President's Corner

For SLP members who come to the annual meeting May 8 there will be an extended version of this report - my picture of where we stand as an organization today and the challenge that lies immediately ahead.

Your executive is determined to strengthen the structure and the financial condition of SLP and we feel that we have been successful. Functioning chapters are now five in number: St. F.X., Univ., New Brunswick, Quebec, Waterloo, and B.C. The Toronto Chapter now has a secretary-Terry Gardner- and may revitalise itself. An Ottawa chapter seems imminent. Guelph has a small residual bank account waiting for renewed chapter interest. There is more potential for support for members' activities through active chapters than through a centralized organization that must, of necessity, be somewhat bureaucratic. Mobilizing the rest of our colleagues is easier through decentralized groups.

Conferences have been successfully organized by the New Brunswick Chapter (visit by Bishop Cumblington), Quebec Chapter (program for the Futures Society at the 1985 Learned Societies Meeting), and the BC Chapter (in cooperation with the PIR, the 1984 conference on Nuclear War: The Search for Solutions). The BC Chapter has projected a research-testing program for materials for study at the undergraduate and graduate levels and a possible conference on accidental nuclear war. Toronto members have been involved in the planning and organizing of the Conference on European Security and the MBFR Talks, scheduled for May 6-7.

At other places in the BULLETIN you will find reports of the educational activities of SLP - lectures, seminars and conferences. This year we launched a "member by member" venture with a major position paper on the non-proliferation treaty and comprehensive test ban resulting. The paper is ready for distribution. It was presented for discussion in Ottawa by Norm Rubin, member of the preparatory group. Amplifications are in order - and new topics are to be treated in a similar way.

SLP's publication program for members' research and "think" articles has had some interesting results: most recently, Arthur Foner's article on Canadian Chemical and Biological Warfare Research has been made the feature story in the April
Members in the News

Metta Spencer represented SLP at a conference on European Peace and Security at Houthalen, Belgium. Of particular interest was a proposal of Albert De Smaele, a Belgian instrumental in generating the Halsinki Process, for a European "security zone" of all the nuclear weapons free European countries (30). The proposal, unaccompanied by implementation plans, was widely endorsed by Europeans as well as Russians present.

Quebec Chapter members Peris Arnopoulos, chairman of the Canadian Assoc. for Futures Studies, Philip Ehrensatz, Chapter sec'y, and Jean-Guy Vaillancourt are coordinators of the tenth anniversary conference of the Futures Society June 6, 7, 8, in Montreal at the Unit de la Cite. Lynn Trainer, U of T, will be among the conference. SLP members are welcome as discussants and places might be found for short papers even at this late date. Write Dr. Arnopoulos at Institut Gamma, 3764 Cote-des-Neiges, Montreal, P.Q. H3H 1V6.

With this issue you receive an invitation to subscribe to Montreal member Don Bates' new publication, THOUGHTS on Peace and Security. Dr. Bates has chaired the McGill Study Group on Peace and Disarmament for several years.

Another SLP member, Robert Lazer, is editor of another new journal Canadian Spectrum. Lead article in the first issue, "Star Wars: Shield - Sword", explores views of Miroslav Matuszewski, ch. of the Cdn. Coalition for Peace through Strength, and Derek Paul, secretary of SLP. The magazine will be published quarterly by the Intra-Professional Centre for Arms Control, R.R. #2 Lyndon, Ont. LOR 170.

Ursula Franklin (U of Toronto) was informed by letter April 22 that she was being appointed to the Atomic Energy Control Board. On April 23, in the morning, she discussed the required secrecy oath with the Board's secretary, inquiring whether she could discuss the issues before the Board with colleagues. By 3 pm of the same day she was notified by a policy advisor to Energy Minister Pat Carney that there had been an administrative foul-up and she had not been appointed after all. Miss Carney's press secretary said the cabinet rejected the appointment because Prof. Franklin refused to sign the secrecy oath.

Seminars

The position of seminar coordinator was created last summer with the objective of extending peace education to community groups. A number of Toronto groups that might potentially be interested in seminars for their members were contacted and we responded to requests for assistance from many in both Toronto and the surrounding area: ACT (their first series was in August - September, 1984; their second is for May-June, 1985), the Graduate Student Union and UCMC at the U of Toronto, Hillcrest for Peace, The Toronto Board of Education, etc. Members whose participation in these activities is gratefully acknowledged are Hal Watkins, Lynn Trainer, Anatol Rapoport, Derek Manchester, Derek Paul, Michael Lamphier, Jack Dainty, and Arthur Forer.

Requests for a series with the Barrie Chapter of PSR and the Canadian Association of Young Political Leaders are pending. It is helpful to have an updated roster of willing speakers and topics they are willing to speak on, publications, research, etc. If you will help, let me know.

Myriam Fernandez

Last fall SLP launched what was called the "Preparatory Group" whose purpose was to prepare position papers to be ready to respond to the "green Paper" promised in January by the Department of Defense and External Affairs. When the Green Paper fell to arrive, the Preparatory Group became the "seminar by mail" that has attracted participation from across the country. Scribe for the seminar by mail became Michael Lamphier (York U). Jointed by Anatol Rapoport, Norm Rubin, Hanne Newcombe and Janis Alton, Michael chaired the Science for Peace Policy Writing Group, whose first product is now available: a position paper and recommendations on the NPT and the CBT Treaty.

