

GREENPEACE

by Cheryl Markoff

"Rainbow people" represent every race, every species, every living creature. They are the patriots of the entire earth. Stimulating practical, intelligent, non-violent actions towards achieving a green peace on earth for all. These are the Greenpeace Foundation people. This can be you.

Greenpeace shares a Quaker philosophy called "bearing witness." This is the concept of viewing an injustice and accepting the responsibility for being aware of that injustice. One may choose to intervene, or to stand by, but may not turn away in ignorance. It is up to one's own conscience. Greenpeace bears witness to atrocities against life by subverting and presenting them to the world through direct, non-violent, dramatic actions. Obstructing a wrong without condemning the guilty party is the only way Greenpeace sees as being efficient and correct. The greatest strength of living is life itself, and the commitment to protect all other lives.

Greenpeace follows the revolutionary, spiritual, and scientific path to the roots of ecology. These roots signify the tremendous beauty in understanding and appreciating all of life.

With this philosophy, Greenpeace believes we must feel for all forms of life --the whales, the seals, the forests, the seas, as we feel for ourselves. Ecology teaches us that humans are not the center of life on this planet, rather, the whole earth is a part of our "body".

Being dedicated to the responsibility of protecting our fragile world, Greenpeace volunteers have committed themselves to put their bodies on the line anywhere in the world for these beliefs. The original Greenpeace people started this in 1970 with the first established Greenpeace Foundation in Vancouver, British Columbia. They gave a better focus on public concerns such as nuclear tests being conducted underground in Alaska. "We've had our people in some very flaky situations. It's a small miracle that no one has gotten killed," says Bob Hunter, Chairman of Greenpeace. Over the years, Greenpeace volunteers have sailed to the French nuclear testing zone in the South Pacific, to be harassed and eventually rammed by a French military vessel. They have inspired the New Zealand government to supervise renewed nuclear tests, and have been beaten savagely by French Commandoes, causing Dave McTaggart, owner/skipper to lose vision in one eye. Around 1975, Greenpeace started directing more attention and energy towards ending the slaughter of the declining population of great whales throughout the world. This new interest led

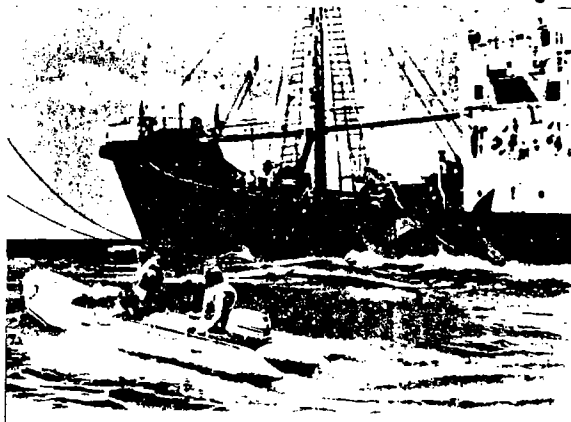
them 11,000 miles and 84 days away from Vancouver on an excursion to the Soviet Whaling fleet operating off the coast of California. This caused the International Whaling Commission meeting in Tokyo this past December to pledge that as a "gesture towards pressure from conservationists", the Soviet Union would "dismantle" one of its whaling fleets. Sixty miles off the CA coast, Greenpeace volunteers placed themselves in two-person rubber boats called Zodiacs, powered with outboard motors (motors similar to those used in small motor boats) between Soviet killer-ships and their victims, the whales. This human-shield technique, which saved eight whales in the Pacific last summer, presented one Greenpeace crew with having to narrowly escape being hit by an explosive-tipped harpoon. It hit the whale who's life they were trying to save, and they were splattered with the dying creature's blood and bits of intestines. Another crew also escaped an explosive-tipped harpoon while protecting a fleeing sperm whale. The Greenpeace Zodiacs began to fly American flags; perhaps this new practice has saved their lives, due to the other countries not wanting "bad press". "International accidents" are not smiled upon. For the fourth year, Greenpeace has tracked down whalers (killer ships and vessels) confronting their murderous actions. Greenpeace's goal of publicizing social concerns and obtaining zero-quota for killing whales led them into a Soviet whaler to hand out

t-shirts, and talk with the crew.

