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# Move-a-thon

# raises more than \$50,000

Despite pouring rain nearly 400 people took to the streets for the annual TDN move-a-thon, raising more than \$50,000 for the and constituent groups. Some travelled the circuit more than once, and several bikers completed it four times. When noney is collected movers will have raised approximately twice the amount raised last year. More than 5000 people made pledges

Movers walked, biked, wheelchaired and roller skated the 25 km. course, which made a giant rectangle around the entire down-



town. The area marked-off rep resents the area that would be vaporized if a single one-megaton



78 year old Clifford Wahl is all smiles after completing the 25 Km Move-a-thon. He was this year's oldest participant.

nuclear bomb was detonated over the city.

Organizers are asking movers to contact their sponsors as soon as possible and to forward a che-que for the total — along with the sponsor sheet — to the TDN.

Movers began at City Hall and stopped at nine checkpoints en route. Each station was run by a different Toronto disarmament group, giving movers a chance to meet peaceniks from across the city.

-Gideon Forman

Clark's delay first victory

# STOP STAR WARS CAMPAIGN GAINS GROUI

Peace groups working to keep Canada out of Star Wars have achieved their first victory with the announcement that the gov-ernment will ignore the United States' 60 day deadline decision on Canadian involvement in the space weapons

Recognizing the widespread public concern and under pressure from the opposition parties, Joe Clark has indicated his intention to delay a Canadian government decision, to seek the input of Canadians, and to prioritize the Star Wars issue in his foreign policy review.
The TDN's Emergency Stop

Star Wars Campaign, launched in April, has gained considerable momentum in Toronto and in dozens of cities where similar

campaigns have been adopted.

Tens of thousands of lettercards — the first stage of the four part campaign — have been distributed in southern Ontario and across Canada.

"The response to this cam-paign reflects the deep concerns Canadians have about Star Wars", said Steve Shallhorn, co-ordin-ator of the Stop Star Wars Campaign. Shallhorn also pointed out how broad the opposition has become Professors and students at McMaster University a leading center for military research voted against the participation of their university in Star Wars, in one of many examples of an expanding constituency against this new arms

Close to a thousand of the pledge portion of the lettercards have already been returned to the TDN, reflecting an estimated 2-4000 letters from the Toronto area sent to politicians in

More than 450 Canadians from wide ranging backgrounds have signed and sponsored the Stop Star Wars newspaper advertisements and more are

A surprising number of people have expressed an eager-

ness to discuss with their MPs their concerns on this issue Their involvement and commitment will play a crucial role in the fourth stage of the campaign - direct lobbying of MPs

The Toronto Peace Educa-tion Centre and the TDN Education Committee have prepared a Star Wars fact sheet and have assembled background information on the Star Wars issue. Several Star Wars educationals have been well attended and more sessions are planned.

The public review of foreign policy will also provide an opportunity for the TDN, its member groups, and concerned individuals to put their case before the review committee, the government, and the public

- Theresa Byrne

### EDITORIAL

# Consultation not enough

### **TDN** supports peace camp

The TDN lent its support to the peace camp during the conflict over their eviction from Parliament Hill. The TDN made a financial contribution and wrote to federal politicians to assure them that the peace camp had the support and respect of most of the peace movement in Toronto. The camp was dismantled May 5 but efforts are underway to have it re-established either through negotiations or the courts.

Donations for the peace camp can be sent to room 639C, House of Commons, Ottawa.

### TDN BRIEFS Students to get summer jobs at TDN

Five university students will be working for the TDN this summer thanks to a SEED grant from Canada Manpower. The grant allows TDN to hire the five students for a period of 16 weeks. They will be acquiring experience in their area of study and providing a valuable service to the Network.

## Art department

A group of about 12 visual artists has formed a TDN Art Department. A much needed element of the peace movement, the group has set itself three tasks. It will provide the movement with art work for posters and flyers, it will help the TDN and other peace groups present an attractive and professional image to the public, and it will do outreach work in the arts community.

The group is looking for new members. Interested persons are invited to call the office.

#### Ask and ye shall receive

Last month in the "Networker" we asked for donation of a computer. This month part of the "Networker" is being pro-duced on a fully loaded Apple 2 Plus microcomputer generously donated to the TDN by sociology consultant and TDN suppor-ting member Andrew Pakula. As well the TDN received a generous cheque from long time TDN supporter Bruce Doner of Collingwood. Mr. Doner's contribution will help us upgrade the Apple to suite the TDN's needs. Joe Reid of the Unitarians also responded by offering to do processing work for the TDN at home on his own computer.