Waiting in the wings is the need for coming to grips with the issue of chemical and biological warfare. The April issue of Canadian Forum carries Arthur Forer's article on Canada's role in CBW research. There are three articles in the May issue of the BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS. Ursula Franklin and Jane Zavits address the issue in the spring issue of QUAKER CONCERN. spiiri has announced a new series, three studies to be forthcoming in 1985, three in 1986.

The first is a selective review and bibliography of British state papers.

for your Bookshelf


NUCLEAR WAR: THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS, proceedings of the PSR - sponsored conference at UBC, October 1984. $7.50 per copy from Physicians for Social Responsibility, BC Chapter Box 3526, Station E, Vancouver, BC. V6M 4G8.

BC Chapter News

ACCOMPLISHED IN 1984-85:

1. Prepared and presented a brief to then MP Joe Clark's forum on disarmament.
2. Delivered 20 lectures to a variety of audiences.
3. Participated in organizing an international conference in Vancouver (NUCLEAR WAR: A SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS) and made presentations at the conference.
4. Held a half-day seminar at UBC on Nuclear Winter.
5. Prepared and distributed a "briefing kit" on nuclear disarmament issues to all candidates for the Sept federal elections.
6. Held monthly meetings and co-sponsored a screening of the NFB series "War" at the UBC campus.

PLANNED FOR 1985-86:

1. Preparing lectures on nuclear weapons and their effects for inclusion in the curriculum for all first year physics courses at UBC.
2. Project to support the development of materials for post-secondary science curricula.
3. Investigating possibilities for interdepartmental programmes at UBC, in particular a graduate programme in studies on nuclear war and its prevention.
4. Preparing a study similar to the SLP Cruise Missile Report which will deal with the Strategic Defense Initiative.
5. Preparing a position paper for consideration during the promised review of foreign and defense policy by the federal government.
6. Participating in the organization of an international conference on accidental nuclear war.

Our annual membership renewal campaign is under way.

Geoff Spiegelman, Pres.
Lectures

President of SLP Anatol Rapoport taught one of the courses in Waterloo University's Peace Studies Program (1984-85), and the first as Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Toronto. He will be expanded in the next academic year and lead, hopefully in 1986, to a full four-year program at the University of Toronto.

SLP members cooperated with the School of Continuing Studies at the University of Toronto in offering its first peace studies program (Oct - Dec, 1984). Topics and discussants were:

- The Changing Nature of War, Anatol Rapoport
- Physics of Nuclear Weapons, P.D. Manchester
- Climatic Effects and Ecological Consequences of Nuclear Detonations, T.C. Hutchinson
- Medical and Psychological Effects of Nuclear Weapons, Joanne Santa Barbara
- Economic Effects of Arms Races, Mel Watkins
- Decision Making Processes, Logic-Strategic Systems, Anatol Rapoport
- The Random Factor in Initiating Nuclear War, Chandler Davis
- Radiactive Monitoring and Verification of Test Bans, Derek Paul
- Can We Avoid An Arms Race in Space? John Polanyi

The annual UC - SLP Lectures in Peace Studies were given this year by George Ignatieff, Leonard Johnson, Kenneth Mara, Henry Wiseman and Noam Chomsky. Copies of Ignatieff's, Johnson's and Chomsky's lectures are available from the SLP office.

- L. T. Gardner

The following are authorized SLP Chapters and contacts:

St. F. X. Univ: Dr. M. G. Steinert, Physics
New Brunswick: Prof. G. B. Semeluk, Chemistry, UNB
Quebec: Prof. Philip Ehrensaft, Sociology, U du Quebec a Montreal
Waterloo: Prof. David Boulton, Elec. Eng., U of Waterloo

B.C.: Dr. Colin R. Bell, Rotary, UBC

- Raymond Kapral, Treasurer

The 1984 audit by Clarkson - Gordon is available for inspection.
President's Corner

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Our relations with Physicians for Social Responsibility have deepened over the year and the two groups are now working together in a trusting supportive way.

A similar relationship seems to be emerging with computer professionals who are organizing across Canada. The differing "publics" with which we are in contact extends the outreach of each of us.

The chair of peace studies at the U. of Toronto has not been funded, and we have not really been free to work on funding. The first course in a peace studies program was launched in University College at the University however, and a full program has been planned for 1986, if all goes well.

I have met a great number of you this year, either in visits to your campuses, or cities, or in your visits to Toronto. It seems to me that there is a growing feeling of collegiality - we may become a real "community" of scholars, each doing what he does best, saying and writing what must be said or written, but knowing we share certain ethical standards and assuming some responsibility to support each other as we work toward common goals. We have been a growing team that have functioned as your executive board this year: Derek Paul, Ray Kapral and I, your elected officers, have been ably joined by Terry Gardner, education director; Ed Barbeau and then Brydon Gomby, editor; Chan Davis and John Vallee, research directors; Meta Spencer and Hyram Fernandez, seminars and speakers bureau coordinators; John Brancaglia fund-raising; John Dove, conference coordinator; Michael Laphier and Hanna Newcombe, principals of the policy writing group; Maureen Kapral, assistant treasurer; Gwen Rapoport, administrative assistant.

A.R.

The Philip Wallaces, who shared both Montréal and McGill with P.R. Scott, share the following from his "The Collected Poems" (Winner of the 1981 Governor General's Award for Poetry):

STREET CRY

Mushrooms!
Mushrooms!
Who'll buy my Mushrooms?
Fresh from Los Alamos!
Very big,
One is enough.
Who'll buy?
Who'll buy?