In 1977, at least half of the seal pups born, were killed. Protesting these killings and the given reasons, Greenpeace has put out fact sheets and distributed these to the people of New Foundland. They stated the large and horrendous differences between killing seals for food, and killing seals for fashion. The seal pelts are used, as with whales, for fashion, cosmetics, soap, pet food, wax, toys, (even toy seal pups!), and other things that have very reasonable alternatives. Greenpeace also points out that tax payers of these places pay for this "slaughter house on ice", as late-Congressman Leo J. Ryan said after accompanying Greenpeace on an expedition in March of 1978.

Greenpeace wants citizens to realize that approximately 14% of all pups killed do not die instantaneously after being maliciously clubbed and illegally gaffed (by means of fish hooks) at 3 weeks of age. Other non-violent actions include an attempt at spraying the seal furs with an organic green dye, so as to make them worthless, but when the Canadian government heard of this, a law was created to prohibit this type of action. They have also pitched tents on the breeding ground islands, ready to frighten the seals into the water at the approach of the hunters. Greenpeace pressured Soviet whalers into breaking a 30 year tradition of sailing within 700 miles of the American west coast.

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Greenpeace crew members confronting Russian whalers. In the background are three dead sperm whales in a killer boat.
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dear abby (quack)- find nessie and
her child(ren), hop on a plane and
get out here!!! I'm going crazy,
and miss you both! but I'm happy
.....I love you, Laurie

moira- remember that melting makes
puddles...I love you!!-Laurie

arpie- thank you! someday we'll have
more time than just the few minutes
we've had. I miss you -Laurie

Jim's brother (you said it, not me)
-send me a poem, I'll send you a smile
...Laurie

Kevin & danny- thanx for your help
in gathering myself together again,
I really appreciate the effort!!
Kevin- hop on your bike and head
east soon, please? much love.....
-Laurie

to the k.c. local: i would be ever so
grateful if you would all do me the
tremendous honor of searching the
lry room (oh no! gasp!) for my tiny
silver unicorn earring...PLEASE??
love you all-Laurie



Personals



To The Filing Squad:
Thanks for your loyal ser-
vice in the cause of LRY. May you
wear your tee-shirts with pride!
Love,
Abbe, & Adam.

Mrs. Howard Martin- Of course we
won't remove your name from our mail-
ing list! Katrinca

Chuckie! Me, oh, my...Things are get-
ting frothy and furious here. Not to
mention the big fat snow that is bash-
ing down all around us right now. Keep
in touch...Now are plans for Califor-
nia shaping up? Love to Sesska, Gy-
neth, Lori, Goob, Shannon, Lloyd, et
al & especially to you! * Nudz

Muriel: send a care package quick! My
taste buds are waiting... Do you read
these? You better! See you in March
-- Whiz kid #1 --

Barb Meyers and Bill Kates: Whats up?
I miss you both-Aaron.
65 Atlantic, Bklyn, N.Y. 11201

Ginzo Pennessi,
Your white haired mother waits
for your footsteps on the stairs,
call home.
-Pappa-

To all those who attended Winter
Tri-Fed: Hi! I was wondering if any
one found a plaid, rust colored, wool
jacket, and/or a red down vent. If
so, PLEASE! return them to me as
it's a QUILTY 10 degrees here in
Boston. I'll promptly reimburse the
amount it cost...Also, can those on
the planning committee send me some
info on Summer Tri-Fed; i.e. where,
when, a mailing list etc. so I can
put out publicity in the next soup,
and begin layouts for future publi-
cations...thanks...One last thing,
I'm an avid letter writer so all
you folks write me!!! WOTAT??
Love and good vibes,
W.Davey Valerye
75 Willow Ave
Somerville, Mass. 02144.

Tom and Jane,
Are these evil rumors we hear true?
Stop! Look both ways before you cross
the street!
Love,
Denise, Val, & Shell

TO EVERYONE up on Billy T. Mountain,
Thanks for your hospitality, I had
a fine time!
Love,
Valerye
P.S. I'll return your book soon
Richard, it was a relief to have
for the long ride.

To Greg, Thanks for your creative
contribution to the filing squad.
I Love you!
-Abbe

To the Steeple People-
You're all very special friends.
Lets have a reunion you know-where.
Love,
Abbe.

