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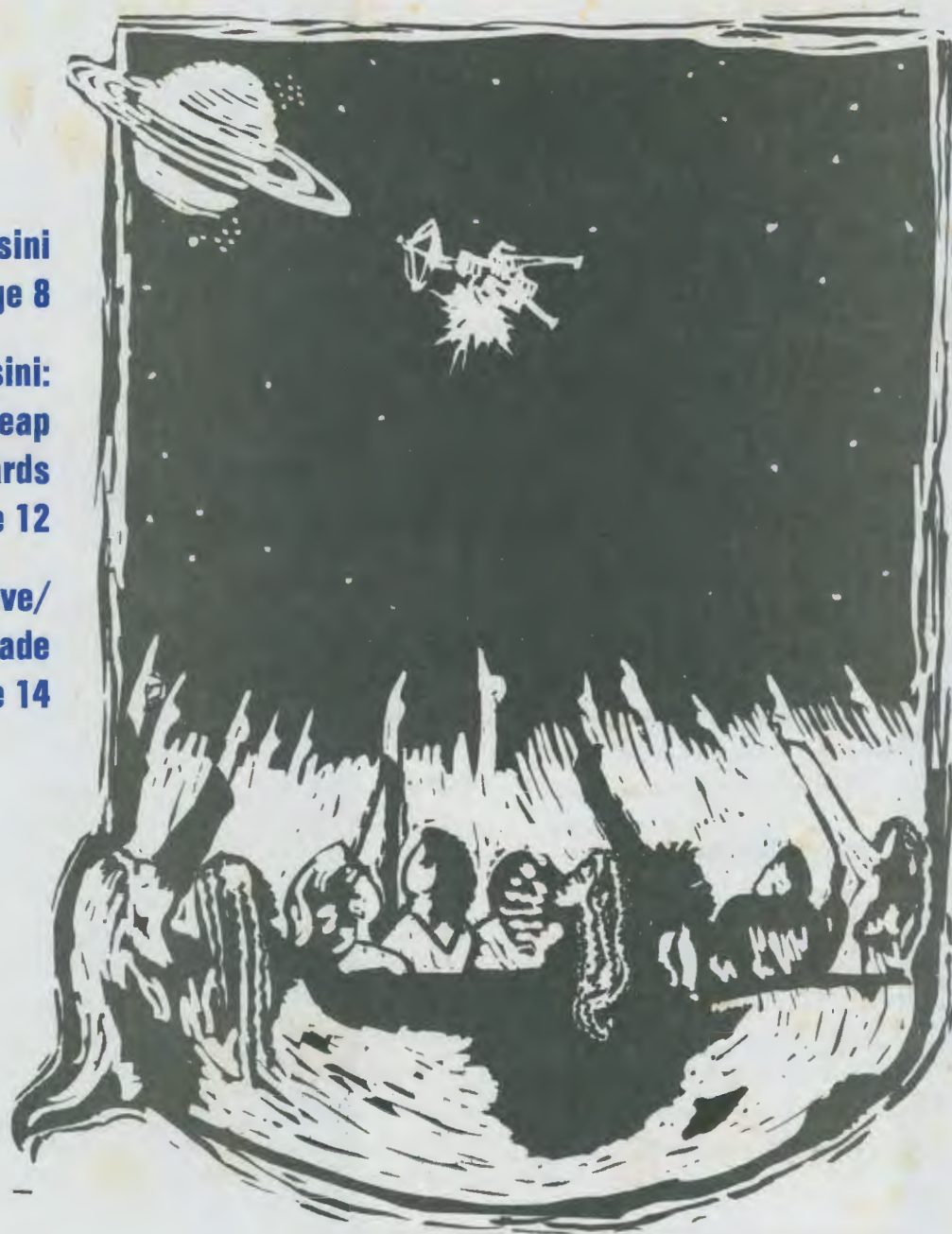
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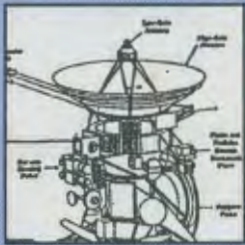
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# From the President's Desk

Relationships are central to both the form and content of the work we do in WILPF. They either support or distract us from getting on with our aim of preventing war and achieving a sustainable environment.

As this issue of Peace and Freedom was being produced, I was in London with 15 other North Americans attending the IEC (International Executive Committee) Meeting.

The meeting opened in early August at the Quaker International Center with 23 sections represented and 70 women in attendance. During the week many reports and workshops were presented by standing committees and staff, but the report from the Rainbow Committee was especially stimulating and informative.

The Rainbow Committee is International WILPF's Change Maven equivalent, convened by Bruna Nota from Canada, the head of the Rainbow Committee. Bruna reviewed the Committee's mandate reminding us that conflict is fertile ground for creativity and energy. Presenting an exercise on polarities, we were invited to explore the differences between problems and polarities. Bruna explained that unlike problems, which seek solutions, polarities, seeking inclusion, exist in relationship to each other. Like inhaling and exhaling, one can not exist without the other.

We constructed a quadrant and brainstormed some negative and positive qualities associated with authoritative and democratic leadership styles. Using this 'thinking tool' for evaluating our organizational structures and relationships, we recognized that our positives on both sides of the quadrant were complementary and could easily be integrated while the negatives reflected our fears and reinforced isolation and non-cooperation.

The polarity analysis model takes away blame, guilt and accusation. It acknowledges and honors differences, building trust in the process of reviewing current WILPF structures and relations.

The following day, we heard from a diverse and dynamic panel of Black women speaking about the practices of racism and the threats to Peace in Europe.

Mukami McCrum, born and educated in Kenya, works as a sociologist and is Director of Central Scotland Racial Equality Council. Patricia Johnson, a probation officer, prepares briefs for trials and works with young offenders. Eugenie Quenum has lived in France for 27 years but comes

from Benin. She is a biologist doing research on the health of rural populations in less developed countries. Josephine Ocloo is a lecturer in Social Work at the University of North London.

A brilliant workshop on Racism, led by Deidre Leaske, U.K. WILPF and our own Mary Zepernick, followed the panel which resulted in a self appointed committee to sift through the ideas and issues generated from the panel and workshop.

Proposals and recommendations have been presented to the IEC and we can expect the discourse on race and racism to continue at the 1998 International Congress in Baltimore.

Most women at the IEC welcome the opportunity to deepen our analysis of globalization, security and disarmament



Betty J. Burkes  
U.S. Section President

by also deepening our understanding of the relationship between those issues and racism in WILPF.

Today with candles and song we assembled to remember Hiroshima. We spoke of peace knowing that even now Japan is seeking to rearm and the United States prepares to send plutonium into space. (see Cassini article inside)

We were 70 women, speaking 10 different languages, related in our insistence on peace and our commitment to sustaining WILPF.

The women of Japan and the U.S. embraced and through our tears we smiled, remembering the words of Katie Cannon.

This work is difficult, daily labor. It is unglamorous, incremental, unsensational, and often invisible. It demands vigilance and courage and it must be lubricated by humor. In this spirit, the IEC in London joined in generous cooperation and thoughtful collaboration to reaffirm WILPF's aim to confront problems of the 21st century, the color line, class and gender. ■



## Reader's Forum

Dear Editor,

I would just like to congratulate you on the new Peace and Freedom it seems to get better with every issue.

The lay out and design are really good as well as the articles. I especially took a lot of interest in an article that appeared in the June/July issue called "The Genocidal Impact of Executive, Legislative and Judicial Decision- Making" by Nkechi Taifa. I would like to see more articles written by Ms. Taifa and on the topic of systemic genocide as well.

Keep up the good work!

WILPFer

Dear Editor,

I have an addendum to "The Myth of Social Security's Imminent Collapse," which appeared in the Jan./Feb. 1997 issue of Peace and Freedom. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor under Roosevelt, was the architect of Social Security. The Department of Labor office building is named after her.

Vivian Schatz

Philadelphia, PA

Editor's Note: There was a typographical error in that article. Social Security was signed into law in 1935 not 1953.

## Message From the Editor

This has been a year of great change for *Peace and Freedom*. You all have seen the gradual results of that transformation with each issue. Over the past year I have received both positive and negative criticism – most of it constructive – of P&F. I have all intentions of incorporating those suggestions into my planning of future issues.

*Peace and Freedom* has also suffered major production problems throughout the year, hence the late delivery dates to your homes. I apologize for those delays and hope to work those kinks out for future issues. Thanks to everyone for their patience, understanding and support throughout the year!

## Peace and Freedom Copy Due Dates for 1998!

We welcome your articles, book reviews, Op-Ed's, and notices. Submissions will be used based on availability of space, topic relevancy to WILPF program and current issue focus and timeliness. Feel free to call before submitting material.

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## U.N. Report

**T**wo major issues this day face all of us who care about internationalism. First, about the nuclearization of outer space. This October, NASA is planning a launch from Cape Canaveral of a space probe with 72.3 pounds of deadly plutonium aboard. The probe is called the "Cassini," and it will use the plutonium to power its electrical instruments during its voyage to explore the planet Saturn. The plutonium is so toxic that less than one-millionth of a gram, an invisible particle is a carcinogenic dose. One pound, if uniformly distributed, could hypothetically induce lung cancer in every person on earth.

If all goes according to plan, the space probe will swing around Venus, shoot past the earth, and then speed to Saturn to explore the planet. If there is a mishap, either on takeoff or

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when Cassini hurtles past earth, and it explodes or disintegrates, plutonium could be scattered over much of the globe. This is a complicated voyage with many opportunities for problems. And it is quite possible to change the plutonium for solar energy. NASA's experts say there is little

chance of disaster, but physicist Michio Kaku says that this figure borders on scientific dishonesty. The real chance of a failure, based on past accidents of launches of similar rockets, Kaku says is 1 in 20.

But most problematic of all is that the Cassini mission could be just the tip of the iceberg bringing additional nuclearization and militarization of space. What a horrendous prospect!!

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And regarding our only hope – the consensus of nation-states at the United Nations – the Helms-Biden Bill is disastrous. The New York Times called it "assisted suicide for the United Nations." But nonetheless this anti-UN bill must be taken seriously. Senator Helms, the great American patriot, based on his years of service in the Senate, and his endless fight against internationalism, has spoken on what the United States should pay the United Nations. Very little, it turns out, only part of the US debt, and with many conditions – unilateral.

It is important that we oppose this bill. Senator Helms has very little understanding of what is going on in this country.

