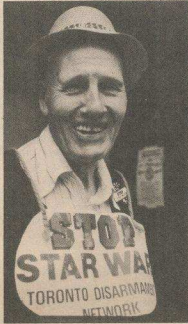


The newsletter of campaigns and activities of the Toronto Disarmament Network

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 TDN and constituent groups. Some travelled the circuit more than once, and several bikers completed it four times. When the money is collected movers will have raised approximately twice the amount raised last year. More than 5000 people made pledges.

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



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 cheque 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 peacekeepers from across the city.

—Gideon Forman



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

Clark's delay first victory

STOP STAR WARS CAMPAIGN GAINS GROUND

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

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

"The response to this campaign reflects the deep concerns Canadians have about Star Wars," said Steve Shalhorn, co-ordinator of the Stop Star Wars Campaign. Shalhorn 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 escalation.

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 Ottawa.

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

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 Education 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 at large.

— Theresa Byrne

EDITORIAL

Consultation not enough

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 with an appeal for input from Canadians. "What priorities do Canadians wish to ascribe to national defence?", asks the section 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 government that wants to know 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. The 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.

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

were Canadians consulted on these questions?

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 questionable 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 BRIEFS

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.

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 formed

A group of about 12 visual artists has formed a TDN Art Depart-

ment. 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 produced on a fully loaded Apple 2 Plus microcomputer generously donated to the TDN by sociology consultant and TDN supporting member Andrew Pakula. As well the TDN received a generous cheque from long time TDN supporter Bruce Doner of Colingwood. 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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— 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.
- July — TDN monthly meeting cancelled for summer break!
- August 6-9. Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration. Commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the TDN and member groups Hiroshima-Nagasaki Revived, Per-forming Artists for Nuclear Disarmament and the Cruise Missile Conversion Project. Activities will include a city hall commemoration, civil disobedience at Lit-ton, and the Shadow project (the displaying of human outlines around the city similar to the shadows left by vaporized victims in Hiroshima and Nagasaki). Against Cruise Testing is also developing plans to mark August 6.
- Saturday September 22 — Tag Day for Peace. Street work and fundraising for peace groups in Toronto.
- Saturday October 26. Disarmament Week Peace Rally. Planning is underway for this major Disarmament Week event. Other TDN activities and the Stop Star Wars campaign continue throughout the summer. Contact us for more details.