Laurie Prager, mah luv, I'm glad to
hear you're doing well. I totally
miss you! Come out to CA soon. Okay?
There's a shortage of LRYers in So.
CA. Keep writing because it feels
like you're just around the corner when
you do! All my love, Pam, aliss; Pro-
fessor Pamela Irving Munchkin Schwartz
Delight! P.S. Yes, Laurie, that's the
whole thing!

ted, Where are you? Did you get my
Christmas card? Are you still living
at Albany Ave? Please write or call.
You drift through my mind every now
and then. All my love, still! Pam
557 So. Wrightwood
Orange, CA 92669

Mark, Sorry I couldn't make it down
to Alabama over the vacation. My sur-
plus of money ran low, seel'n' as it
was Christmas. But I still have plenty
of postcards and I'll keep 'em coming!!
Love across the miles, Pam

Dallas, Houston, and Little Rock!
I AM NOT DEAD!!! I did not die
after high school. Yes I am alive
and getting extremely pissed at my
empty mailbox! I know you saw me at
June and August Conf's, and when I
was down in Texas running around like
I was crazy (am I ?) Please write
'cuz I miss each and every one of you
bunches and bunches!!
Love and Kisses,
Beth W.
Box H-93
Conway, Ark. 72012

P.S. You remember--that weird chick
who writes letters like there's no
tomorrow... I don't know who likes
to write and/or meet people, write,
and I promise you a letter in the
mailbox before you can say super-
califragilisticexpialidocious!

Ed: Thanks 2 million and 3 million
times over for the pants and letter!
I thank you muchly and dearly!
Love♥Cheryl

To: SRL FRF in GENERAL. HELP! I've
lost ALL MY ADDRESSES etc. How was
the SUMMER GATHERING? Am alive,
active, and working in Montreal,
Canada. Please note a new address:
Eric Billington
6376 A Fielding
Montreal, Que. Canada.
H4V 1W6

Solar Home has been built in North
Ontario. Alfalfa, Thanks for the
nice note, but I have not been able
to get back, since no nooz., Eric.

Kim & Snail this third is doing
fine...tired, but fine. I love you
both VERY much.
Love, barre!!!!!!!

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βρου το σεε υε "εεην το υιε" τοθ το
υιε ανυδου! εεε υοε υατεθ αωυλιποθ"
Suzy Creamcheese and Mrs. Joseph Q.
Taco εεε? τοδε υοδε υειυυ εοιυ!

Jon- I love you. take care of my
scarf. ely

Laurie- I love you & the glass uni-
corn -Laurie

To: the roller From: the boiler
Why don't you come out and see me
sometime? we're having a reunion
sometime in March. (hint hint)

Anyone with information concerning
the whereabouts of Katrinca please
contact me. -Licia

Anyone who knows the whereabouts
of Kathy Ogas, please contact me
with an address or phone#.

Kathy, if you're reading this I
am now living back in Indiana, at
home. Am now a tennis jock straight
type, but still have my flair to
parry.

David Kaplan
formerly of CNF and OVF
1971-75

P.S. Any LRYer who knows of me and
would like to drop a card of cheer
feel free, I'd like to hear from
some of my old peers.
David Tai Kaplan.

ATTENTION!! NATHAN HULL AND BROTHER...
Last summer Gail Wolkoff met one of
you on some mountain in Colorado, and
has lost your address. Excuse my
getting this mixed up. Please write
to her though. Gail (the snail) Wolkoff
322 Copeland Hall, Grand Valley State
College, Allendale, Mich. 49401
right, Gail?

fed's ups and downs

BARNEY- We are the recent reorganization
of JAF which happened at a Ridgewood, NJ
conference in Dec. We have a new Exec. Comm.
and constitution. Oh yeah, we had a con-
ference in Summit, NJ too.
GNAF- Hear Ye, Hear Ye- Meeting coming up
in January to plan for a spring conference.
PHEONIX- We are a born again fed.
GODAFUL- is alive and struggling. The God-
artful Board gave a very successful workshop
on "How to start a Youth Group", and another
on "Peer Counseling" at a very successful
YAC conference in Cleveland in early Dec.
Next issue of the newsletter is expected
in mid-Feb. the long-awaited fall confer-
ence will happen in late March in Columbus,
OH.
Starr King- held a conference in late Dec.
and is anticipating a Feb. conference for
NEW LOCALS. dig it.
NARRAGANSETT- held a conference on "Faith".
Now that we have it, we can use it at the
next conference which will be soon.
DVE- Intergenerational Conference, sounds
good? We think so, we're hoping for spring.
RMF- We're e x p a n d i n g. There is
more to Colorado than Denver!
BSF- had an overnight in Brockton, are plan-
ning for a spring conference. We are in
transit.
MBF- had a conference in Winchester- Dec. 1-5,
even made a few bucks. Have a newsletter en
route to the press. Spring conference in
the making.
NERO- held a very successful fieldtrip in Lexing-
ton. We're currently fieldtripping our
brains out.
Note: It's never too soon, but it will soon
be too late to send in your Fed's Ups and
Downs for the next issue.