Or this world. ■

by Paula Tasso,  
UN Representative

## Membership

by Chris Morin, Leadership/Outreach Coordinator

As I write my first column for *Peace & Freedom*, I want to tell you how excited I am to be the Leadership/Outreach Coordinator. I bring with me experience of working on the local and regional level and have served on the National Board, but I am anticipating continued dialogue with each of you, so that our joint concerns, ideas, and visions will enhance membership.

I have met many of you at national congresses, regional meetings and branch programs and I continue to be inspired by so many wild WILPF women, who are the heart and soul of our organization.

The members of WILPF have got to be some of the most dynamic, passionate and persistent people on this earth. As I continue to travel to the regions to meet with mem-

bers of WILPF, I look forward with great expectations to exchanging ideas with you about how we can make our organization grow.

WILPF is in the midst of change. We are reevaluating our organization and looking at how we can be more effective in building community within our branches and doing our political work. Everyone looks at change differently. It can be scary or exciting or both. For me, change brings new energy to the planning table and the chance to grow personally by being open to new perspectives.

This fall, Felicity Hill, an Australian intern from our international office in Geneva, is touring campuses around the United States. She will be speaking about WILPF and what avenues young people can take to pursue their activism. It has been an exciting undertaking in planning the itinerary and hearing from the campuses all over the country. This young woman speaking to young women, is a great sign of hope that the torch will be passed to the next generation who will work for and demand a just society.

There have been many discussions amongst members and branches on "where are the young people in our organization?" The contacts from Felicity's tour is an opportunity that we do not want to miss. We have great expectations that many young women will become members of WILPF, during and after Felicity's tour. As they join us, via national office or local branches, we will be welcoming them to our planning and discussion tables. As more and more young women join our ranks, new ideas will meet the old. It will be a wonderful intergenerational exchange. Both old and new honoring the passion in each other while working for justice. The young honoring the old—their experience, their activism, their persistence to not give up the fight. The old honoring the young—their energy, their enthusiasm, their yearning to know more.

This is a very exciting time for WILPF with two generations joining each other. We can get stronger by listening to each other and accepting that everyone has something to offer. This can fuel our passion and make our work more effective. ■

# Women's Work: Peace and Reconciliation

## Eighth Congress of Vietnam Women's Union – May 1997

"Women active in study, creative in labor, good at bringing up their children and building happy families" was the theme of the Eighth National Congress where nearly one thousand Vietnamese women gathered in Hanoi on May 19, 20 - to launch the nationwide women's movement for the next five years. With this effort they consciously and soberly will attempt to counteract the negative impacts of the market economy, which they view as "having inhibited the advancement of women and the development of our movement."

This was truly a grassroots affair. Thirty-nine international delegates represented women's organizations from all continents – representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations – were chosen "because they reflected the solidarity and integration of actions" within the Vietnam Women's Union (VWU). It was truly a joy to be there to represent the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, based in Geneva.

The occasion was also enhanced by the fact that all over Vietnam, the people were celebrating the 107th

birthday of the late President Ho Chi Minh. The Vietnamese women paid tribute to him - who had laid the foundation for the viewpoint that considers women's emancipation and children's well being as priority objectives of Vietnam's revolution.

### The Work of the Congress

President Troung My Hao called for the delegates to share concerns and activities, which related to the equality and development of women. It was evident that the Women's Union was implementing the Development Strategy for the Advancement of Women to the year 2000 with its goals of actions for equality, development and peace. Vietnam had sent over one hundred delegates to Beijing. After enduring long isolation from the international scene, they cherished active participation. They announced lofty goals for the next five years and set out guidelines for five task forces to assess objectively and comprehensively implement them. The goals came into being after several years of assessment and dialogue with the grassroots.

## They pledged:

\* To forge broad solidarity and encourage women of all strata to tap all potentials, creativity and fine qualities of the Vietnamese Women;

\* to continue improving the material and spiritual life and raising the all around knowledge of women;

\* to effect equality of women to men;

\* to contribute to accelerating national industrialization and modernization, and national construction and defense;

\* to build patriotic and socialism-loving women who are healthy, have knowledge, dynamism and creativity, know how to enrich themselves lawfully, have benevolence, and are attentive to the interests of the society and community;

\* to build families of fullness, equality, progress and happiness;

\* to build steadily a contingent of women cadres in all fields of the state, economic and social management;

\* to build the Union's organization and personnel into an increasingly strong force and to help it effectively play its role as the representative for the just and legitimate rights of women.

## WILPF in Vietnam

It was very important for WILPF to be at the Congress. It was and is an historic turning point. It has been a long and painful struggle with U.S. government intransigence against losing the war and their obsession with the POW's. When we were in Hanoi, the Ambassador of the U.S. had just arrived and five caskets of American soldiers were at the Hanoi airport being loaded into a transport plane. Vietnam is cautiously entering into the world market economy - out of necessity, but with concerns about the values they will lose. The Women's Union are intentionally working to alleviate and deal with the new challenges of modernization.

WILPF has been involved with Vietnam for many years and we have a long legacy of involvement. The determination and concern of WILPF and Quaker women for the war that had engulfed our nations led to an extraordinary bond of friendship. We refused to 'see' an enemy in the Vietnamese. We wept with them in anguish over the tragedy of the war. We went to Vietnam in spite of the restrictions of our government in order to be with them. It was in 1970 in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) that I met Ngo Ba Thanh - imprisoned by the Thieu government and her "Vietnamese Women for the Right to Live" and she introduced me to WILPF. In 1971, Kay Camp, then president of WILPF, her delegation and Vietnamese women signed a Peace Treaty declaring that we women were NOT

at war. Dorothy Steffens and Marii Hasegawa, with an international delegation, visited American prisoners of war in 1972. Other trips followed.

In 1980, when a troubled and tenuous peace still persisted, a delegation of WILPF and Women's Strike for Peace, which I led, renewed that pledge. Numerous gatherings have been held that brought the Indo-Chinese and their Asian sisters together. In 1983 at the WILPF Triennial held in Goteborg, Sweden, eleven women poured out their hearts to each other in relating their country's and personal stories at a special Peace Institute. The isolation of Indochina was being challenged and overcome. Sweden was the only country that would allow the attendance of the Cambodian, Vietnamese and Lao women. This year they are part of the ASEAN Women's Conference. We have cemented our friendship over the years. WILPF and the Union have consolidated this relationship into a strong, affirming and enduring presence.

How did it happen? It is because of WILPF's long time concept of peace. Emily Greene Balch, Nobel Prize winner and noted WILPFer wrote -

Men and women with your patient faces, little children with your bright eyes, how could we not love you?

She was appealing for patience and understanding to surmount the ideological barriers caused by the great walls of isolation and hostility, behind which so many peoples of the world find themselves. We are also believers in the tenet that "security rests not in armaments, but in justice" and that "we need no leader to define for us an enemy" - Jane Addams in 1914.

The overtures of WILPF women were received in Vietnam literally - with open arms. I shall never forget the reception of our delegation - we were bombing Vietnam - when Duong thi Duyen and the Women's Union embraced us - literally! How could we not love these sisters! Such acts validated the peace movement in the USA.

Although a transition into a new and exciting historical phase of "peace" is coming, the U.S. government is still tentative - we still have work to do with the Vietnamese women and other struggling peoples of the world - to be aware of the perils of the "free market" and that uncontrollable force unleashed in our and their exploitation - the pursuit of mindless heartless corporate profits. But let us close this chapter with joy and peace and a sense of accomplishment in these days when the pursuit of things peaceful seems so elusive. ■

*Ruth Cadwallader is the Chair of WILPF's Asia Pacific Committee.*

# After Cassini

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When this issue went to press, we were not sure what will have happened with the Cassini Space Probe. Cassini may have been cancelled. If so, that is a great victory for the movement of people who learned about it and built a massive opposition - despite every effort of the nuclear and space industries to keep it from the public. Cassini may have blasted into orbit. If so, the people of earth are expecting a Second Coming - a dangerous missile crashing toward earth at 42,000 miles per hour two years from now. Cassini may have been delayed again. The Titan IV missile is so unstable that it could have developed a leakage problem again. Or it could have exploded on the launch pad yet another time - possibly radiating all of Florida and eventually the world. Order Jay Gould's book *The Enemy Within* about low-level radiation from our resources department to get clear about the links to cancer and other dangers.

Whatever the outcome of this particular plutonium launch the end is not in sight. The nuclear and space industries intend to continue shooting nuclear powered explorations into orbit, a plan that will bolster industries and continue to endanger everyone on earth. And we intend to stop them.

After we put the Cassini ad in the New York Times on Monday, September 8, it was an amazing month at WILPF national headquarters. We want to say thank you to all who have made extraordinary efforts to publicize and oppose the Cassini Space Probe. The opposition has become massive even though the ordinary Josephine on the street may still say, "What is it?" when you mention "Cassini." We want to say thank you to the whistle-blower inside NASA who gave us the information on Cassini, also the NASA employee who went to an anti-Cassini demonstration. These are true patriots. And we need to thank the people who opened up the discussion on cyberspace which made it possible for people to find out about this in spite of the virtually total media block-out. Thankfully there is still a place where ordinary people can pass along information.

This was probably the most important hidden issue this year simply crying out for a breakthrough in the press. The big bucks media had done nothing, even though we knew the story was on their desks - until our ad came out in the most-read space in the New York Times, the op-ed page, where usually we could not get space in a timely fashion even if we could afford it. (An ad had been cancelled, and they called us to see if we wanted it - three days in advance).

We are still hustling to raise the rest of the money to pay for the ad, but the results have far surpassed our hopes. Of

course, our primary hope was to stop Cassini and ultimately to stop the nuclear industry from building a military/nuclear presence in space, thereby setting the stage for nuclear wars in space in the next century - and, not coincidentally, continuing to line their own pockets.

As a result of our ad, all kinds of media began to cover the story including the New York Times itself, TIME magazine, 60 MINUTES, FOX News, and dozens of lesser media who have contacted us. Sadly, it proves once again that those who pay for media get it. We heard from hundreds of people who saw the ad and called us for more information. Many strangers sent money and also sent telegrams to President Clinton. We have already reached 1,000 WILPF telegrams, and we are told that Cassini is the #1 issue in terms of current mail to the White House.

The Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, the Lawyer's Committee for Nuclear Policy, the Fund for New Priorities, Abolition 2000, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Love Earth and hundreds of WILPF branches and other organizations have been working on this issue for many months. Helen Caldicott and Michio Kaku and many other scientists have sounded the alarm and organized tirelessly. All of the above and many, many more deserve credit for any successes against Cassini. Please forgive all the omissions, because I know the impact of this organizing would have been impossible without you.

