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## BULLETIN

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### Highlights from the 1997 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

In his report, outgoing President Peter Nicholls remarked on the many activities undertaken during his term. For example, a dialogue was initiated with Minister Axworthy and the Dept. of Foreign Affairs and International Trade about the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling on the question of the legality of nuclear weapons, about NATO expansion and nuclear war-fighting doctrines. His report touched on research activity of Walter Dorn, Senior Research Officer, the Science for Peace section in *Peace Magazine*, the Coalition Opposing the Arms Trade conference on defence conversion, and the Physicians for Global Survival conference on the ICJ judgement. He also mentioned the unfinished debates within Science for Peace about AECL's proposal to burn weapons-grade plutonium in Canadian reactors and about the Canadian sale of CANDUs to China. A copy of the complete report is available in the office.

One of Peter Nicholls' last tasks as President was to confirm the appointment of Anatol Rapoport as Honorary President of Science for Peace. He read the following statement:

The 1997 Annual General Meeting of Science for Peace herewith confirms the decision of the Board to elect you Honorary President of Science for Peace. This is in recognition of your many contributions not only to Science for Peace itself, but to the development of general ideas concerning the possibility of securing peace in the world.

Accepting the honour, Anatol Rapoport spoke at

length about the motto "Science for Peace." His remarks will be mailed to all members of Science for Peace.

The Science for Peace Executive Committee members for 1997/98 are:

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### The Evolution of World Order: Building a Foundation for Peace in the Third Millennium

by Eric Fawcett

This Interdisciplinary Conference, attended by over 150 participants from many groups, took place on June 5-7 at Ryerson Polytechnic University, with a Roundtable Session on June 8 at the Caledon Centre for Culture and Education of Soka Gakkai International (SGI-Canada), who together with Science for Peace were principal sponsors.

Reports on some of the papers presented are available in the current July/August issue of *Peace Magazine* (see the list of contents in the *Peace Magazine* section of the Bulletin), and plans to publish the Conference Proceedings are well advanced. (continued on page 2)

The Evolution of World Order: Building a Foundation for Peace in the Third Millennium *(continued from page 1)*

THE CALEDON DECLARATION: Recommendations for Action by Participants in the Interdisciplinary Conference on the Evolution of World Order will be mailed to all members of Science for Peace.

## Science for Peace Meeting on Issues

A meeting to hear Reports from Sfp working groups and to consider other issues was held on April 26, 1997. It was chaired by Patrick Boyer, Chair of the Pugwash Park Foundation and member of the Canadian Pugwash Group. Presentations were given on the following topics: Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, Climate Change, Energy, Human Rights, Aboriginal Rights, Scientific Co-operation with Cuba, Genetic and Reproductive Issues, U.N. Reform, High Altitude Auroral Research Project, Unemployment and Technology Video Documentary, and Effectiveness of Sfp in its Interactions with Government.

Following are some of the recommendations from the presenters and working groups:

**Climate Change** (Adele Buckley): What can Sfp offer toward the climate change programme?

- 1) technological innovation;
- 2) draw attention to: a) communication between different levels of government and b) development of a sustainable society.

**Energy Working Group** (Helmut Burkhardt) recommends:

- 1) that the EWG undertake a broad study of Ontario's energy options in the national and global context;
- 2) that the EWG facilitate a consensus statement of the Sfp EWG, or of Sfp as a whole, on what it considers a socially, politically and environmentally feasible application of nuclear science and technology;
- 3) that the Sfp EWG, or Sfp as a whole, develop a consensus statement of the local and global pro's and con's of burning plutonium in Canada's nuclear reactors, and disseminate the results to the general public, industry and government;
- 4) that the EWG look at the question of phasing out or extending the lifetime of aging nuclear reactors;
- 5) that the EWG develop a clear position and make a recommendation to Sfp on joining other NGOs in the legal action against the Canadian government on the issue of CANDU exports to China;
- 6) that the EWG develop a campaign to promote environmentally friendly energy options including conservation, efficiency of energy systems, and application of renewable resources. *(cont. on page 5)*

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Science for Peace (Sfp) established in 1981 promotes activities that contribute to peace, justice, and ecological harmony; conducts and encourages education and research on the causes of conflict, and on initiatives for the prevention of non-violent resolution of conflict; and encourages a profound transformation in human thought, behavior, and values in response to the technological revolution of this century. The Science for Peace Bulletin is published three or four times a year and is free to members. The opinions expressed within are those of the authors and are not necessarily shared by Sfp or reflected in Sfp policy. Please note that it is the policy of the Sfp Bulletin to print only items relating directly to activities of the members, and of the working groups. Contributors to this issue: Frank Cunningham, Eric Fawcett, Carolyn Langdon, Michelle Pensa, Alan Phillips, Anatol Rapoport, Jean Smith, Setsuko Thurlow, John Valteau. Design & Layout: Christine Sorensen.

