

A GIGANTIC WELFARE PROJECT...

for the military-industrial complex."

Sen. George McGovern

"If we have to start over again with another Adam and Eve, then I want them to be Americans and not Russians."

Sen. Richard Russell

"If the opponent wants to overwhelm ours [ABM system], it can be overwhelmed."

Dr. Gerald Tape

AEC Commissioner

On Monday, June 24--the day the poor were driven out of Resurrection City--the ABM appropriation, the most dangerous boondoggle in the grim history of the armaments race, was passed in the US Senate. However, when it became time for the Army to start land acquisition and actual construction of sites in the chosen cities, local resistance began to form. The bill had been passed in 1968 over the objections of 46 Senators, with almost no expression of opposition from their constituents; now with protest started at the grass roots, the issue is assuming the proportions of a major national debate.

The Anti-Ballistic Missile System is one of the most crucial issues people who have hope for peace have been faced with. Beyond the issue of where this potential nuclear accident might be located loom the deadlier problems implicit in the system itself. Actually, two proposals have been made: (1) a "thin" \$5 billion-plus system for protection against the Chinese & (2) a "thick" \$40 billion-plus system for an anti-Soviet defense. The first seems to be a rationale of the defense establishment which will enable construction to get started, at which point pressure for the second, expanded system can be exerted. If the "thin" system is implemented, the Soviet government will react, by building an equally gigantic ABM of its own, and both nations will develop offensive weapons to counter these new defensive capabilities. The new offensive weapons will include multiple warheads on one missile

capable of hitting separate targets & greatly increased numbers of individual missiles, both aimed at saturating enemy defenses. And since this system has not been tested, there will be enormous pressure to resume atmospheric testing, for who would build a 40 or more billion dollar system without some testing. The final element in this incredible plan will be massive fall-out shelters to "protect" people from all those nuclear weapons going off all over the place.

Yet with the exception of certain dominant elements within the "military-industrial complex" almost everyone competent to evaluate the system agrees that it will NOT work. The ABM can be confounded by nuclear explosions which will prevent the radars from working, or more missiles than the system can contend with can be fired into the target area; these are but two ways the defense can be breached. We are expected to accept and pay for this profitable (for some people) venture which will greatly exacerbate the tension and risk of our times and which, since it does not work, is worth nothing--certainly not the probable \$80 billion it will cost in the end (Army estimates are \$40 billion but defense contracts have been running at least twice their estimated cost).

What to do: It is possible to block, or at least postpone, deployment by Senate action. Vigorous protest against sites, public meetings in every community, exposure of the false rationales through letters-to-editors and radio-TV talk shows, letters and telegrams to politicians at all levels can effectively demonstrate opposition. WSP, WILPF, SANE, ECNL and the Council for a Livable World all have more information.

The important thing is to act now; this issue will be won or lost during the time leading up to the vote in the Senate scheduled for late April.