We have had speakers at all the major national and local demonstrations. Former president of WILPF, Mary Zepernick, is speaking on the issue at MIT, and we have been invited to join a Cassini delegation of scientists and moral leaders organized by the War and Peace Foundation to meet with President Bill Clinton. We have heard that he has ordered his Science Advisor to take another look at Cassini. I hope he will read the absolutely chilling environmental impact statement that came out of NASA outlining the dangers at every stage.

If you want to know more about Cassini, please do get a copy of Karl Grossman's book, *The Wrong Stuff*. Also, at the WILPF office, you can rent the video made by Joan Flynn, one of our members from Long Island, which exposes the plan for "Nukes in Space." Also, read *The Fifth Sacred Thing* by Starhawk, a novel about life without nukes.

Even after Cassini, whatever that means, the movement that has begun to build around this issue is a sign of hope for the future. The importance of our work on this issue will continue to expand because the nuclear industry is bound and determined to continue their profitable business. On the other hand, we are bound and determined to continue life on earth - life without nukes of any kind.

*Marilyn Clement, Executive Director*

# WILPF – West Africa

by Regina Birchem

“I am so happy! The network is working. We will keep the fire for peace going in our country.”

These are the words of Nanette Thomas of WILPF West Africa as she met women in Maputo, Mozambique, at a land mine conference (WILPF member Liz Bernstein, Coordinator). Members of the Dutch WILPF section came to the airport to meet her and give her support as she passed through on her journey from West Africa to southern Africa.

WILPF Sierra Leone will be officially recognized as a new section at the 1998 Congress in Baltimore. In the fall 1997, Sierra Leone is a country now devastated by yet another military coup.

The story of the women's peace movement in West Africa and the WILPF history there is a multifaceted story as complex, painful and surprising as Africa itself.

WILPF Sierra Leone got its start with the work of the Women's Peace Movement, a long-established coalition of women working for the participation of the civil society in decision-making and for the laying down of weapons throughout the country. Two of the members went daily to the Peace Tent in Beijing at the 1995 UN Fourth World Conference on Women and there met Edith Ballantyne and other WILPF members.

This space provided a meeting point for women around the world to meet and learn what is happening in countries such as Sierra Leone about which many of us know so little.

At the time of the Beijing confer-



Nanette Thomas at the market with friends.

ence, a brutal war was raging in the Sierra Leone countryside. There were camps of thousands of refugees and the capital city Freetown swelled to five times its normal size because of war, torture and destruction in the countryside. Amazingly, even while the rebel war continued, the peace movement succeeded in achieving civil elections with full participation of the people in February 1996.

By November 1996 a Peace Accord was signed between the civilian government and the Revolutionary United Front. The people were jubilant.

The new WILPF Sierra Leone began immediately to plan a resource center for women for recovery from the trauma of the war, for training in conflict resolution and to begin work on economic empowerment.

Through the WILPF Geneva office in 1996-97, members were enabled to participate in two pan-African conferences on land mines, a post-Beijing conference in Rwanda, and to participate in the spring 1997 WILPF human rights training in Geneva. A

WILPF Sierra Leone office was opened in the Freetown YWCA.

Tragedy. Not all in the army were happy about the 1996 Peace Accord. The prospects of demobilization of troops and an effort to halt the pirating of diamonds and minerals did not please everyone.

On May 25, 1997, a military coup ousted the civilian elected officials, terrorized the population and sent most of the WILPF members fleeing to neighboring countries, to the U.S. or to Britain.

Along with the problems of open conflict are of course, all the accompaniments of war and conflict: the mobilization of children to fight, the lack of food, the migration of people to areas of relative safety, the random looting of homes, the destruction of the environment, the flourishing of opportunists who pillage the natural resources for profit. Especially targeted are those who worked for democracy and a peaceful settlement.

The Washington Office on Africa held an Advocacy Day for Sierra Leone on September 18. Sierra Leonean nationals and friends researched the issues and lobbied the Justice Department and members of Congress regarding the situation to try to enlist all possible support for a peaceful resolution of the conflict. WILPF is not new to Africa or Sierra Leone. Members of the British section (e.g. Ruth Osborn) and Edith Ballantyne know much about the unrecorded history which I am gradually documenting. Today women in Egypt, Somalia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana and elsewhere are members of WILPF or have contacted the Geneva office to ask that we work with them on our areas of expertise: peace education, conflict resolution, human rights, and strengthening women's networks.

Do you want to know more, invite a speaker, or support this work? Contact Regina Birchem, International Vice President - WILPF, RD 1, Box 134, Irwin, PA 15642; Tel/fax (412) 446-3157; e-mail: <birchem@igc.apc.org>

## Let's Hear It For Labor Union Work!

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by Kathleen Kelley  
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Who is Ellen Friedman? I met her several years ago in Montpelier, Vermont. Since then our paths have crossed many times because Ellen is not only a union organizer, she is politically active in local, national and international people issues. She is a member of WILPF and is co-chair of the Vermont Labor Party.

Ellen, who is a labor organizer for the Vermont Education Association (part of National Education Association), said her four immigrant Jewish grandparents were working class and lived in poverty. As she grew up she experienced more comfortable circumstances and went to college. She had not been a teacher but right out of college she became a community organizer of low-income people. After that she worked for U.E. (Unite Electrical Workers) and then AFSCME and has now been with VEA for 11 to 12 years. Ellen said, that early on, as she studied political theory including the works of Karl Marx, she learned that it had always been, and will be, the organized work of working people in any country that

moves things forward on behalf of everybody. The basic interest that people have for security, healthy environment for themselves and their children, the right to education, and the opportunity to participate in their culture are freedoms that often working people do not get much help from courts. "My conviction has always been that this is where I belong. I have always been involved in progressive politics."

(Q) What has changed, from the beginning in the U.S. when young people were working long hours and were under paid and women were being paid less than men? Are things improving?

(A) Definitely! There have been improvements. The eight-hour workday, the end of child labor, Social Security, and the right to unionize took decades to get. These are all because of the struggle of workers that was also transformed into political expression. People were blacklisted, murdered, jailed while fighting for these improvements. Danger, fear, oppression and exploitation were a big part of people's lives. Having said that, I must say that, for example, in the last 20 or 30 years we have returned to illegal sweatshops in this country, people are being paid below minimum wage, have no access to overtime pay or health and safety protection. There is discrimination against people who have migrated to this country, against Black youth and no opportunity for daycare. One of the biggest problems for U.S. workers is the absence of job security. The drive by corporations to maximize profits has meant cutting the work force: downsizing, privatizing, outsourcing, etc. There is no guarantee for a livable wage.

(Q) Who benefits from labor unions?

(A) Teachers have been organized for the last 20 to 30 years. Kitchen staff, custodians, para-professionals are all in the VEA. All in one union. Two million are teachers and one thousand are school support staff. It is the largest union in the world.

Unions Make A Difference! In public education where one school is organized and the other is not, twenty years down the road, the organized school will have higher wages, better benefits and more job security because employers are required to bargain every year. And the interesting thing is, the non-union teachers will be doing better and management will give them more because they do not want them to organize.

The average starting salary, just out of college, is \$20,000. The standard is set by prevailing wage. It is only when organized workers get together and fight for

# Unions Make A Difference!

In public education where one school is organized and the other is not, twenty years down the road, the organized school will have higher wages, better benefits and more job security because employers are required to bargain every year

something that society responds. Workers need to organize. And unions need to carry on the fight for minimum wage even though the members make more than minimum wage.

(Q) People say, "Unions drive up taxes. Things are more expensive." What do you say?

(A) Absolutely, especially in education. Taxes pay for those things that the private sector does not provide. Schools

Have been dependent on property taxes for so long... The legislature has just passed a property tax reform bill in Vermont, which will bring most people a bit of relief.

The private sector is always figuring how to maximize profits and therefore, how to reduce costs. Manufacturing will always go to where the costs are less to produce the item. At one time in history it meant moving manufacturing from Boston to Vermont because workers in Boston were paid more. Then workers unionized in shoe and clothing factories and they were moved south. Then on to other countries they went, where workers get paid even less and wages are so low that people have not been brought out of poverty and are barely alive, with no health care and no protections of any kind.

People in this country are developing an understanding of what is going on. There are some boycotts taking place, against articles made by child labor where there is exploitation - Nike, Disney... NAFTA was a way to make it easier to move jobs to Mexico where standards are low:

wages, benefits, hours, etc. and there has not been enough pay to make people better off. There is no organizing. One good thing to come out of it was that labor leaders and progressives rallied against it and when President Clinton pushed NAFTA through Congress, the labor leaders called it a betrayal.

Mexico City has just elected a Socialist mayor, there has been a change of political focus in Canada with cut-backs and a tremendous fight back by labor across the continent. Let's join hands, let's build bridges between working people from one country to the next and get to a common standard of living for all working people so we can reclaim our human dignity.

Job creation is incredibly important and governments should create jobs. This is a moment when there are such hyper profits, greater than any time in history, in the salaries of CEO's. It will not make CEO's suffer if there is an increase in the wages of the workers. There is plenty of money being made so that there can be an increase in jobs and workers can be paid more.

(Q) What can we do?