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## The Lessons of Yugoslavia

by John Valleau

In March, Science for Peace staged a major international conference entitled "The Lessons of Yugoslavia." It was dedicated to the memory of Alison and George Ignatieff. After George's distinguished diplomatic career, including service as Canada's Ambassador to Yugoslavia, he was President of Science for Peace. Some 150 persons attended, discussing the ethnic conflicts of Yugoslavia and identifying the mistakes that had brought about its disaster. The speakers included leading thinkers on these subjects from North America and Eastern Europe, including such people as Sonja Licht and Margaret Papandreou.

A recurring theme was the absence of ways of saving the Yugoslav federation. This writer was particularly impressed with the argument of Michel Chossudovsky (Ottawa) that the IMF and World Bank had played a major part in its destabilization by imposing structural adjustment policies. There was also much discussion about the undisciplined recognition of secessionist regions by foreign governments, and about the actual and possible roles for non-violent NGO groups.

On the final day, the participants broke into smaller groups to list the "lessons" that should be taken from this review. Especially important suggestions arose in the group discussing international law. They noted that the world has never resolved a contradiction between two principals of international law, one which defends the territorial integrity of states while the other indicates that "peoples" have a right to "self-determination"- a principal which is understood to include a right to secede. The group proposed as an especially important way of preventing future disasters that Canada ask the UN General Assembly to request that the World Court give its opinion about how to resolve the contradiction between these two policies. What is needed is a set of minimum conditions to be met before states and the UN should recognize separatist groups claiming independence. It is suggested that the UN administer all future cases

of secessions- but only after those new conditions have been met fully. Another ambiguity of international law that should have been resolved arises from the fact that the UN is not supposed to intervene in domestic conflicts. This principle seems to preclude any foreign actions designed to protect minorities when their human rights are violated by their own state or by groups within their own state- though intervention would be legally permitted if such a case involved international conflict. It would seem that, if international law is clarified in such a manner as to reduce the grounds for secession, some alternative recourse will need to be available to groups that are aggrieved but prevented from seceding.

Science for Peace members may obtain by request a report, drawing lessons from the conference. It was prepared by Metta Spencer, who will also edit a book based on the invited presentations.

The Conference represented the culmination of a year-long effort. The program was under the direction of Metta Spencer, with the assistance of Slobodan Drakulic, Andrew Ignatieff, Gunder Frank and others. The administrative details were managed by Sue McClelland, John Valleau, Patricia Albanese and many helpers. Participants were very comfortably accommodated by Innis College, and we owe thanks to the College and its staff for their help. It was preceded by a reception in Seeley Hall, in Trinity College, and also involved an evening event at OISE, at which the public was able to hear and question several of the invited speakers. The bulk of the financing was provided by the John Holmes Fund, administered by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development. We appreciate this support, plus other funding received from the Franz Blumenfeld Fund and from the Partnerships Program administered by the AUCC and CIDA.

### Correction!

In the March issue of the Bulletin, Volume 17 No. 1, the article on land mines incorrectly stated that "an estimated 10 million mines are lying in wait to maim or kill in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East..." This should have read "110 million mines are lying in wait..."

## **Franz Blumenfeld Peace Foundation**

by Frank Cunningham

The Franz Blumenfeld Peace Foundation was established by the late Hans Blumenfeld to commemorate his brother, Franz, whose death in the trenches of the First World War motivated Hans to undertake a life-long campaign for peace. The Foundation is administered by Science for Peace, which receives applications for financial support for initiatives in peace education.

In accord with Hans Blumenfeld's wishes, financial awards are made for projects, whether of organizations or individuals, which are likely to be of value for general peace education. Blumenfeld Fund awards are drawn from interest on capital and do not typically exceed \$1,000. The fund assets are \$50,000 in bonds and \$5,940.50 in cash, and total fund equity is \$57,400.35. In fiscal year 1996/97 awards were made for the following initiatives:

1. \$1,500 to SfP for its conference on the Lessons of Yugoslavia (\$500 was repaid).
2. \$1,000 to Peace Fund Canada for their landmines media campaign.
3. \$500 to the Toronto Board of Education to help send students from the Ursula Franklin Academy to a peace conference.
4. \$220 to D. Jenkins to prepare a documentary film on peace and technology.
5. \$1,000 to SfP for a workshop on peace issues.
6. \$1,000 to W. Dorn for a conference on the Evolution of World Order.