- Jim Dill

FEBRUARY-MARCH**CALENDAR OF PEACE EVENTS****FEBRUARY-MARCH**

- Feb. 20 Mothers Against the Draft, demonstration at Lafayette Park, beginning at 12 noon.
- Feb. 20 "The Biography of a Small Boat: The Phoenix," by Earle Reynolds, captain of the ship; Langley Hill Friends Meeting, 6410 Old Georgetown Pike (Vn. Rte. 193), Langley, McLean, Va.
- Feb. 20 "ABM - Monster in our Midst?" - public meeting with Congressman George Brown of California; sponsored by VSP and WILPF; Reis Science Bldg., Room 103, Georgetown Univ.
- Feb. 23 "Social Services," lecture-discussion with the coordinator of DC chapter of National Welfare Rights, a VISTA volunteer & a welfare recipient; sponsored by Friends Mtg. of Washington; 2111 Florida Ave., N.W.
- Feb. 26-27 Action Conference on National Priorities, for local representatives of national organizations around the country; Continental Hotel, 420 No. Capitol St.; registration fee: \$5.00; for information: Arms Control and Disarmament Council, 543-1151.
- Mar. 2 "Police and Community Relations", lecture-discussion sponsored by Friends Mtg. of Washington; 2111 Florida Ave., N.W.
- Mar. 8 "The War Lover" and "Variations on a Theme", Free Theatre, 1520 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. (see story below).
- Mar. 9 "Transportation" (social problems in highway planning in urban areas), lecture-discussion sponsored by Friends Mtg. of Wash.; speaker: Robt. Morris, vice-president of a traffic engineering firm in McLean; 2111 Florida Ave., N.W.
- Mar. 15 "Hunger in America", WPC Free Theatre, 1520 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.
- Mar. 18 Public meeting with Russell Johnson of New England AFSC staff speaking on US Policy in Cambodia and the Far East; Rm. 103, Reis Science Bldg., G-town Univ.
- Mar. 20 UNA/UWF seminar on "Development Aid--Should It Be Internationalized?"; for details or reservations, call United World Federalists, 659-4191.
- Mar. 22 "A Plague on Your Children" (chemical and biological warfare), WPC Free Theatre, 1520 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. (see story below)

DRAFT COUNSELING

The draft counseling service has presented three draft counselor training courses and more will be scheduled soon. In addition, discussions and seminars on the draft have been held at high schools and universities in the Washington area. Activities during one recent week, for example, included Sunday evening discussion on draft and conscientious objection with the youth group of the Metropolitan Methodist Church; a meeting with U. of Maryland counselling staff on the topic of "Draft Problems and College Counseling"; and all-day manning of a draft counseling table at George Washington University.

- Bill Brubaker

FREE THEATRE

WPC's Free Theatre will begin a 6-week program at its new location (The Institute for Policy Studies, 1520 New Hampshire Ave. NW) on Saturday night, March 8. A flyer listing the films will be sent out shortly.

PEACE TOUR

A goodwill tour, from July 17 to Aug. 7 to Denmark, Russia (including Moscow and Leningrad), Rumania, Yugoslavia & Czechoslovakia, will include visits with top officials, peace leaders & private citizens everywhere. The cost is \$996. Write to Dr. Jerome Davis, Friends House, Sandy Spring, Md. 20860 for further details.

WASHINGTON WAR TAX RESISTANCE

The Washington War Tax Resistance is made up of individuals who have developed various methods of resisting the payment of war taxes. Some have developed a lifestyle which makes it unnecessary for them to acquire a taxable income. Others refused to pay that part of their 1967 income tax proportional either to the amount of the budget spent on the Vietnam War or the amount spent for all war expenditures. A growing number of people are presently refusing to pay the federal excise tax on their monthly telephone bill. In 1966 when the phone tax was increased from 3% to 10%, Congressman Wilbur Mills stated: "It is clear that the Vietnam and only the Vietnam operation makes this bill necessary."

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☐ Please send me additional copies of this flyer.

FUND-RAISING PROGRESS

Giving to support the Peace Center has slowed to a trickle since the first month of the campaign. Though more has come in this year than last, more is required if WPC is to respond to growing demands, to get a black field worker, and to find an office secretary to back up field workers and counselors.

One friend has recently given us a VW bus in fine condition, adding greatly to our ability to serve the community. Steven Block, a WPC director, has provided a projector on a long-term loan.

Another important need as yet unfilled is for a duplicator; one sponsor has promised \$300. If others will add to this, WPC will be able to get a machine which will do a better job and last longer.

Other miscellaneous needs include: an airconditioner and a few fans (to make summer in a third-floor office more comfortable); a one- or two-drawer file cabinet; three desk lamps; a bulletin board; and a volunteer with carpenter or cabinetmaker's skills to help finish fixing up the office.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The directors of the Peace Center voted at their January meeting to place special emphasis on the relation of the U.S. to the world revolution of rising expectations. A committee composed of Agnes Sailer, Custer Cromwell, Bee Wolfe, Judy Hamburg, and Sylvia Lenaghan, a Cuban actively concerned for peace and justice in Latin America, was formed to make plans; volunteers are needed to join in this work.