(A) Build the Labor Party. Join and be active in Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Participate in the anti-APEC movement. Give money, go to the meetings and work with the organizations. Make links between the local boycotts and conditions and national and international situations. Join the boycotts! Join picket lines. Send letters. Get petitions signed and mail them. Bridges can be built between one area and the next (local, national and international). For instance, when Ellen was 14 or 15 years old, living in the eastern U.S., she heard and read about the United Farm Workers in the western U.S., and their boycott of grapes. She and her family participated week after week by boycotting the local market. The workers were finally recognized. Women are more representative in the labor movement than previously, and are becoming leaders. Unionize, join your union and be active. ■

*Kathleen Kelley is the chair for WILPF's Labor Committee. The above was excerpted from an interview of Ellen David Friedman by Kathleen Kelley which was videotaped by Esther Farnsworth and was aired on August 6 and 7 on "Down By the Riverside," Public Access TV in Vermont, produced by Linda Lehman and Esther. All are members of Central Vermont WILPF.*

# Cassini - A Quantum Leap Backwards

by Felicity Hill

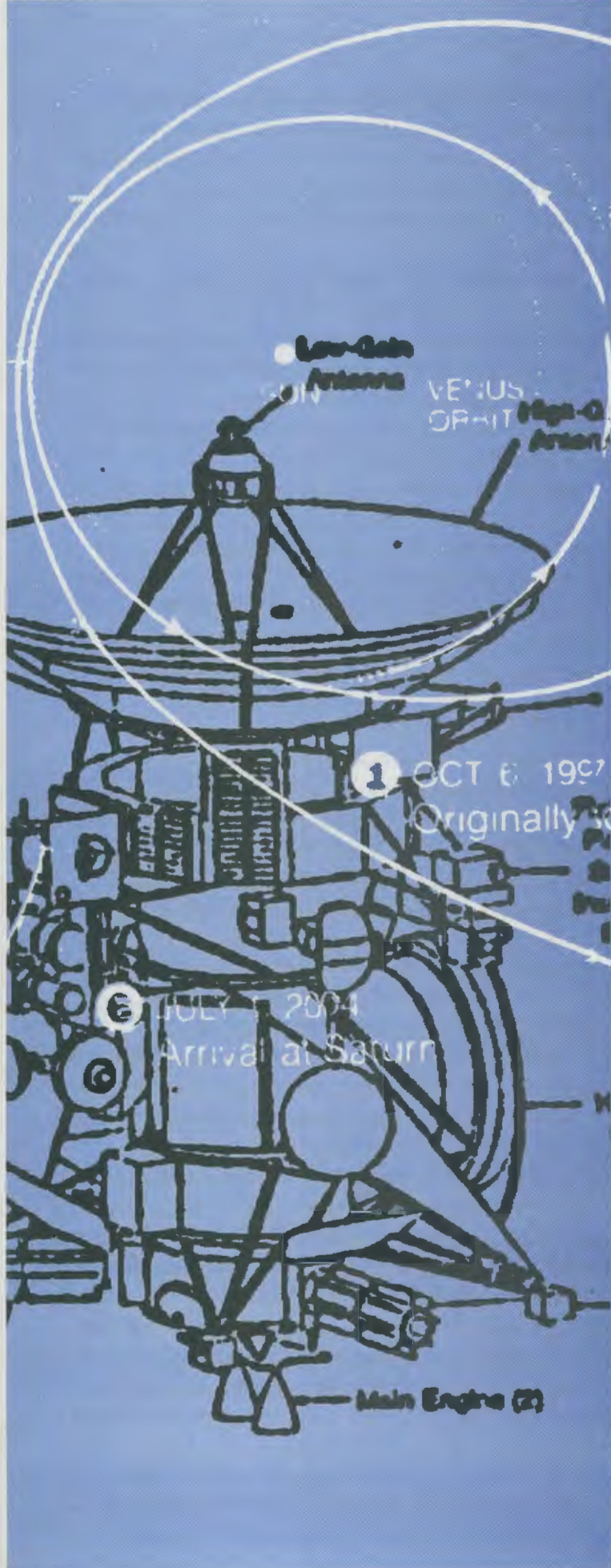
The campaign to CANCEL CASSINI is growing thanks to the energetic response from WILPF and other groups working in coalition to ensure this \$2.7 billion Lockheed Martin Titan IV rocket, off to explore the moons of Saturn with 72 pounds of plutonium on board, never leaves the ground.

Information packs sent to all WILPF branches, explain that Cassini is not going directly to Saturn but will do a "fly-by" maneuver. In August 1999, after flying around Venus it will fly back to earth to literally gain momentum for the journey to Saturn by bouncing off earth's gravity. The track record of the Titan IV rocket is not good; in 1993 a Titan IV blew up soon after take off, taking a 1 billion dollar spy satellite with it! Taking into consideration the millions of space miles the probe will have already done, people are legitimately concerned that any mishaps in the fly-by will mean the release of vapor and small particles of plutonium. Since 1961, twenty-four nuclear laden missions have resulted in 3 accidents (that's odds of 8:1). According to NASA's own Environmental Impact Statement, "If inadvertent reentry occurred during the flyby, approximately 5 billion of the 7-8 billion on earth could receive 99% of the radioactive exposure."

Why has the Cassini story been voted as one of the 10 most under-reported stories? Because Cassini is not just about innocent scientific curiosity; military and corporate interests are involved and are afraid that public outcry will reveal and spoil their crazy plans, and for once they're right! The campaigns in Europe, the U.S. and elsewhere have captured the attention of people all over the world, including the media and political forums. With such a short time left to defeat Cassini - we must redouble our efforts. We can CANCEL CASSINI!

## U.S. Military Outpost: Space

Just as the taboo against nuclear weapons is building to an all-time high, just as the nuclear industry is conceding that nuclear power is not clean, cheap or safe, another nuclear nightmare descends - nuclear powered generators for use in space. As with all nuclear games, this one is also about power and dominance. It stars the



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same cowboy actors - the nuclear corporations and the laboratories at Los Alamos, Savannah River and Oak Ridge - just a different frontier, space. Cassini is the tip of an ugly iceberg, or is it the Titanic of the 90's?

Believe it or not, between now and 2009 NASA plans to launch many more plutonium missions including 2 nuclear reactors for mining colonies on Mars. In news that won't surprise many WILPFers, the Aviation Week and Science Technology (June 23, 1997) stated that an agreement between the U.S. Department of Defense and NASA could be reached soon on the use of the Space Shuttle to launch an average of one military payload per year. The renewed interest in space weapons technology is connected to the Department of Defense's latest weapons research which involves manipulation of the ionosphere for communication, surveillance and possible use of the electricity available in the ionosphere as a weapon. The HAARP Project (High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program) will be the subject of future Peace and Freedom articles and WILPF activity, but it is part of the military interest in space right now, of which Cassini is just a part.

The U.S. Space Command document, "Vision for 2020" reads like a trashy science fiction novel, "Space forces will emerge to protect military and commercial interests and investment in the space medium; there will be a critical need to control space to ensure U.S. dominance...robust capabilities to ensure space superiority must be developed." These intentions are illegal under the 1967 Outer Space Treaty, which states that "the moon and all other celestial bodies were to be free for exploration and use by all states and that international law and the UN Charter would apply." The Treaty goes on to state that the launching state is liable for damages to persons or property of another state resulting from its space activities.

## Alternatives

The purpose of 99% of the plutonium on board is to provide 745 watts (a small amount) to power science experiments. It is not fuel or propulsion, it is a heat source to create electrical power. NASA puts the plutonium into separate units called Graphite Impact Shells (GIS), and these units are placed in pairs into 54 units called GPHS's (General Purpose Heat Sources), eighteen of these are packed into each of the three Radioactive Thermoelectric Generators (RTG's) on board Cassini.

European Space Agency physicist Carla Signorini stated early this year that ESA could develop panels in 5 years if they had the financial resources.

On Monday, June 23, 1997, Dr. Gerhard Strobl stated on German television that his company, Angewandte Solarenergie, has developed high-efficiency cells for the European Space Agency that could be used to power the Cassini mission. There are alternatives, they don't use them because the nuclear menace has become so deeply embedded in the structures of power.

I think that the helplessness and despair felt by my generation due to living under the nuclear shadow has affected us more than is documented or explored. Rather than Generation X, I think it would be more accurate to call us Generation X-Ray. Whatever generation you come from, wherever you are on planet earth, the thing to do about Cassini is...■

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# Alternative/Fair Trade: The Effects on Women in Producer Communities

by Lisa Silverman

In the search for a more just way to live in this world, I have discovered the "fair trade," or also referred to as "alternative trade," philosophy. Fair trade systems guarantee paying the producers of crafts and agricultural products a minimum price for their goods. This ensures sustainability for their operations. Fair trade is focused on the workers in developing countries as well as on indigenous people in industrialized nations.

Historically, producers in developing countries have been taken advantage of in the unfair world trading systems and structures. Many developing countries rely on exporting raw materials to industrialized nations which earn less profit than the finished products. Fair trade raises the value of raw materials, such as coffee, generally without adding on additional cost to the consumer. One

way that fair trade does this is by cutting out the "middlemen" who have traditionally received a large profit for introducing the goods into the market. Since many producers are isolated from world markets and have traditionally not had other options, the middlemen take advantage of this and pay low prices to the original producers.

In the fair trade market, the goods are marketed through alternative trade organizations (ATO's). These international fair trade organizations focus on developing international trading partnerships based on principles established in cooperation with producers' representatives. These principles ensure that customers receive a high quality product and producers receive a fair payment. Other major cultural and economic factors are taken into account in the processing of the goods. ATO's are nonprofit organizations and responsible businesses that provide more services than just marketing products. The ATO's often offer technical assistance, interest-free or low-interest loans, and product development advice, as well as a long-term commitment to purchase products. The ATO's buy from and provide services to cooperatives, individual farmers and craftspeople/artists, refugees, persons with disabilities, widows, and small businesses. ATO's also provide services to consumers by offering high quality, reasonably priced goods while educating consumers

about producers' unjust economic and social conditions.

Fair trade organizations also promote environmentally sound business practices. ATO's often provide assistance for training on organic farming and help groups receive international organic certification. Many cooperatives have initiated programs to reforest land and to use existing resources in creative ways that do not harm the land, water or air.

Cultures are preserved as well by fair trade. In addition to educating consumers about where the products they buy come from, the artisans are able to sell, for example, the fabric that their ancestors have taught them how to make, sometimes with modifications. I recently purchased a hotpad from Guatemala made out of traditional Guatemalan woven fabric, in the shape of a chicken. This is a nontraditional product but is something marketable. By retaining traditional weaving, but applying the craft to buyers' interest, people can earn a living while keeping their traditions alive.

Democratic decision making is also part of the fair trade ideal. Many producers organize themselves into cooperatives and associations and the group as a whole makes the decisions that affect their businesses. The groups of producers decide how they want to use their profits in order to develop their communities, provide education, health, and housing.

Alternative trade organizations provide both economic development and social development services to women. One important factor for both urban and rural women is that they are able to earn an income by selling their goods through ATO's. Since much of the poverty around the world is with female-headed households, fair trade can help women change their living situations.

Another important factor is that women are able to hold a job that is compatible with their family responsibilities. Women are able to work at home while taking care of their families.

A third factor that is especially important for rural women is the social support network women develop when they work on a project with other women. In many cultures around the world, peasant and working class women face a traditional homosocial society, where men only interact with men and women only with women. Women spend their time working in their homes doing chores and taking care of the family while men spend much of their time earning money. Women feel isolated from other women when they work all day inside their homes. Also, their interest and understanding of the issues facing them is from the perspective of their imme-

diately family's problems and needs. With the help of ATO's, women are able to develop business ventures with other women in their communities. The women then have a network of other women involved in the business on whom they can rely for support. The social support women receive from each other helps to break down their sense of isolation, especially in rural areas. Women who live in remote areas and who are part of an organized group with a purpose, such as making fruit jam, are generally more optimistic about their families' futures and are more confident in their own abilities.

Because rural women generally have few opportunities to advance their education or economic situations, these are the women who I have found to benefit most from working with a group of other women. Fair trade has given them some hope and new skills to develop more fully.