To make application for an award please send request to Professor Frank Cunningham, Chair, Blumenfeld Awards Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON M5S 1A1, (inquiries only to [fcunning@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:fcunning@chass.utoronto.ca).) In addition to outlining the project and the amount of funding sought, applications should describe the project's intended educational benefits and its budget, including other sources of funding sought. Funding is not provided for the ongoing

operating expenses of organizations or the professional work or livelihoods of individuals.

Continuing need for peace education and shrinking funds from public sources has been putting a strain on the fund. Hence, Science for Peace appeals to those of you who support the Foundation's mandate to consider adding to the \$50,000 contributed initially by Hans. Of course, large contributions are especially to be hoped for, but amounts even of \$100 and \$500 will help to keep Hans' initiative alive and productive. Contributions and bequests are tax creditable. For more information please contact the SfP office. Cheques may be made out to Science for Peace and mailed to SfP at University College, 15 King's College Circle, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON M5S 3H7.

### **Highlights from the AGM: The Financial State of Affairs** *(cont. from page 1)* by Ian Russell and Maureen Kapral

The financial statement for the year ending March 31st, 1996, was received by the AGM.

SfP's operating expenses for the year were \$52,098, slightly exceeding operating revenues of \$51,190. While this left a deficit of \$908 for the year, it is small considering the total volume of transactions. The total of SfP bank accounts, excluding the Blumenfeld Fund account, was a fairly healthy \$19,342. The Blumenfeld Fund account had a surplus of \$2,225 which increased its balance to \$57,367.

A draft financial statement for the year ended March 31st, 1997, was circulated at the AGM. (A financial statement will be prepared once all figures are in.) The level of activity was higher than the previous year with revenues and expenses each in the range of \$130,000. An operating deficit of several thousand dollars is projected. This can be accounted for by the substantial expenditure on the publication of Good Taxes, late in the fiscal year. This expense should be offset by revenue from sales and will appear in the 97/98 year end statement. Bank account balances at the end of the year, taking into account projected expenses, will be slightly less than the healthy balances of a year ago.

## **CANDU Sales to China**

The Chretien government's CANDU negotiations with China and its subversion of the public consultation process should have been an election issue. The Sierra Club of Canada has made it a legal issue and intends to challenge the Canadian government in Federal Court.

On November 26, 1996, Prime Minister Chretien signed a contract with China for the sale of two CANDU reactors, a project worth 4 billion dollars. To finance Canada's portion of the project, the government announced it was lending China 1.5 billion dollars, the largest single loan in Canada's history for an overseas project. On Nov. 6, prior to signing the contract, the federal cabinet met in a hastily arranged special session to make changes to the Environmental Assessment Act. The government changed regulations under the Act so it would not have to do a review. Under the Act, all federal government-funded projects on foreign soil must undergo complete environmental review at home if one is not required by the recipient country. The government argues that projects undertaken and funded by Crown corporations, such as the Export Development Corp., are already exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act. The government claims the new regulations "clarify" the law and that the loan is being provided by the Export Development Corporation (EDC). Apparently the loan is being administered by the EDC but is not lent by them for the simple reason that the EDC doesn't have that kind of money to lend at this time.

In their legal challenge Elizabeth May of the Sierra Club will argue that the government triggered the Environmental Act when it passed legislation in March 1996, authorizing payment of up to \$1.5 billion to finance the CANDU deal. She argues that the new regulations, which were

passed into law on Nov. 7, are too late to exempt the government in this case. Moreover, she argues that the federal cabinet does not have the power to pass regulations that effectively destroy part of an important piece of environmental legislation, without any public or parliamentary debate.

At this point, the court is hearing preliminary motions related to various aspects of the case. The Sierra Club forwarded a second motion to have several key government documents related to the sale released. The trial itself is not expected to begin until fall.

To help fund the Sierra Club's legal challenge to force the federal government into subjecting the CANDU reactor sale to a full environmental assessment, please send as generous a donation as you can to the Sierra Club at 1 Nicholas St., #420, Ottawa ON, K1N 7B7. The Canadian Environmental Defence Fund, (CEDF), which helps to raise funds for citizens' groups' legal challenges is also accepting donations. They can be reached at: PO Box 15021 STN BRM B, Toronto, ON, M7Y 2Y1.

## **Science for Peace Meeting on Issues**

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**High Altitude Auroral Research Project (HAARP)** (Rosalie Bertell) urges:

1) that SfP and Pugwash get involved in this issue.