HEY LOOK!

"HEY LOOK! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's
a NEROID!! That's right, the North East Re-
gional Organization of LRY, the last of the
functioning regionals, is alive and prosper-
ous. We held a leadership development confer-
ence in December with an attendance of 30 or
so. Another is planned for late May. We have
two fieldtrippers who are revitalizing the locals
and updating the communications network in
New England. A newsletter will be printed soon,
those who are interested in receiving a copy
who are not in the NERO feds (CRV, HBF, BSF,
Narry, NH-Vt, F, DownEast), or on the People Soup
mailing list can write to Cindy to get one.
We would like to make ourselves available
to you for fieldtripping, information, or any-
thing we can help you with. We are:
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sing, Ma. 02120 617-734-0221

The end, the very, very end of this article.
I like Ted, but I dont want to see another
one of his LONG LONG LONG articles in
front of me in a typewriter for a LONG time.
after 24 hours of typing...
-Abbe

SPRING THOUGHTS

Yes folks, NERO's annual conference and
member's meeting, Springthink, is now in the
planning stages. This year's theme is rather
appropriate for 1979, the year designated as
the year of the child, it is TODAY'S YOUTH,
TOMORROW'S WORLD. This announcement is to
give you an opportunity to have a direct part
in the planning and curriculum of the confer-
ence. It will be held in mid April, probably
in Connecticut. If you are interested in
helping with cooking, recreation activities,
worships and meditation, or if you have an
idea for relative workshops, contact one of
us. More info later....
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Hartford, Ct. 06105
203-236-3812
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W. Hartford, Ct.
06117 233-2892

WOULD YOU BUY A YOUTH PROGRAM FROM THESE PEOPLE?!

Denise

...That's me there on the right with the exhilarated look on the face. They call me Denise, Director of Finance and Extension. I keep track of all my, I mean LRY's money. Besides writing checks, hanging out at the bank, and playing with a calculator; I'm working on a major fundraising campaign, getting foundation grants, and finding an investment for the LRY endowment.

As for extending, I keep track of what's going on in your federations and locals, send materials, advice, information, and encouragement, and come to see you for myself when I can. That's where you can help me out. Let me know what's happening in your area, tell me what Continental LRY can do for you and your kind--I want to be your pen pal. Call me up if you just get a little lonely. Soon our new fieldwork plan will be in action; there will be a representative of Continental LRY in your vicinity to share programs, organizational ideas, and leadership skills with you. Take 'em for all they've got.

Now to share a little bit about myself with you- I'm 18 years old, come from Kansas City, Missouri- that's MFW, been in LRY for over four years and a Unitarian for quite a bit longer than that. Enough is enough. For more information write c/o the LRY Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. This offer expires September 1, 1979.

Shelley

The LRY community is very important to me because it's a place where all kinds of exciting questions and changes occur. An open space to think about our lives and relationships. I am very interested in alternatives available in religion and alternatives in the expression of our beliefs. I've always thought young people are very capable and that such an open space is particularly important to us.

I love to think up and expand on ideas that might help empower people. But, in order for this office and I to serve LRY, we need your thoughts. I enjoy LRY alot and want to help keep it together.

Our communal household (Taco Villa) and the LRY office function on a bare-bones budget from the UUA. All our office equipment and furniture has been donated.

A candidate for the executive committee never knows what to expect when s/he is elected into her/his total environment for a year. As you may have noticed, we're all women from all different places. We work an average of 60 hours a week. We're simply young people with a concern for others, a challenging purpose, and a highly challenging workload.



Nada

NAME: Nada I. Velimirovic
LOCATION IN PICTURE: Semi-standing behind Katrinca
BIRTHDATE: April 5, 1961
OCCUPATION: Director of Denominational Communications.