Women are given the opportunity to make decisions, something they have limited abilities to do in homosocial societies. By becoming involved in the fair trade projects, women are able to achieve better living conditions through learning new skills and earning an income. Their self-esteem rises dramatically when these two conditions exist. Additionally, they begin to understand issues in the context of the larger community and frequently see potential solutions to aid with these.

As women become more confident, learn new skills and earn an income, they may eventually be accepted by the men in their communities as equals in the workplace and as capable leaders. This acceptance will need to happen gradually over time, and ATO's can help facilitate this process.

We can support women internationally and the alternative trade marketplace by using our purchasing power to buy goods through ATO's and through local cooperatives. The fair trade movement is quickly growing in the United States and a new Consumers Guide to Buying Fairly Sourced Products is now available from the Fair Trade Federation. To order a guide, call 1-800-688-5186.

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# Death Penalty

by Lynn Furay

"**S**top Killing Kids...Heal Their Wounds!" was the theme for the 17th annual conference of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, WILPF is a national affiliate. The Conference was held on the campus of the University of Houston, June 20-22. Most states were represented, including other states and several countries which do not have the death penalty, but who do have abolitionist groups.

Steve Hawkins, Executive Director of NCADP, stated that the theme "Stop Killing Kids" is a strategy that can win. People don't want to be guilty of sending kids to death. "Kids" meaning under 18 years old when they were convicted. Texas alone has 25 on death row.

Another aspect of conviction we can eliminate involves people who are mentally ill or mentally retarded. Far too many death row inmates suffer from mental illness or mental retardation, a fact not often considered during their trial. In the July 15 Houston Chronicle, an article reported that a brain damaged man escaped the death penalty when his defense asked that he be spared because of his head injury. Even though the jury was 8-4 for the death penalty they were unable to get the needed majority and the man received 40 years. Hopefully this is the beginning of sensitivity on the part of juries and the defense toward mental health.

Last fall I stood at a vigil in Huntsville, TX during an execution. Next to me stood a man who knew the family of the man being executed. He said that the man did not know what was happening. He thought that he was coming back as King David.

In a workshop called "Building Alliances with Policy Makers," one of our own WILPF sponsors, Frances "Sissy" Farenthold, was on the panel. A former state legislator, she said politicians are followers and we can not expect much from them. Claiming to be against the death penalty would be a kiss of death for a politician. Jew Don Boney, a Houston City Council member and a minister, said we have to get the churches to take a stand. Reverend Boney also told us we had to be willing to give to get what we want and specifically pointed to life without parole.

Something many abolitionists do not like. In the workshop about joining with churches the facilitator felt we should meet with church leaders and find out what they



want. We need to dialogue to see if we can get what we all want without killing. We have a criminal punishment system instead of a criminal justice system.

Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General under Lyndon B. Johnson and WILPF sponsor, gave the keynote speech at the banquet. Ramsey Clark has dedicated his life to ending repression, violations of human rights, the death penalty, torture, and violence. For member branches he is also available to discuss sanctions in Iraq.

I became newly acquainted with two groups at the conference. One is "Hands Off Cain," an international group formed for the abolition of the death penalty by the year 2000. Hands off Cain has offices in Rome, Brussels and New York. They believe that "No state has the right to dispose of the lives of its citizens." They took a resolution to abolish the death penalty to the UN General Assembly in 1994. Although it did not pass they are encouraged and plan to continue working through the UN for a worldwide ban on capital punishment. In April 1997, the UN Committee on Human Rights voted for a resolution against the death penalty. The resolution submitted by the

Italian Government and co-sponsored by 45 countries stemmed from initiatives of Hands Off Cain.

The vote was 27 in favor, 11 against, and 14 abstentions. The second group is "Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation." This group is dedicated to spreading the word about reconciliation. They are mostly family and friends of victims of murder. They sponsor the "Journey of

Hope." This takes them into communities and churches to tell their stories and share their message of reconciliation. This next year they will journey in Texas.

Members of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty have been kept busy trying to react to all the executions which have taken place so far this year. By May the total numbers of executions (24) surpassed 1935—formerly the high number - with 7 months to go. Weeks went by with 2 or 3 executions each week. One day there were two executions. Members of the TCADP try to go to Huntsville, TX, where the executions (killings) take place, to maintain a vigil. It is around 70 miles from Houston. The executions take place at 6 p.m., on a weekday.

One of our members lost her husband in May. This was most difficult for all of us. Irineo Montoya had been convicted at age 18. He was from Mexico and did not speak English, yet there was a signed confession in English. Foreign nationals are supposed to be able to talk to representatives of their government, but he was not - it was an unfair trial from the beginning.

Mexican officials tried to intercede. Letters came from all over the world. Large demonstrations took place on the border. We called our governor. ONE HALF hour before the execution the word came that Governor Bush would not issue a stay. ■

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## Addresses to help you work for the abolition of the death penalty:

- WILPF Death Penalty Group, c/o Lynn Furay 5929 Queensloch #134, Houston, TX 77096
- Hands Off Cain USA, 866 United Nations Plaza #4014, New York, NY 10017; (212) 980-1031.
- NCADP, 1436 U. Street, Suite 104 (Includes National Execution Alert), Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 387-3890; New member \$25.
- National Execution Alert, address above (\$15)

# No To NATO

by Kay Camp

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In the coming century the world faces the threat of increasing U.S. macho-military imperialism. This is cloaked in the now rising military budget, aggressive arms sales, nuclear "stewardship," forward deployment, UN-bashing, and most blatantly, NATO expansion. That huge can of worms however, is not yet a done deal as the Administration would have us believe.

Clinton's stated goals of stability and democracy in Eastern Europe are not best met through a military alliance! Most needed is economic security, not a beefed-up military nor the concept of nuclear deterrence, which NATO still embraces. The NATO doctrine of "Defense Counter-Proliferation" would oppose the spread of weapons of mass destruction by launching pre-emptive nuclear strikes! This is immoral and illegal according to the recent World Court decision and almost anyone's reasoning.

Most readers are familiar with the problems associated with NATO expansion that caused former Ambassador to the Soviet Union George Kennan to write..."expanding NATO would be the most fateful error of American policy in the entire post-cold-war era." These problems include strengthening Russia's hungry militarists, their probable refusal to ratify SALT II and negotiate SALT III, their likely military buildup - including nuclear. Add the enormous costs and the squabbling already begun over who pays with no consent of the governed, here or abroad; the divi-

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sions and resentments already building across Europe; and the undermining of the Belarus-Ukraine initiative to form a Nuclear Free Zone in mid-eastern Europe.

In expressing a wish to join NATO, are the Czech Republic's Havel and Poland's Walesa actually yearning to be a part of a prestigious club promising security and westernization, not underwriters of the huge financial burden and cultural pollution of militarization? Recent polls indicate that only 40% of Czechs and 47% of Hungarians favor their nations' joining NATO. In Poland, however, long victimized by invasion from the East, 88% are said to be in favor. Wait until they learn of the cost. According to the Congressional Budget Office, that would be about \$42 to \$52 billion until 2010 to be paid by the first four nations admitted! For the U.S., the CBO figures are \$5 to \$19 billion of our taxes. (See Barbara Lochbihler's informative article in Jan/Feb 1997 *Peace and Freedom*.)

What has been largely overlooked on this side of the Atlantic are the alternatives.

While European Union membership could help Eastern bloc nations economically,

the EU remains unwilling to admit its poor cousins. And the Partnership for Peace, while offering access to western weapons and military exercises, extends no guarantee of security, is still unorganized and perpetuates a divided, two-tier Europe.

The most logical alternative is the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Thirty years ago when arguments raged between Eastern and Western Europe on human rights, pressed by the West, and security and disarmament, pressed by the East, a compromise

was reached in the Helsinki Final Act (1975) which provided for the setting up of the OSCE. Underfunded and overlooked, the OSCE's fifty-four nations already include Russia, the Eastern bloc and the U.S. Its mission is security by peaceful means. The OSCE answers the pro-NATO argu-

ment that the poor Eastern nations would have to build up their militaries anyway, by fulfilling its disarmament mandate. However, if in a given situation, military force were deemed necessary, Chapter VII of the UN Charter should come into play, and countries would volunteer troops. Expansion of NATO seriously undercuts these two important institutions which could better handle what NATO is attempting. If a fraction of the billions going into the new NATO were to be directed instead to the neglected OSCE and the dues-starved United Nations, we would all have reason to hope that the next century would see far less war and violence than the present one.

Not long ago, the generals in Brussels were searching for a reason for NATO to exist. NATO should now be downsized and dismantled. All our troops and all that money should come home. We must help the Senate understand just how much is at stake.

Instead of a world community of problem-solvers seeking primarily to end war and oppression, as envisioned by WILPF and enshrined in the UN Charter, our children seem destined to experience a dangerously divided and highly militarized planet - if NATO expansion proves inexorable. ■

# !!!!ACTIONALERT!!!!

## Support the Cuban Humanitarian Trade Act and WILPF's National Campaign to support H.R. 1951

by Janis Strout

It's time to start activating your phone and fax machines as the Cuban Humanitarian Trade Act (HR 1951) was introduced in the House of Representatives on June 18 by Rep. Esteban Torres (D-CA) and nearly 40 other Congresspeople (as of this writing at the end of July) representing broad bipartisan support. This bill would exempt food and medicine from the standing blockade laws (which include the Trading with the Enemy Act, the Toricelli Law and Helms/-Burton). It would allow U.S. aid and trade exports of food, medicines, medical supplies and equipment to Cuba.

While it's not all that members of the Cuba solidarity community would hope for, it's an important strategy to

dismantle the U.S. blockade against Cuba piece by piece.

Our goal is to secure the broadest possible co-sponsorship for HR 1951 so that the bill will be taken seriously by the House leadership, so that it will receive favorable hearings and so that it will pass! We want to reach out to as many Congresspeople as we can - not just to established allies, but also, and especially - to Republicans, to moderates, to reps who have not taken this issue on before. Let's use the American Association for World Health (AAWH) report on the impact of the blockade on Cuba's health and welfare, the arguments for most-favored trade with China, and basic humanitarian concerns to educate new members of

Congress and bring new allies on board. (Contact the Center for Cuban Studies at (212) 242-0559 for a copy of the report).

By the time you read this, WILPF's Cuba Action Committee will have mailed a resource and action packet containing information and background materials on H.R. 1951, a fact sheet on the Helms-Burton Law, a talking points sheet on the U.S. embargo prepared by Oxfam and the Washington Office on Latin America, the Sister to Sister delegation "Call to Action: to use for education and organizing women's organizations in your community and information about upcoming women's delegations to Cuba.

