suggestion that the TDN begin formulating official policy statements was the topic of considerable discussion at the AGM. Some members expressed concern that the 70 member groups might have difficulty reaching agreement. Other members felt

that because groups were unified under the PPCC demands there would be little difficulty elaborating policies.

The plan suggests that the policy statements would become the basis of a TDN 'Green Paper'. Such a document would set out "terms of reference for the education/lobby process that follows". Central to the process would be the creation and distribution of

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## EDITORIAL

### Shift in emphasis necessary for movement

Over the short life of the resurgence of the peace movement there has been a gradual change in emphasis. The Toronto Disarmament Network's plans for 1985 reflect a continuation of the trend towards more decentralized grass roots education and organizing, and at the same time increasing emphasis on lobbying the federal government.

Since 1983 the TDN has had a very busy agenda. It has included major public campaigns such as last year's Peace Petition Caravan as well as a multitude of large and

small-scale public events. This activity occurred against a background of intense public concern over the growing threat of nuclear war.

In the context of heightened public awareness and a growing peace movement, the campaigns of the TDN produced positive results. The campaigns provided the opportunity to assemble a broad coalition around a common set of objectives. These campaigns integrated and unified the large but diverse peace move-

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## 1985 Toronto Disarmament Network CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a tentative schedule of major TDN events for 1985. Further events will be scheduled as the year progresses. Please contact the TDN for confirmation of dates and for more details.

### MARCH-OCTOBER Education/Outreach Campaign

Campaign aimed at influencing the government's review of defence and foreign policy.

### SUNDAY MAY 26 TDN'S 3rd annual "Move-A-Thon"

Our major fundraiser of the year. Funds raised go to the TDN and its constituent groups.

### AUGUST 6-9 Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration

Several events are now being planned by TDN constituent groups to mark the 40th anniversary of the first use of atomic weapons.

### SEPTEMBER 28 "Tag Day For Peace"

Street work at its best. Tag Day helps raise both funds and profile for the disarmament movement.

### OCTOBER 20-27 Disarmament Week Activities

Disarmament events running all week long as well as a mass lobbying campaign of federal politicians.

### OCTOBER 26 Major TDN Rally

The major demonstration of the year. If you are going to one peace event this year make it this one!

### DECEMBER 7-8 TDN Annual Conference

This open conference helps to analyze the progress of the peace movement and plan for future activities.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The peace movement depends on your participation!

The Toronto Disarmament Network, 736 Bathurst Street, Toronto (just south of Bloor) M5S 2R4 (416)535-8005 Office hours: Mon.-Fri. 10-6; Wed. 10-9. Other nights and weekends on an irregular basis.

—Anne Adelson





Vera De Jong, Saverina Allevato and Steve Shallhorn work in office during a typically busy day at the TDN.

## Member File

### VOW and TNA planning major events

Given the rapid growth of the number and scope of peace groups over the past few years, it has become increasingly important for groups that share similar concerns and approaches to be able to work together on particular issues. Learning to co-operate on a personal and group level in the organizational process is just as fundamental to peace work as the actual protests, demonstrations and campaigns that result from it. The two TDN members featured in this issue demonstrate a strong commitment to this "unity in diversity" approach, both within TDN and in broader contexts.

Voices of Women is probably one of the best known peace groups included under the TDN umbrella. This is not surprising perhaps, given that they will be celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary this year. But their high profile is due as much to their impressive record of activities as to longevity. Throughout their history, the group has concentrated on bringing women together to oppose war through protests, letter-writing, demonstrations and any other means at their disposal.

VOW have often banded together with other women's groups around the world over particular issues, and the most recent development in this regard is their role, in conjunction with women's groups across the country in planning an international convention in Halifax in June. The con-

ference will discuss women's approaches to negotiating peace, and is a recognition of the need to prepare women for a still more direct involvement in the decision-making that affects our collective future.

In conjunction with the June conference several regional workshops and seminars are being planned. In Toronto, there will be a day-long workshop on March 10 sponsored by VOW and several other women's groups, entitled "Feminist Visions of the Future - How to Love This Planet". All women are encouraged to attend. For information, call 922-2997.



While the workshop and conference reflect the need to plan and explore alternatives for peace, another TDN group, Toronto Nuclear Awareness, is involved in more immediate activities, focusing on the Ontario Progressive Conservative leadership convention and the upcoming provincial election.

TNA is a three-year old amalgamation of two older concerns, the U of T Anti-Nuclear Group, and the Toronto Safe Energy Group. They work on an ongoing basis to educate the public to the dangers of nuclear energy and its relationship to nuclear weapons, and to exert pressure on government and Hydro officials to find a safer power source for the province. One of their major concerns is to halt the construction of the Darlington nuclear power plant, which is due to become radioactive in 1988. While

## GET INVOLVED!

### The peace movement needs you!

#### Volunteers are needed for:

- **Office work**  
Volunteers are needed to help with general office and organizational work on a regular or casual basis. Regular volunteer nights are every Wednesday. Drop by anytime from 5-9 pm.
- **Phone Tree**  
Our phone tree now reaches 300 people. You can help expand this by adding your name to the tree, agreeing to call 5 people a month or coordinating a team that will reach 300 people per month.
- **Photographers**  
Photographers are needed to cover TDN events for the Networker and for pamphlets.
- **Committees**  
We need your input on the committees which plan TDN events and campaigns. Current committees are: Fundraising, Media, Networker, and Education. Outreach committees are TDN Youth, Women, and Labour.