DUTIES: Relations between LRY and the Unitarian Universalist Association-U.U.A. (meetings, conversations, etc. See diagram), member of the Continental Youth Adult Committee, coordinator of Youth Caucus at UU General Assembly, LRY contact for International Religious Fellowship (IRF), contact for Youth Day (April 29, 1979), correspondence with ministers, Directors of Religious Education, and everyone else.

GOAL FOR 1979: To confront, work through, talk out, and demolish the "LRY stigma" whenever possible.

DESCRIPTION: Dedicated, clear headed, stubborn, blue/green eyed, Serbian-nosed, big-mouthed, sparky, clean as a whistle, high school graduate, seeker of alternatives, one heck of a charming debutante, founder of "J. Alfred Prufrock Social Outcast Club", active in a menagerie of UU churches for seventeen years, and a fifth generation Universalist.

FAVORITE QUOTATION: "I dare say you're wondering why I don't put my arm 'round your waist," the Duchess said, after a pause: "The reason is, that I'm doubtful about the temper of you flamingo."
--Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

FAVORITE DRINK: Grape Kool-Aid

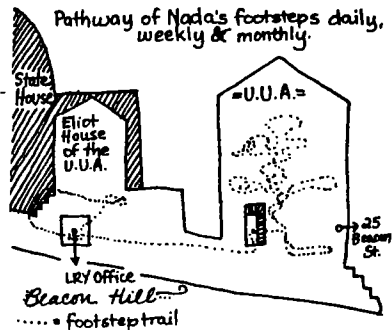
Katrinca

Hello. I'm Katrinca (the one in the center), 18 years old, native Californian, pancake-maker, environmentalist, avid fan of Winnie-the-Pooh, ex-officio to the Continental Conference Committee, and Soup editor.

As Soup editor it is my job to: coordinate the editing, typing, correcting, and layout of each issue, send the layout sheets to the printers, address and bundle the returned papers, then transport 6,000 copies down the hill to the UUA mailroom (at least it's not uphill).

As ex-officio to the Con Con Comm., I have been involved in the planning of this year's conference--Options and Alternatives.

I welcome any contributions for People Soup (articles, bio-feedback, graphics, photos, etc.), questions about Continental Conference, and fan mail.



Continental Conference '79

Options and alternatives has been chosen as the theme for Con-Con '79. The conference will be held August 16-24 at Point Bonita in Sausalito, CA. Each day will have a special focus--Expression, balance, exploration, commitment, transition, and unity.

Con-Con is an Annual event open to all youth generally of high school age.

The price has not been set but will most likely be between \$85 & \$95. Partial scholarships will be offered on a reverse seniority basis--People who have never attended a Continental Conference will have first priority.

A bus may be chartered from Boston to the site, near San Francisco, via New York, Chicago, Kansas City, and Denver.

For more information contact Katrinca c/o LRY 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108

INTERNS COME OUT OF THE CLOSET

For this extra busy month of January, there are two interns at the Continental Office instead of the usual one. We are Cheryl Markoff and Licia Peterson, (we just wanted to get our names in).

Being an intern is being a person interested in how LRY affects the continental, federation, local, district, regional, and personal levels of LRYers and other UU youth and adults. Being interested is not enough of a qualification. One must want to get INVOLVED with LRY: involved with the long hours required to correspond with every person interested in programs, ideas, structures; and help develop, print, and mail program packets, local group mailings, People Soup, and other projects being worked on by the LRY Executive Committee. There is no possible way to get the true feeling of the Continental LRY Office and the importance of the work produced by the Exec. Comm. in their (our) undersized, basement office space behind the UUA building. The importance of good, youth-run, youth programming is a fact that will not slip by any intelligent person after working in this office.

The hours worked at the office are long and home is more of a place to take showers, sleep, and catch a few moments of calm and quiet (the intern bedroom, AKA Katrinca's closet) isn't anything to shout about. Meals are cooked (usually at the office) by the process of signing up at house meetings for a particular day or two, along with the other household chores such as keeping the bathroom, kitchen, or living room clean, going shopping, or taking the trash out.

An intern has that special once-in-a-life-time chance to experience living, working, and breathing the same air, work, problems, joy, ice cream cones, pizzas, vegetarian meals, program packets, and life of the LRY Executive Committee and members of the UUA staff. Internship allows time to experience enough of LRY's structures, goals, and activities to think about running in elections for future Exec. Coms.