WILPF is co-sponsoring a Women's International Solidarity Conference with the leadership of the FMC (Federation of Cuban Women) in Havana from April 13-16, 1998 that will attract women from around the world to



A Demonstration protesting Cuts in Welfare. (On left, Rosa Bernard CAP Board of Directors and on the right Barbara Arms CAP Executive Director.)

## What Is H.R. 1050. "A Living Wage, Jobs For All Act?"

by Barbara Arms

The bill's purpose is to establish a living wage, jobs for all policy for the United States in order to reduce poverty, inequality, and the undue concentration of wealth, and power in the United States.

"With the so-called 'welfare reform' and the growing gap between the wealthy and poor in this country and world-wide, there is an increasing need for this legislation that will transform our country from a war machine to a country where living wage jobs and human needs become the first priority of policy and budget-making," states Aileen C. Hernandez, urban consultant in San Francisco and long-time member of WILPF.

address the consequences of neo-liberal economic policy and globalization on women's lives from gendered perspectives.

Debates and strategies to address the status of women, will be developed in the following areas: economy and sustainable development; political participation; health, education, culture and social security; mass media; violence and discrimination, national independence, sovereignty and peace. This will be the first opportunity worldwide to follow-up on the progress of women since the UN conferences on women in Beijing and the additional opportunity to support Cuban women in a special day of solidarity. WILPF will be organizing a delegation of women from the Americas representing all sectors of political work and interests. Look for details in the next issue of Peace and Freedom.

#### What You Can Do:

1. Contact your congressional representatives (202) 225-3121 and urge to sign on right away as co-sponsor HR 1951. If the bill has already been introduced, urge your Congressperson to support it in committee or when it comes up for a vote.
  2. Join the WILPF Cuba Action Committee to receive a packet of information and resources on upcoming election, educational materials and upcoming women's delegations to Cuba or call the WILPF National Office to request a packet.
  3. Save the dates in April 1998 to participate on WILPF's delegation to the International Women's Solidarity Conference April 13-16, 1998.
- For more information or to join the Cuba Action Committee, contact co-chair Jan Strout, 1834 Old Stone Mill Drive, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512, call (609) 448-38 or e-mail jan.strout@fex.org*



H.R. 1050 grew out of basic ideas set forth by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. Professor Bertram Gross, who participated in writing Roosevelt's Full Employment Act of 1946 and the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978 was chief drafter of H.R. 1050.

Congressman Ronald V. Dellums, 9th district, Oakland, CA, introduced the bill at the request of the Campaign to Abolish Poverty. H.R. 1050 has 37 co-sponsors including David Bonier, minority whip.

The bill proposes for the first time in 50 years, legal endorsement of F.D.R.'s Economic Bill of Rights (1944) and updates it for the modern world. The bill supports international human rights declarations; conditions financial support of international law that

protects workers and the environment; and requires record keeping of corporate crimes, with repeat offenders denied government contracts.

The first step in reducing unemployment is implementation of the Humphrey-Hawkins legislation. This would reduce official unemployment to 3% for adults and then continue to reduce unemployment until everyone had an opportunity for a living wage job. This could be achieved in a variety of ways including reduction in the work week to 30 hours with the same amount of pay, a federally financed jobs program similar to Roosevelt's W.P.A. and a decrease in interest rates to stimulate growth in business.

Ying Lee, Senior Aide to Congressman Ronald Dellums, declares that "only a broad-based,

grassroots movement will make this bill reality. Call the Campaign to Abolish Poverty and also urge your congressional representative to co-sponsor H.R. 1050."

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## U.S. Continues as UN Dues Deadbeat

The \$1.021 billion debt to the UN, owed by the United States, is a legal treaty obligation. Not surprisingly, some members of Congress are trying to withhold payment of the debt that should be paid by the United States. Two-thirds of U.S. arrears are owed to countries that have provided troops to UN peacekeeping actions. The Helms-Biden Foreign Affairs Authorization Bill, HR 1757 - S903, is currently in conference. The conference committee will discuss the section of the Senate Bill that sets up more than three dozen proposed conditions in order for \$819 million in arrears to be paid, instead of the President's request of \$1.021 billion. In order for the US to avoid incurring new arrears before the complete repayment of the old debt, the U.S. needs to pay off its current obligations. The U.S. has no right to make member countries comply with our conditions in order to be eligible for the reimbursement for expenses to which they are legally entitled.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Support the President's request of \$1.021 billion for payment of arrears, instead of the \$819 million being discussed in Congress.
2. Support waiver authority for the President regarding the more than three dozen conditions for payment contained in Helms-Biden.
3. Support full payment of the FY-1998 request to meet current dues to international organizations.
4. Please write to the President and to members of the HR 1757 S903 conference committee, urging them to pay the full amount of arrears, without preconditions.

A preliminary list of conferees:

#### Senate

Jesse Helms (R-NC)  
Joseph Biden (D-Del)  
Paul Coverdell (R-GA)  
Chuck Hagel (R-Neb)  
Christopher Dodd (D-Conn)  
Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)  
Rod Grams (R-Minn)  
Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn)

#### House

Benjamin Gilman (R-NY)  
William Goodling (R-PA)  
Jim Leach (R-IA)  
Doug Bereuter (R-Neb)  
Christopher Smith (R-NJ)  
Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.)  
Howard Berman (D-CA)  
Tom Lantos (D-CA)

by *Rosie Zaklad - Program Intern*

## ENDA Workplace Protections - We Can Win This Session!

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) (S. 869) was re-introduced to the Senate by Senators Jeffords (D-VT), Kennedy (D-MA) and Lieberman (D-CT) and in the House as H.R. 1858 by Reps. SAYS (D-CT) and Frank (D-MA). This bill would make it illegal under federal law to discriminate in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation.

This protection is necessary because there is no federal law that covers this ground and only 11 states have laws prohibiting discrimination by sexual orientation. In 39 states, it is explicitly legal for an employer to fire workers solely because they are lesbian, gay or bisexual.

The provision of ENDA would prohibit employers, employment agencies and labor unions from using an individual's sexual preference as a basis for hiring, firing, promotion or compensation decisions.

ENDA would extend to sexual orientation the same protections against discrimination that federal law currently

## Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996

### A Victory the Needs More Organizing to Counter Some of Its Worst Effects

In a major setback for the Antiterrorism Law, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco rejected the Clinton administration's arguments under the antiterrorism law that even constitutionally protected activity such as raising humanitarian aid for a "terrorist" group is grounds for deportation.

The government has been trying to deport the eight people known as the "Los Angeles 8" for humanitarian assistance to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine for 10 years under a series of accusations, the latest being the antiterrorism act. The court in this case ruled that secret evidence may not be used in the government's case.

"This should be the first confirmation of the unconstitutionality of a key portion of the antiterrorism act - that of criminalizing humanitarian aid," said Kit Gage, Washington representative of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL). "Immigrants and citizens alike in the U.S. must have the right to speak out and support lawful activity without fear of deportation or jail," Gage continued.

"The Congress has enacted some very destructive laws in recent years - the antiterrorism law among them - so it is a relief that the Courts have taken their role seriously in this case. They repeatedly have drawn a line at the First

affords in matters of race, religion, gender, national origin, age and disability. ENDA would not establish a preferential treatment system (quotas). It would not apply to religious organizations, to uniformed members of the armed services, or to businesses that employ less than 15. Despite these and other weaknesses, ENDA would be a major step in the right direction. It would provide redress for workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and open up a long-overdue dialog on the civil rights of lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

Surprisingly, ENDA has done quite well in Congress. In the last session it came within one vote of passage in the Senate. Since its re-introduction this session, it has already gotten more co-sponsors than it had at the close of last session. With a little pressure from the grassroots, ENDA could become law this year!

**ACTION:**

Contact your Senators and Representatives and encourage them to co-sponsor ENDA

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Amendment and held their ground," stated Gage. "On this issue - defending unpopular political views - political activists benefited from good lawyers and clear thinking judges. I hope when the case surely goes to the Supreme Court, that court also will recognize those requirements of the First Amendment."

The National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom was recently formed to coordinate the fight against the most unconstitutional parts of the antiterrorism act. Kit Gage of NCARL played a major role in organizing the coalition, which held a meeting in Washington at the end of June with over 50 people who are most involved in fighting deportations and other aspects of the antiterrorism act.

"The Coalition will work to defend legal and constitutional rights, particularly First Amendment and Fifth Amendment rights to freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, association, and due process for citizens and non-citizens alike in the U.S. We will seek to protect these rights by sharing legal resources, providing educational tools at the grass roots and national levels and reaching out to the media and public." (from the Mission Statement of the Coalition) To obtain a copy of the mission statement and/or connect up with the Coalition in order to take up these issues in your communities, contact Kit Gage, National Committee Against Repressive Legislation, 3321 12 St., NE, Washington, D.C. 20017; (202) 529-4225, fax (202) 526-4611, kgage@igc.org

*Vivian Schatz, Civil Liberties Committee.*

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Thanks and Kudos to Pat Birnie and Vivian Schatz

*Tobi White, Peace & Freedom editor and Z, Program Director, wish to thank our two most stalwart Program & Action Consultants and contributors of articles to Program and Action Bulletin and Peace and Freedom. Every time we sit down to look over our list of articles already written, to see what else we need, there is always an update and action alert from Vivian Schatz and Pat Birnie. We want to take this opportunity to publicly recognize the work these two women do for WOLPF and thank them for devotion, steadfastness and sense of responsibility.*

*Here are two role models we can all strive to emulate!*

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## Peace Education

by Janet Newham

### Do Kids Need Competition In School?

For many years competition - the practice of pitting student against student in a contest of individual abilities - has been a staple of teachers' strategies for arousing students' motivation to achieve. From elementary school spelling bees to class ranking of high school seniors, children are repeatedly placed in competitive situations where not only are their strengths displayed but also their weaknesses are exposed to public view.

Recently, however, a number of educators have begun to question the wisdom of motivation through competition. Findings from studies they have conducted indicate that, contrary to popular belief, the negative effects of competition often outweigh whatever positive results may be claimed.

For example, Madison, Wisconsin, seventh-grade social studies teacher Lynn Buckmaster decided she needed to "promote a more congenial, less competitive atmosphere" in her classroom when she sensed students were becoming overly competitive. She introduced activities designed to promote closer listening and more cooperative working skills. Toward the end of the term, Buckmaster interviewed students to find out how much their attitudes had changed. She found that while many students remained motivated to compete with each other, most indicated increased respect for their classmates and felt they understood both themselves and others better. Buckmaster concluded that, due to the greater ease, informality and sharing of ideas evident during the class activities, the cooperative approach was an effective way to improve students' interpersonal relationships.