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The tone of the government's Green Paper on foreign affairs is a consistent one. Joe Clark wants to hear from you. Section after section of the paper concludes section of the paper concludes with an appeal for input from Canadians. "What priorities do Canadians wish to ascribe to tion entitled 'Security Priorities' Do Canadians believe that declaratory measures serve a useful purpose in building confidence or in leading to eventual reductions?" he queries in "Arms Control and Disarmament". We get the sense that here is a

what we're thinking. But let's take a look at the issues on which Clark wants our help. Take, for example, the question of a nuclear freeze. minister outlines the pros and cons of such an approach to arms control —attractive in its conceptual simplicity; daunting in its practical complexity - but one begins to wonder, why all the fuss. The government voted against the freeze six months ago at the U.N. It knew then it was contradicting the wishes of 85% of Canadians.

government that wants to know

Then there is the Northern Warning System agreement and the decision to dedicate an infantry battalion to the Allied Command in Europe.

were Canadians consulted on

Perhaps the most urgent question is that of the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars). Here Clark tells us that "We will have to reach a consensus on whether strategic defence is likely to enhance or diminish our security ..." The minister would have us believe that all Canadians —the 'we' he refers to— will actually sit down and plot Canada's course.

Indeed Clark's report is designed to promote the question-able assumption that democracy is fully in place. Canadians in large numbers have already made their views known on the questions of peace and disarmament and they have not been listened to.

Here we have a review that seeks our input but doesn't promise to act on it. A review which asks questions but doesn't convince us anyone wants to hear the answers

Nevertheless the review offers Canadians a chance to at least speak to each other about the issues. The public discussion surrounding the review process will help deepen awareness of the issues of survival that Canadians are concerned with. And it will provide the opportunity to

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#### TDN CALENDAR FOR SUMMER AND FALL—

☐ Sunday June 23. TDN mid-year evaluation conference.

A day long open conference to discuss and evaluate our activities and progress so far this year.

### Caldicott inspires overflow crowd



Close to 2000 people were moved and enlightened as Dr. Helen Caldicott spoke to a full house at Convocation Hall, April 12. Some of the overflow crowd, a first for the TDN, listened to the lecture on an audio feed in a neighboring location. Dr. Caldiinspired and re-activated hundreds of people in a powerful speech highlighting Canadian participation in Star Wars and Ontario Hydro's plans to become the world's leading exporter of

tritium, a crucial and scarce component of hyrdrogen bombs. But it was Caldicott's emotional plea for people to save a "terminally ill planet" which most grip-ped the audience. Caldicott asked those in attendance to consider how they would re-orient their lives if their child had leukemia. She reminded them the situation is no less serious and that it is the responsibility of this generation to prevent the death of the human race.

\$15,000 was raised in the collection to aid the work of the two sponsoring organizations—the TDN and Toronto Nuclear Awareness.

Since her Toronto appearance, Dr. Caldicott's lecture has been broadcast five times on the Rogers cable network, twice on Ontario-wide feeds. The re-sponse to each showing has been substantial, with both TDN and TNA receiving many calls and donations after each airing.

Audio and video tapes of her lecture are being prepared and will be available soon

-Irene Kock

# Member File

# **World Federalists** promote new way of thinking

This year the World Federalists of Canada annual conference is entitled "Beyond War: A New Way of Thinking," which is meant to underline the importance of dealing with peace as something more than just disarmament, as important and immediate as that may be. The expansion of the peace movement brings with it the danger of developing a too tenuous unity, based on the lowest common denominator. That is, it would be easy to limit ourselves to the issue of disarmament, at the expense of exploring the more controversial question of how to ensure such a state is main-

The World Federalists are

particularly concerned with the need to develop an adequate political, social and judicial system, on a global scale, by which to maintain a war-free world.

While they are critical of the United Nations because of its lack of effective power and its unrepresentative voting system, the WFC recognizes it as the best starting point for the creation of a functional global court of law. "Our biggest problem is this: while the world has become an integrated whole, we continue to think that all political power should be kept at the level of the nation", says WFC executive director Dieter Heinrich.