### NEWS FLASH

Scientists have reported discovering a cure for aphasia, however they were disappointed when no one bothered to come by and receive the treatment.

there are varying views on nuclear power within TDN, the use of reactors to produce fuel for nuclear weapons is a clear concern for peace groups generally.

In conjunction with the Campaign for a Nuclear-Free Ontario, a province-wide coalition of peace and safe-energy groups, TNA will be participating in an extensive campaign to make nuclear power an issue in the upcoming provincial election. For information, call 537-0438.

—Chelsea Donaldson

### Office provides center for TDN activities

The hub of the Toronto Disarmament Network is the office located at the Bathurst Street United Church, 736 Bathurst Street. Since the office opened as TDN's permanent headquarters a year ago, its level of activity has steadily increased, but beneath the bustle is an efficient operation. It is not unusual for there to be three or four volunteers working alongside the two full-time staff with the phone ringing, and a meeting going on all in the same room. And while official office hours are 10 to 6, there are usually more meetings scheduled in the evening. The office space is shared with the United Church Peace Network.

In addition to the permanent staff there is a solid core of about 15 people who make up the "office community". It is this regular core of volunteers who keep the TDN running smoothly. In addition to work during regular office hours the office is open Wednesday night for those volunteers

who cannot come in during day-time hours.

The demands of the near constant activity leave little time for good housekeeping. "Let's face it," says staff member Wendy Wright, "the office is not a pretty sight. The first comment most often heard from newcomers is that this is a working office. It's obvious the furniture has been scrounged."

"Of course we could use better facilities," adds Bob Penner, the Network's other staff person, "but that's the legacy of the peace movement: doing the best job possible with limited resources."

Drop-in traffic has increased dramatically in the last several months and always on hand is a good supply of pamphlets and resource materials. Banners and placards are kept ready for the next event. And there is always a supply of saleable materials including a multitude of buttons, t-shirts and the now-famous peace dove pins. —Steve Shallhorn

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'pledge cards'. These cards would be given to those contacted asking them to write their MP, join a demonstration, speak to a group, or in some other way aid the movement.

The plan was referred back to the planning committee for refinement and further discussion.

The TDN finance committee offered a proposed 1985 budget at the AGM, one which was given

approval in principle. The document foresees revenue and expenses of just over \$150,000. The budget for this year is about 25% larger than last year's, reflecting the growth of the TDN and of its increased fundraising capacity. The expenditures include office and staff costs, publishing and committee costs, support for the Peace Education Center and the cost of fundraising itself. The revenue is expected to come from various sources, but particularly

mail appeals, the annual TDN Tag Day and the Walkathon.

Also at the AGM was the selection of the co-ordinating committee for the coming year. Members of the committee are: Danya Agar, Brian Eng, Lynn Connell, Joe Flexer, David Kraft, Harry Paine, Robert Penner, Nick Prychodko, Collette Quinn-Hall, Christopher Ross, Steve Shallhorn, Stathis Stathopoulos, and Wendy Wright.

—Gideon Forman

## Keep informed!

### Support the peace movement!

The **Networker** is published six times a year with reports and information on peace movement activities. Free subscriptions are offered to Toronto Disarmament Network **Supporting Members\*** (Contributors of at least \$15 a year, \$10 for low income).

Your contribution helps the TDN produce literature and organize peace movement activities and campaigns throughout the year.

#### Yes I want to be part of a growing movement for peace!

Enclosed is my contribution of  
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 My contribution is postdated  No. of cheques \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charge my Mastercard  Visa  Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Valid from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to volunteer  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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\*As a coalition TDN decisions are made by member groups and standing committees. Individuals are represented through the TDN group or standing committee on which they are active. "Supporting" and "Sustaining Members" refers to the important role contributors play in keeping the TDN active.

### Editorial continued

By focusing energy and resources these campaigns increased the impact of the movement on the wider public. For individuals who were not yet active, well publicized events offered easy access to the peace movement.

### Changing priorities

Our positive evaluation of the TDN's past activities should include two major qualifications. First, the success of past campaigns does not mean they should necessarily be repeated. The spontaneous character of the movement has given way to more stable, long-term and systematic organizing. Major public events helped greatly in raising the issues, demonstrating widespread public support for specific disarmament demands and in recruiting new people to the movement. Having met these goals the tactics employed now must meet different needs if we are to approach our final objective of nuclear disarmament.

The second critical point to

make about our past work is that because of the emphasis on major events we have somewhat neglected the more decentralized and grass roots forms of organizing. If we are to succeed in our long-term strategy there is no doubt that we must broaden, strengthen and increase our base.

The plan articulated for this year is a logical step forward in that it builds on our past success, at the same time marking a necessary tactical shift in emphasis. We continue to recognize that the fundamental role of a grass roots coalition such as ours is to mobilize and activate popular opinion for disarmament. We think that our plans for this year are a necessary next step in the long struggle to achieve nuclear disarmament and a peaceful world.

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### Fundraising opportunity

Participating in the TDN "Move-a-Thon" is one of the easiest and most risk-free ways for your group to raise funds. Planning for the May 26 event has begun. Contact the TDN for more information on how you can participate.

### Peace Dove Pins

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