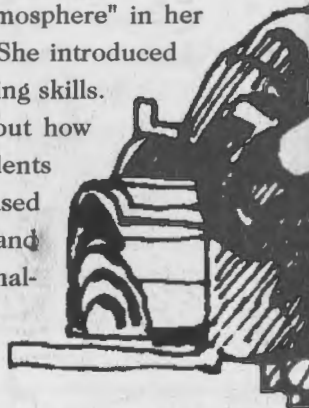
Winsor School, a private school for girls in Boston, began to offer math and science classes emphasizing small-group cooperation and sharing of ideas for problem solving. The results have been recognized as successful models, and coeducational schools are beginning to adopt the same methods.

In *Gifted Child Today* (May/June 1990), Washington University psychologist Peter Ambrose expresses concern about the number of high school students who seem to be in "competitive overdrive," setting unattainably high standards for grades and class rankings, frequently in response to intense parental pressure. Ambrose notes that parents' insistence that their children qualify for admission to a top-rated university can push the student into depression, anxiety or even suicide. He advises parents to provide their children with opportunities and support from which to make their own decisions.

"Cooperative Versus Competitive Efforts in Problem Solving," an impressively comprehensive study by Z. Qin, D. Johnson and R. Johnson of the University of Minnesota, compares findings from 46 studies by various researchers between 1929 and 1993. Overall, members of cooperative teams outperformed individuals competing with each other in various types of problem solving, regardless of age (preschool to college) or difficulty of problems. The authors conclude that cooperative groups will be better able to deal with complex problems than will competitors working alone.

What message do we get from all these studies? Not that all competition harmful: children and adults alike often enjoy it. (And no one is suggesting the Olympic games be abolished.) But the studies do emphasize that educators have a responsibility to give children experiences in cooperating. With our help, children can learn that cooperation is both a joy and a necessity if we are to live harmoniously with others.

\* Reprinted from *Building Peace*



## The Children of Chernobyl in Cuba

After the nuclear reactor explosion at Chernobyl in 1986, the Soviet Union appealed for international medical aid to radiation victims in the Ukraine. Israel accepted 50.

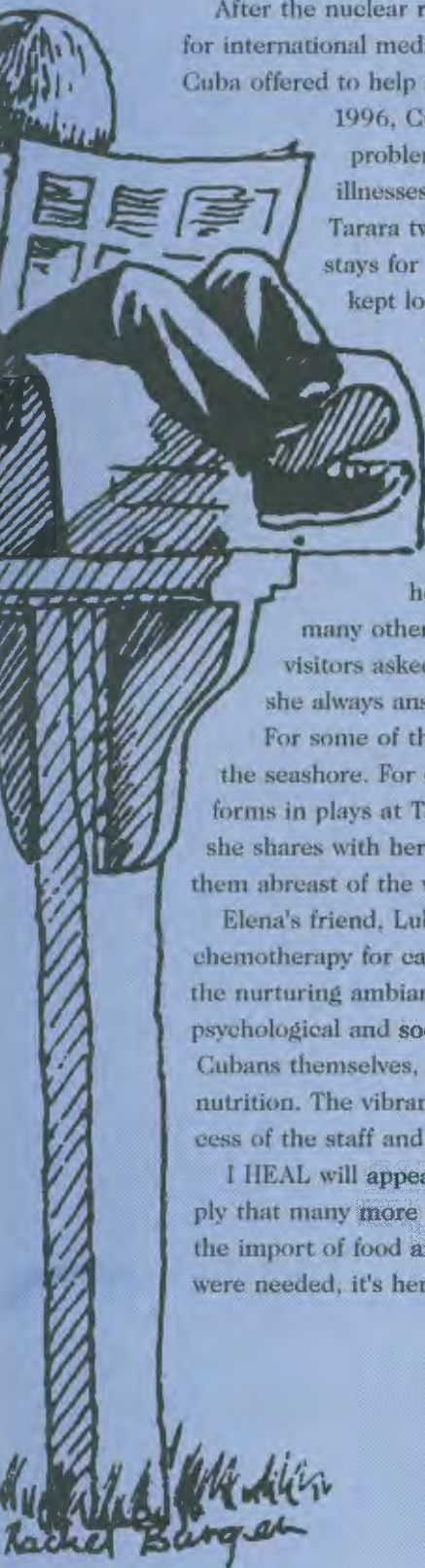
Cuba offered to help as many as necessary. What an offer that turned out to be! By 1996, Cuban doctors and nurses had treated 13,000 children for radiation problems - tumors, leukemia, cancer, birth defects, skin disorders, other illnesses, on and on. At a special combination camp-and-clinic called Tarara twenty miles from Havana, some of the children made rather brief stays for treatment to build up their immune systems. Many more were kept longer - for example, a girl born with no hipbones. Year after year she grew through ten operations until now she walks and runs.

The little-known story of this remarkable human endeavor appears in a book for young readers: *I HEAL: THE CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL IN CUBA* by Trish Marx and Dorita Beheger with photographs by Cindy Karp (Lerner Publications, Minneapolis, 1996). Narrated by twelve-year-old Elena, who came to Tarara three years ago with a huge benign tumor on her cheek, this account of one child's moving experience embraces many others. Elena's friend Ulua contributed to the book's title... whenever visitors asked Ulua what she does all day, she thinks it is a silly question, but she always answers "I heal."

For some of these young survivors healing is mainly play in the warm water at the seashore. For others it is music, dance art of all kinds. Elena reads widely, performs in plays at Tarara's theater, and loves to watch soap operas on TV in the room she shares with her mother. Children who are well enough attend classes that keep them abreast of the work in their schools at home.

Elena's friend, Lubo, who also came to Cuba with his mother, spent months in chemotherapy for cancer. His healing, like that of all the young patients, owed much to the nurturing ambiance created by the dedicated professionals who see to their needs - psychological and social as well as medical. Although food is strictly rationed for Cubans themselves, exceptions are made for the Chernobyl kids who often need extra nutrition. The vibrant photographs of their daily lives and activities testify to the success of the staff and program at Tarara.

*I HEAL* will appeal to readers of all ages. In a brief afterword, the authors say simply that many more children would be treated at Tarara if there were no embargo on the import of food and medicine. If evidence for the benefits of lifting the embargo were needed, it's here in this lovely book.



Mary Elting Folsom,  
member of Jane  
Addams Children's  
Book Award  
Committee



## In Memoriam

U.S. WILPF mourns the loss of Margaret Shapiro, a long-time WILPF member, who passed away last June after battling a respiratory illness. Margaret was on U.S. WILPF's Board for six years and she also served on WILPF's Personnel Committee. She affected many and influenced a few in particular into becoming a part of WILPF's network of dangerous women.

## Branch Action News

by Leslie Reindl

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### Nuclear Issues

In August many branches participated in commemorations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki or in connected actions against nuclear weapons and nuclear fuel. St. Louis had a picnic and readings from "On The Wings of Peace - Writers and Illustrators Speak Out for Peace in Memory of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," a Jane Addams Peace Association Award book. Portland participated in Nagasaki day/International day of Action Against Nuclear Weapons, protesting the proposed Cassini space probe (a plutonium-powered solar system exploration vehicle to be launched by NASA in October that will come as close as 312 miles above the Earth's surface) and sub-critical nuclear tests. (See insert of copy of WILPF's New York Times ad about Cassini in the op-ed Section.)

Portland also protested "stockpile stewardship" management (a program of the U.S. Department of Energy to maintain and expand all current nuclear weapon capabilities into the 21st century; price tag is \$40 billion over 10 years); and MOX (a U.S. DOE plan to use Hanford facilities to process plutonium from the nuclear weapons stockpile into mixed oxide fuel for commercial reactors).

These and other nuclear issues are also focused on by Seattle (MOX), Fresno, Berkeley, and Monterey (sub-critical testing, the "mobile Chernobyl - transport of nuclear waste); Harrisburg (the nuclear program of NATO), Minnesota, Peninsula, Palo Alto, and Berkeley (the National Ignition Facility and the rest of the stockpile stewardship management program); St. Louis (new nuclear bomb, the B61-11); and Asheville (Oak Ridge bomb production). Richmond is passing out petitions against the Cassini launch; Peninsula urges multilateral negotiations on a treaty to eliminate all nuclear weapons. Greater Lansing focuses on nuclear weapons systems in Michigan, such as Project ELF.

Asheville co-sponsored a Citizen Summit Conference on Nuclear Hazards. Helen Caldicott, founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility and campaigner against nuclear technology, gave the keynote speech. Seattle is circulating a proxy for nuclear disarmament, which authorizes Women Strike for Peace to speak for the signer.

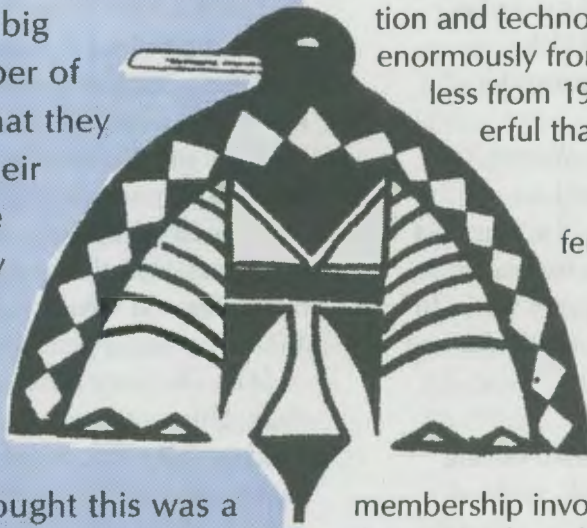
Signing on to WILPF International's campaign WIND (Women Insist on Nuclear Disarmament) as part of Abolition 2000 are Los Angeles, Greater Lansing, Seattle, among other branches (Nuclear Abolition Sisters).

## A Message From a Navajo Elder

When NASA was preparing for the Apollo project they did some astronaut training on the Navajo Indian Reservation. One day, an old Indian and his son were sheep herding and came across the NASA crew. A couple of the NASA people walked up and asked what they wanted. The old man only spoke Navajo so the son translated. The question was "What are those guys in the big suits doing?" A member of the crew told them that they were practicing for their trip to the Moon. The old man became very excited and asked if he could send a message to the Moon with the men. The NASA people thought this was a great promotional idea and rustled up a tape recorder. After the old man spoke they asked the son to translate, but he refused.