A nominating committee--Abe Bloom, Fr. McSorley and Kate Quigley--was also appointed for election of officers; suggestions are welcome.

KOINONIA PRODUCTS

We still have on hand a good supply of fresh delicious pecandy (milk choc., white choc. and butterscotch; \$.90/7 oz. box, \$3 for 4 boxes) and a few scattered items, all for sale at cost. Also available: all-occasion and special-occasion cards, with proceeds benefitting rehabilitation of Vietnamese children and Biafran/Nigerian relief.

UNLESS PEACE COMES

Issues of armament and disarmament have been brought into sharp focus by the daily press lately, in its reports of the ABM debate, the non-proliferation treaty and chemical and biological warfare. Since it is becoming more and more important for the public to make informed judgments on these matters, the appearance of a book like Unless Peace Comes* can be welcomed.

This book is a collection of relatively dispassionate essays by scientists from several countries on possible weapons systems of the 1980's. Some are simple extensions of current trends: David Inglis predicts somewhat bigger bombs and somewhat more efficient delivery systems.

Others are more bizarre. M.W. Thring of Great Britain envisions unstoppable multi-legged robots creeping Godzilla-like across the landscape to deliver the coup de grace to enemy targets in person.

Although the purely technical articles are important, the most valuable contributions in the book seem to me to be those which elucidate the organizational and psychological framework in which these weapons may be developed and, perhaps, used. Two such articles stand out.

One is by Otto Klineberg, a psychologist. He fears that the robotizing of weapons will accentuate the tendency toward dehumanization of enemies. An article by Harvey Wheeler on "The Strategic Calculators" analyzes the effects of men on computers and, more important, of computers on men.

In sum, the book provides a crucial technical and factual input to the process of arriving at a moral or political judgment on one of the most important issues of this and future ages. (*ed. by Nigel Calder, Viking, 243 pp., \$1.95)

- Chris Noble

WSP View of Vietnam

The war in South Vietnam continues to escalate while the peace forces in this country continue to suffer from the confusion that began to afflict us in the wake of the announcement of the limited bombing halt and the convening of the Paris talks. To help revitalize the peace forces, we must focus clearly on the hard realities of the war. With the Paris negotiations creating a smokescreen of hope and comfort, the three months since the bombing halt in the North have brought rising GI casualty rates (nearly 400 dead in the last two weeks in January).

For the Vietnamese people the end of the bombing in the North has meant increased terror from B-52 bombers in the South. I.F. Stone's Weekly (Feb. 10) documents the step-up in U.S. battalion-size operations while similar enemy-initiated operations have virtually ceased. The NLF representatives in Paris recently told WSP women that both air and ground action in the South has intensified beyond description, and that a U.S. military sweep is in progress to destroy the NLF areas and "pacify" the survivors.

Meanwhile, the U.S. continues to support the repressive Saigon regime. The Washington Post of Feb. 10 reports a new crackdown by the government in the South on "intellectuals, students and others it believes are advocating a coalition government or some other means of accommodation with the VC to end the Vietnam war." It is becoming clear that Nixon's "peace" strategy includes as one of its major components a military victory in the South that would assure the permanence of the present Saigon government, thus continuing U.S. occupation of South Vietnam as a client state.

Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh, NLF negotiator, told the WSP women that the NLF came to Paris in good faith to talk about peace, but is determined to carry on its resistance until independence is won.

Let us begin the necessary pressure on the White House now for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops within months, not years, and without reciprocity from Hanoi as a precondition; for withdrawing our support from the corrupt Saigon government; and for allowing the Vietnamese people to settle their own affairs. Let us reactivate those voices from all segments of society that were only last winter so loudly demanding an end to this war.

- Edith Villastrigo
Women Strike for Peace

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