2) that SfP co-sponsor an international conference at the University of Oregon on HAARP (SfP could help identify key people and help fund participation).

**Unemployment and Technology Documentary** (D. Jenkins): urges SfP members to help in the completion of this video documentary project. Copies of the reports are available from the SfP office.

Proposals for new Working Groups should be made to the co-ordinator, Derek Paul.

## Recent e-mail notices sent to SFP members:

- Jan 28/97: NGO's are Civil Societies Diplomats by Walter Dorn, UN Rep of SFP [7600]  
Feb 24/97: Canadian Nuclear Hotspots by Voice of Women [1700]  
Mar 11/97: Abolition 2000 Resolution, modified for College Campuses by Nuclear Age Peace Foundations [4300]  
Mar 31/97: The Self-Destructiveness of Nuclear Weapons by Nuclear Age Peace Foundation [16600]  
Mar 31/97: Abolition of the Death Penalty by UN Commission on Human Rights [6700]  
Apr 08/97: 20 Mishaps that might have started Accidental Nuclear War by Alan Phillips, SFP rep. CNANW (Can. Network for Abolition NW) [27800]  
May 12/97: Multilateral Agreement on Investment by Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives [3800]  
Jun 20/97: Interview with Hans Bethe by William Broad, NY Times [10400]  
Jul 02/97: National Academy of Sciences urges deep cuts and a new US nuclear policy by Alan Phillips [6400]  
Jul 03/97: Technical considerations on US biological aggression against Cuba by Lee Lorch [17800]

We select the most important of these and e-mail them to those members, approximately half, with an e-mail address, together with notices of meetings and other announcements (please let us know if you have an e-mail address but are NOT receiving these notices). We list a selection of these notices in the Bulletin to remind members on e-mail that they received them, and that they are now posted on the Science for Peace WWW home page at: <http://www.math.yorku.ca/sfp/>  
More important, perhaps, is that we thereby make them available to our non e-mail members, who are invited to ask for a hard copy of any of these items from the SFP office (the length of each document given is in bytes). A modest charge may apply to some documents.

## Peace Magazine: Science for Peace Section

All members of Science for Peace should have a subscription to *Peace Magazine* as this is now our regular vehicle for communication of ideas. Canadian subscriptions (including GST) are \$17.50/ 1 year and \$30/ 2 years. There are six issues per year. Listed below are the articles that have appeared recently in the Science for Peace section of *Peace Magazine* during 1997. Back issues are available from *Peace Magazine* at: 736 Bathurst St., Toronto ON, M5S 2R4. Tel: 416-533-7581.

### May/ June:

#### The Lessons of Yugoslavia Conference:

- "Bosnia's Uncertain Future," by Timothy Donais (the new republics have a long way to go before peace in the broader sense of the word, reigns).

- "Islands Of Civility and Resistance," by Ken Simons (civil society and pockets of peace exist in the midst of conflict, and with them hope).

- "Why did Yugoslavia Break Up?"

Metta Spencer interviews Mitya Zagar (Mitya Zagar is a specialist on international law and constitutions, and ethnic relations at the University of Ljubjana, Slovenia).

### July/ August:

#### The World Order Conference:

- "De-Militarizing Language".....16

Is the use of military metaphors innocuous or cause for concern? By Davis Smith.

- "The Evolution of World Order".....19

The conference in June covered several issues, including spiritual values. By Cheshmak A. Farhoumand.

- "Technology Against Poverty".....20

For the first time, modern technology makes it possible to overcome poverty in most remote villages. Shall we do it? By Morris Miller.

- "Male and Female Parliaments".....22

Should Nunavut have turned down the plan for parliament to be half male, half female? By Derek Paul.

- "Good Taxes".....23

There was a lot of discussion at SFP's World Order Conference about Alex Michalos' new book on taxes. Ian Wood reviews it here.

## **In Memoriam: Reverend Dr. Ian MacLeod**

Dr. Ian MacLeod died December 18, 1996. With his wife Virginia, Dr. MacLeod spent thirty-two years in Japan with the United Church Mission. Setsuko and Jim Thurlow of Toronto remember serving with the MacLeods in Japan. Indeed they were neighbours when Dr. MacLeod was teaching theology at the University of Kwansai Gakuin in Nishinomiya. Dr. MacLeod also spent considerable time in the rural areas of northern Japan assisting Japanese pastors with their ministry work. After a stint of teaching in Taiwan, the MacLeods retired to Stoney Creek, Ontario. The Thurlows met the MacLeods again in their shared pursuit of a peaceful and nuclear free world. The Thurlows remember best Dr. MacLeod's commitment to pacifism and his work with the group Hiroshima- Nagasaki Relived. They also spoke about his exceptional fluency in the Japanese language, his infectious sense of humour, and his marvellous puns told in a mixture of English, French and Japanese.