Later NASA representatives took the tape to the reservation but all the Indians just laughed and refused to translate. Finally they sent for an official translator who translated the Navajo message. It said: *Watch out for these guys, they've come to steal your land.*

*\* Reprinted from Just Peace (magazine of the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice).*



## Change Mavens

by Joyce Mclean

Have you ever moved? Switched jobs? Lived with growing children? If so, you're an expert (a Maven) on change.

The furniture is still comfortable, but it may not fit. At the new workplace your energy and skills continue, but different personalities and routines require adjustments. In a family the basic values remain constant, while the rules and responsibilities must alter as the children mature.

It is not surprising then that WILPF at 82 years old must also consider some changes. Our principles and goals are the same, but the world situation and technology of communication differs enormously from even a few years ago, much less from 1915. Corporations are more powerful than nations. E-mail and faxes provide new ways to work together. Our daughters lead very different lives than our mothers.

In order to keep - no, to enhance and expand - the opportunity to work for a peaceful just world that WILPF offers, we must consider and provide for a wide variety of membership involvement with an open mind as to the methods and structures that will serve us best.

The Mavens process Round I has already been helpful as to how we see ourselves and how we want to see ourselves. Branches have changed how they work while articulating objectives and goals. Round II is where we look at possible structural models, analyze how our varying branches look and ask questions of our long-time, new and lapsed members.

The greater the participation in Round II the greater the ease of accommodation to what WILPF will need for the coming century. So join in, your Change expertise is needed!

### CORRECTION

Joyce McLean's address appeared incorrectly in the last issue of Peace and Freedom. Her correct address is: 25080 Skyland Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033

## JAPA Celebrates 50 Years of Sisterhood with WILPF: New drive seeks gifts to build a dynamic future

by Karen Gellen

The Jane Addams Peace Association (JAPA) has been WILPF's closest partner for nearly a half-century, but many WILPF members do not know exactly who we are and what we do. Now, a Collaboration process is under way to enable International WILPF, the U.S. Section and JAPA to jointly define our respective roles, relationships and priorities. So it is a particularly good time – as JAPA prepares for its 50th Anniversary – to "reintroduce" ourselves to WILPF.

JAPA's title includes the phrase, "the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Educational Fund." This reflects our legal status as a 501(C) 3, qualified under U.S. tax laws to receive tax-deductible contributions for educational work. In other words, donors who want to support WILPF and obtain a tax-deduction for their gifts make their donations through JAPA.

JAPA manages most of WILPF's Planned Giving donations: paying annuities, selling stock, making investments, and maintaining relationships. Over the years, JAPA has played the major role in securing Planned Gifts, such as bequests, annuities, insurance and trusts, to build WILPF's long-term resources. We are now coordinating a dynamic new JAPA/WILPF Planned Giving Campaign that will ensure WILPF's impact for decades to come.

This is the nutshell version of JAPA, but its actual work is more complex. The story began in 1948, when a group of WILPF members in Chicago, Jane Addams' hometown, decided to carry on Addams' spirit and work by raising money for WILPF projects that embodied her aims.

During that period, U.S. tax laws were changed to allow for tax-deductible contributions to non-profit organizations doing educational work. Under the new law, "educational work," was strictly defined to exclude most political lobbying and some forms of direct action. JAPA then became WILPF's 501(C)3 arm, a vehicle for funding its educational work.

These designations became even more important

in the 1950's, a difficult repressive time defined by the Cold War and the McCarthy period. Progressive organizations like WILPF, with active social change programs, were deemed subversive and subjected to harassment and investigation. As a legally separate organization, JAPA was able to protect WILPF's resources during that harsh period and in the decades that followed.

Aware of government scrutiny and potential hostility, JAPA has always fiercely guarded its 501(C) 3 status. That means we have adhered strictly to the tax regulations, ensuring that every project we fund clearly qualifies as educational work and that our books and other record keeping are impeccable. We view this as an invaluable service to WILPF, in an arena where many progressive groups have been vulnerable.

A large portion of the funds the U.S. Section uses for its educational work, and a similar amount of WILPF's international educational budget, is contributed through JAPA. In 1996, for example, JAPA distributed many large gifts to WILPF's educational programs. Half that amount came from bequests and other Planned Giving funds raised and managed by JAPA over many years.

JAPA allocates funds to WILPF in several ways. Many gifts support ongoing educational work outlined in WILPF's annual budget. JAPA's Board makes some grants, while specific Allocation Committees provide many more. These Committees (the Jones Children's Peace Education Fund, Miami Peace Education Fund and the Greta Lynch Leadership Development Fund) are made up of WILPF members who donate their time. They review funding applications from the International Office, WILPF sections throughout the world, and U.S. regions and local branches.

These three funds were bequeathed to JAPA by California activist Doris Cohen Jones and by Greta Kornfeld Lynch, a Miami branch activist who was also a WILPF vice-president and Board member. They support children's peace camps, projects to train new WILPF leaders and organizers, and innumerable campaigns that expose racism, promote disarmament and empower women.

JAPA has set aside some large gifts so the funds can grow and ensure WILPF's long-term health. The Miami Fund and the Freeman Intern Fund (which sponsors human rights and disarmament interns at WILPF's International Office in Geneva) are exam-

ples of these endowments. The income is used for current projects, while the principal exists in perpetuity. With some other sizable gifts, like the Greta Lynch Fund, JAPA draws on the principal, which means those funds, will eventually be used up.

### Securing the Future

JAPA is spearheading the new, joint planned giving effort. There are several ways WILPFers can make planned gifts to support WILPF. U.S. tax laws enable donors to receive significant tax benefits by establishing annuities, trusts and insurance policies with JAPA. Gifts made to JAPA with appreciated assets, such as stocks, bonds or real estate, are both tax-deductible and exempt from capital gains taxes.

Bequests made to JAPA from estates totaling \$600,000 or more are exempt from federal taxes. We encourage donors making bequests from estates below that taxable mark to make their gifts directly to WILPF. This will help ensure funding for WILPF's non-exempt activist and lobbying work worldwide.

JAPA owns the Jane Addams House in Philadelphia, which houses the U.S. Section Office. The JAPA Office is in New York City, at the Church Center for the United Nations, a non-profit whose tenants are all 501(C) 3 peace and justice organizations. We share our office - which is directly across the street from the UN - with WILPF's UN Office. This gives WILPF's UN Team a strategic

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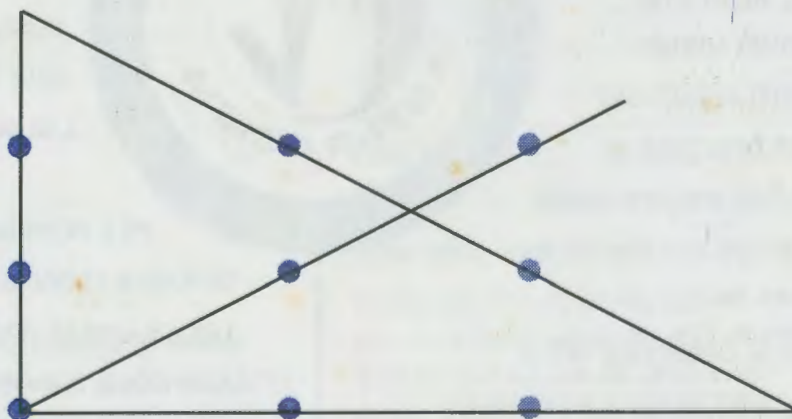
In all, JAPA manages more than \$1.5 million in assets. Our operations are funded in part by an administrative fee deducted from donations. JAPA also receives gifts specifically earmarked for its work. We have a two-person staff: Executive Director Karen Gellen, who is coordinating the Planned Giving Campaign; and Administrator Eurydice Kelley.

A Board of Directors, made up of committed WILPF members, governs JAPA. The Board includes the presidents of International WILPF and the U.S. Section, who are ex officio voting members.

JAPA is excited and optimistic about the current Collaboration process, which is aimed at increasing cooperation, maximizing resources, raising money and protecting assets. In sum, it is about joining hands to build WILPF in the U.S. and around the world.

*Please contact Karen Gellen at JAPA for information on making Planned Gifts and other tax-deductible donations for WILPF's educational work. Ask for our new, free brochure, "Leave a legacy for women, peace and freedom," JAPA is also seeking candidates for openings on its Board and Allocation Committees. We can be reached at 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017; (212) 682-8830.*

Here is the answer to the Change Mavens exercise in the June/July 1997 issue of Peace and Freedom called Getting Outside the Box. (The task was to connect all the dots, using only four lines and not picking up pen or pencil.



Thanks to everyone who sent an entry. The prizewinning name drawn was Alice Engelskirchen, Santa Cruz. Cheers! Alice! Your prize is a gift certificate for WILPF resources.



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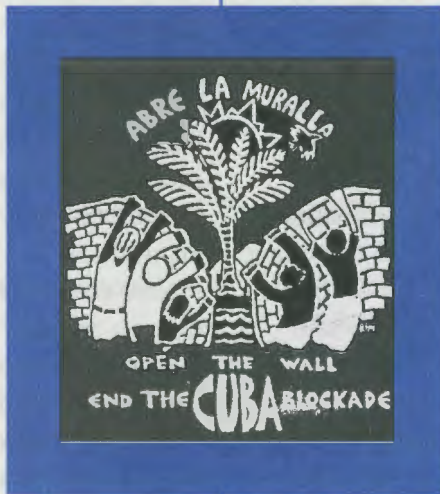
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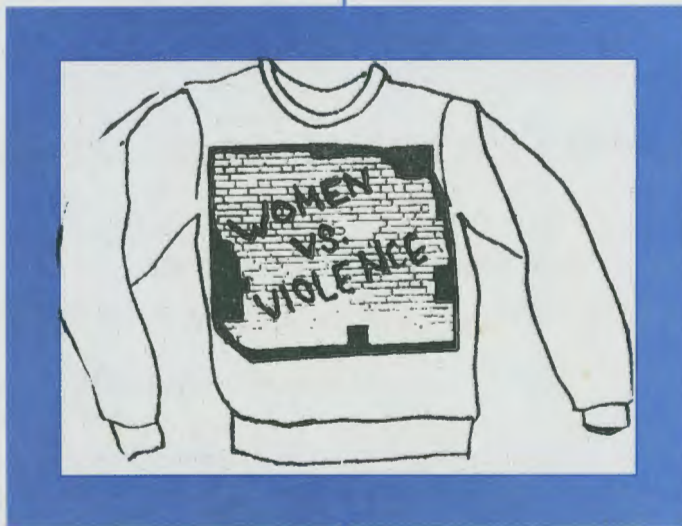
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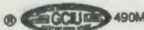
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