It's exciting, educational, eventful, and quite an experience!!

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BIO-FEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

I am the person who sends out the publicity, buys the food, cooks the meals, washes the dishes, drags you to workshops, runs the business meetings, cleans the building, and deals with the church about the broken furniture and the disheveled rooms that were not supposed to be used.

In becoming a conference professional, I felt I could do my share for the LRY "community". As I developed my skills, I enjoyed the pragmatic image of being the one who "always knows what's going on". In the autumn of my career, I answered to those who labeled me a martyr by asking that responsibilities be delegated: still doing the same work, but waiting until it would obviously be left undone.

Look for me at your next conference. I am often incognito. Many times I am on the Executive Committee of your federation (or other such prestigious status). In the ultimate of cases, I am in the disguise of an advisor.

Most of the time I am that person who is getting tired of LRY, who doesn't add to the mirth and "good karma" of a conference like I used to.

I commonly work in a small group. This sort of bureaucracy is a dangerous centralization of power. We have undisputed control over how long to cook your spaghetti, just how clean your dishes will be, and whether workshops will start in half an hour or three hours late.

I'm beginning to question my own motives. I am not passing on my knowledge of what needs to be done and the easiest way to do it, to provide for a successful conference. (Let alone giving anyone the opportunity to have practical experience.) My worst fear is that subconsciously I am determined to develop your dependence on me to a point where I can undermine the LRY conference system by simply leaving LRY. I have a vision of conferences wreaking havoc when I am gone.

You must stop my maniac drive to run conferences single-handedly.

I'm not your mother...



How much do you know about your future? Have you ever thought of how the U.S. Government effects you? No? Well you should. The amount of stockpiled nuclear weapons in this country today is equivalent to 30,000 pounds of TNT per person. The Global Arsenal now includes over 12,000 strategic weapons (those designed to hit the U.S.S.R. from the U.S. and vice versa) and 22,000 tactical weapons for use at relatively close ranges. Most of these weapons have an explosive power of 20 megatons with the capacity to destroy an area 100 times larger than the original nuclear bomb. Scientists now feel there are more than enough nuclear weapons to bring about the total destruction of the earth many times over.

There are over 25 countries who spend over a billion dollars a year on arms. Last year, the U.S. Gov't spent 116.4 billion dollars on arms expenditures. The U.S. government had to borrow 14 billion dollars last year to pay for the Defense Department deficit. The U.S. spends three times more money on arms than on health care.

So, you say, "How does this affect me?" Well, I'll tell you. The production of nuclear weapons hurts the economy. Your tax dollars go toward making an unstable economy. When a product is made it gives people work and creates a flow of money by placing the product in circulation. Both the producer and the economy benefit. Stockpiled weapons go nowhere. They usually become obsolete with advancing technology. They create an inflationary effect on the economy because the materials used are usually scarce resources. Arsenal production is a highly skilled industry that employs relatively few people.

What stockpiled weapons do to our foreign affairs also has a devastating effect. Nuclear buildups occur when a mood develops to scare one country into preparing for war. The U.S. and U.S.S.R. are leading the arms race, but their stockpiling only increases the threat to other countries. If one country has a nuclear arsenal, it is not surprising that they all do. It's a form of defense that is made secure by the rationale that everyone has one. The security is FALSE. One nuclear bomb can level part of a country with the radiation killing everything else. How can thousands be, in any way, safe or secure?

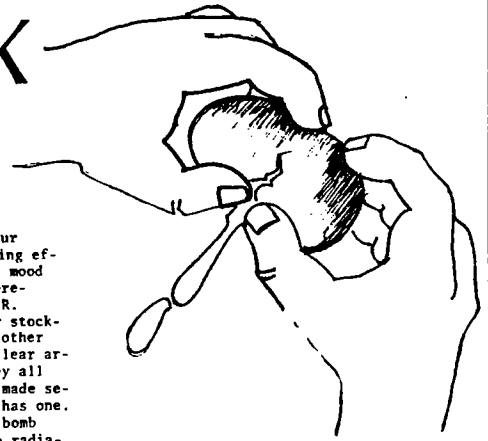
So, still you ask, "How does this effect me?" Well, with the increase in the numbers of weapons and the advanced technology of production, we must also consider the threat of weapons getting into the wrong hands. Nuclear weapons are made by the waste products of nuclear reactors ("nuclear lemons", as the Wall Street Journal labeled them). The Breeder reactors that turn on America's t.v.s and keep our all electric homes running, produce enough radioactive waste to make one weapon a week. It takes plutonium half a million years to lose its killing power. Basic chemistry courses teach the basic technological skills needed to make a nuclear bomb. With the availability of this much material, the opportunity of terrorists and organized crime obtaining these materials grows. This is a threat to our existence.