Lynn and Anne Trainor paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Ian MacLeod with a generous donation to Science for Peace. We thank you.

## **In Memoriam: Kenneth McNaught**

by Jean Smith

On June 2, 1997, Kenneth McNaught, professor of history at the University of Toronto, died of cancer. Just six weeks prior to his death he received one of Canada's highest honours, the Order of Canada.

His approach to history stressed the values of humanity, community, intellectual honesty and political idealism. He spoke on important issues of the day regardless of who might disagree. Speaking at a Science for Peace lecture following the failed Meech Lake Accord he urged all Canadians and the federal government to keep the country united. He felt our

constitution (the BNA Act) was capable of handling all exigencies. His advice was: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

National concerns demanded his attention, but so too did the situation of the homeless in his own neighbourhood. He was totally dedicated to the success of the "Out Of the Cold" program, an initiative of St. Simon's Church to provide a hot meal and overnight accomodation to those in need.

Science for Peace has lost an exemplary member who reminded us, by his own example, to act and speak out on behalf of civil and peaceful society.

## **Upcoming Events** *(cont. from page 8)*

Wednesday, Aug. 6, **Hiroshima Day**, 4:30 pm., Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall. The Hiroshima Day Coalition is organizing a commemorative event with speakers, performers and a lantern ceremony at dusk. For information please call Joanne Young at Voice of Women, 416-537-9343.

From October 25 to November 1, 1997, an exhibition from Hiroshima and Nagasaki from the Hiroshima Peace Park Museum in Japan is to be displayed at Metro Hall, 55 John St., 9am to 9pm. The exhibit is 60' long and depicts the aftermath of the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In conjunction with this years highly acclaimed *International Children's Peace Mural Exhibition* (Kids' Guernica), the Richmond Art Gallery and the Richmond Arts Centre will present two speakers of note in the area of peace building and transcending boundaries. Both events will be at the Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond BC. Admission is by donation: - **"Boredom, Violence and Creativity."** *Dr. Mary-Wynne Ashford* of the University of Victoria and member of Physicians for Global Survival, will speak on peace issues as they relate to personal responsibility. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

- *Donald Grayston*, a Professor of Religious Studies at Simon Fraser University, will speak about his involvement as head of the *Ghandi Project*. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7:30pm- 8:30pm.

For more information please contact Peter Harris @ The Richmond Art Gallery (604) 231-6440.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## The American Sociological Association

The American Sociological Association will be meeting in Toronto in August, at the Sheraton Centre. A relatively small, informal gathering of Toronto and Hamilton area activists and peace researchers and members of the Peace and War Section of ASA is planned. If you have a new book, magazine, or video to display, bring it along for a "Show and Tell" session about our activities and research.

Committee Room Three, Toronto City Hall, Monday, August 11, 2:30-4:30 pm.

It will be followed immediately by another noteworthy event:

Panel discussion: "*Toward a New Agenda for the Peace Movement*" with Dietrich Fischer (Pace University), Anotol Rapoport (University of Toronto), and Gene Sharp (The Albert Einstein Institution). Sponsored by Science for Peace, the University of Toronto Department of Sociology, the Peace and War Section of ASA, *Peace Magazine*, and *Peace Review*. Council Chamber, Toronto City Hall,

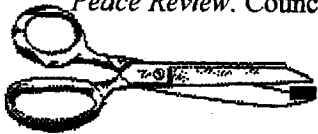
August 11, 4:30-6:30 pm. Open to everyone without charge. Friends and family welcome. For information contact: [mspencer@pop.web.apc.org](mailto:mspencer@pop.web.apc.org) (Metta Spencer).

The International Peace Bureau (IPB) is co-sponsoring with several peace organizations, principally Civic Peace, a conference in Moscow, *Global Security, National Interests- the role of Civic Society*, Thursday- Friday, September 25-26.

*IPB Triennial Assembly* Saturday, September 27.

This is a good opportunity to visit Moscow at a pleasant time of year, to meet peace activists from all over the world, and with the help of our Russian hosts to explore this interesting city. Science for Peace is affiliated with the IPB, which is the oldest peace organization in the world, having celebrated its centenary at an assembly in Toronto in 1992. Several of our members will be attending. For further information, please contact Eric Fawcett at 416-485-0990, or e-mail the SfP office or the IPB at [ipb@gn.apc.org](mailto:ipb@gn.apc.org)

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