Among the current activities of the WFC are: work to promote issues of international security as integral to disarmament, encouraging the strength-ening of the UN as a proper, permanent peacekeeping force through such measures as the establishment of an International Satellite Monitoring agency, and a developing recognition for the role of world law

Heinrich will be one of four seminar leaders at the conference, which will be held Conrad Grebel College in Waterloo on the weekend of June 14-16. The Saturday seminars and plenary session will be open to the public, and will deal with various aspects of global relations and organization.

Since its formation after the Second World War, the WFC has given rise to several splinter groups, some of which, like the Parliamentarians for World Orremain directly affiliated with it. Others groups, such as Operation Dismantle, have become organizations in their own right. All share an interest in legal, political and global aspects of establishing world peace

-Chelsea Donaldson

### Full page ad draws House of Commons fire

## We must be doing something right reasoning and they featured a

The full page Stop Star Wars ad that appeared in the Globe and Mail has attracted considerable attention, including letters to papers, spin-off press coverage and exchanges in the House of Commons. The ad, sponsored by the TDN, coalitions in four cities, and 500 signatories, was run May 20.

Tory caucus chairman Gerry St. Germaine used his full minute and a half allowed for members' statements to attack the ad. Mr. Germaine referred to the TDN as a new coalition formed "to disseminate inaccurate alarmist propaganda. Known as the Toronto Disarmament Network, this left-wing advertising co-operative has drawn together an Canadians." Mr. St. Germaine's comments, and a TDN press response to them, were featured in wire service stories the next External Affairs minister loe

Clark, brandishing a copy of the advertisement during question period, first conceded that it was 'a good ad" and then proceeded to attack NDP leader Ed Broadbent for signing it, mentioning that communist organizations had also been listed.

Not even the Globe and Mail was impressed with this line of

Briefs, cont'd.

The TDN would like thank these supporters for their generous response to our appeal.

The success of our request

has inspired us to start a regular

spot in the Networker for materials that just might be sitting in some member's garage or basement. See our ad on this page if you think you might be able to report in their well-read Satur day round up of parliament which ridiculed Clark's statement. The Globe story read in "What Mr. Clark did not point out, however, was that among the other 500 signatories were Liberal MP Lloyd Axworthy, The World Federalists of Canada (which includes Tory MPs as members), Pierre Berton, The Ottawa and District Labour Council and dozens of other worthies."

The advertisement is now being used in union and local papers across the country, and support is gathering for a second

The first ad has produced a steady stream of mail, including thousands of dollars in donations, requests for more information and offers to become involved in the Stop Star Wars campaign.

- Robert Penner

### **GET INVOLVED!**

## The peace movement needs vou!

### Volunteers are needed for:

Office work

Take a shift! Volunteers are needed to commit themselves to a regular office shift (answering phones, clerical work etc.) on a weekly or monthly basis. Drop-ins also welcome during office hours or on the regular volunteer nights every Wednesday from 5-8 pm.

#### Street Distribution

Volunteers are needed for distribution of TDN literature and buttons at fairs, parks and street corners throughout the summer. Help keep the peace movement visible.

#### Committees

We need your input on the committees which plan TDN events and campaigns. Current committees are: Cam-paign, Finance/Fundraising, Media, Networker, Education and the Art Department Outreach committees are TDN Youth, Women, and

### WANTED:

Supplies for peace

Do you have any of the following gathering dust when they could be gathering support for nuclear disarmament? Please contact us if you could spare any of the following.

We are woefully short of

basic office supplies such as: office desks and shelves (any size or type), lamps, file cabinets, file and paper trays and any other office furniture or supplies. In particular we could use a large board room type table to be used for meetings and volunteer work. For deliveries and errands we could also use any sort of motorized vehicle.

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broaden the constituency that objects to Canada's role as a nuclear accomplice. And perhaps when the strength of the popular opposition is large enough, politicians will not only ask us what we think but actually do what we suggest. If the participation of the peace movement in this review moves things in that

direction, then it is worth the effort

Joe Clark would have us believe that Canadians working together will shape the Canadian future. Unfortunately, much of the future seems already decided-by a government that made its decisions without us. That policy too should be under

Yes, I want to be part of a growing movement for peace! □\$15 □\$25 □\$50 □\$100 (sustaining members)\* Other \_ My contribution is postdated 
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play in keeping the TDN active.





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