The preamble to the constitution: "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

I only wrote this down to remind you that this country was founded on the rights to provide for the common defense, and the general welfare of the people. I personally do not feel that having my tax dollars going towards stockpiling weapons (there are too many in the first place) and having the needs of people all around me ignored, is providing a very healthy defense, or promoting the general welfare of the citizens of the United States of America.

There are enough nuclear weapons to kill us off a million times over. One particle of plutonium the size of a grain of pollen can cause lung cancer if inhaled. The typical reactor produces several hundred pounds of plutonium per year. The reactor safety systems are unproven, and plutonium and radiation leaks DO occur. No effective way has been developed for the disposal of waste material. All of this doesn't make me half as mad as thinking that the U.S. citizens weren't consulted when the government decided to build nuclear reactors. We were not warned that by the year 2000 there will be more than one hundred inactive, but highly radioactive power plants in the world. The U.S. government did not adequately test the emergency core cooling systems used in every nuclear power plant for defects, which has become apparent with the increasing number of atomic accidents. We are not asked by politicians who supposedly represent us, whether we want more than half of the fiscal budget spent on arms rather than on human needs, education, health care, and employment. The needs of people are being overlooked for the benefit of the militia. The very existence of America, as we like to think of it, "Land of the free", "Home of the brave", is being threatened by our own government. Every day our lives are in the balance— one accident, one stolen arsenal weapon or plan, one miscalculation and half of the continental United States could be killed! I resent this threat and I demand a future for us all!

So, now what do you think? Do you also resent this unpublishized threat? Do you care about your future? WELL YOU SHOULD! It's not like voting or not voting, it's not like democratic or republican, it's NOT TOTALLY POLITICAL! It's a matter of life or death, whether you care about living or letting someone else decide for you.



The purpose for all this is to make you think. Make you aware. Action can begin anytime after you decide this situation has to change. The LRY Coalition Against Nuclear Proliferation was formed last February when about 40 people got together and decided that the arms race was wrong, and that the only way to effect a change would be to make everyone aware and join in one united effort--to beat swords into plowshares.

Now what you must do since you are aware is to spread your knowledge. TALK! TALK! TALK! Tell your friends, show people that we are no longer in control of our lives! The hazardous nuclear reactor could at any time fail, and emanate deadly amounts of radioactive waste into OUR atmosphere. Get angry, and get other people angry, become aware and take action. But do it right now! For every minute you go showing no concern, you deny yourself and the ones you love, the freedom we are all born with...all because you are letting someone else, something else, decide your future for you!

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Dear LRYers and other interested persons, Hi, I'm on the planning committee for OPIK this year. (an LRY summer camp) OPIK is a learning experience for all that attend. We have camp at the end of August. It consists of workshops, warm and friendly people, people willing and wanting to share, make and have new experiences. It is a time of growth, emotionally and mentally, with concerned people to help. We have had this camp for the past thirteen years and up till now, we have met in Tar Hollow State Park in Ohio. This year we ran into some problems; a few people were caught skinny dipping in our privately rented section of the park. Due to this, we were kicked out of the park. After being kicked out, (the 2nd day), we decided to stay together anyway. We all packed up Tuesday morning. By noon that day, seventy of us were on the road to the Cincinnati Unitarian Church where we spent 3 days. The last 2 days were spent in Kentucky, camping on private property of a friend.

We are now in the process of trying to find a new place to have camp. We have a good prospect: Circle Pines in Michigan. Through all of this traveling and trying to find a place to go, our budget got wiped out. If we are to go to Circle Pines, we need more money. (Hint, hint!!)

This year's camp committee is full of energy and ideas to put camp on again this year in August. We are in such a delicate state; either grow strong or die young. We would be grateful if you would be willing to donate either financially, or in any other way that you can (fundraising, advising at the camp, new ideas, workshops, etc...).

This year's theme is "what is your expiration date?", dealing with life and death. Please help if you can!

Thanks for your time and energy,
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