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Weapons are weapons ...

This country has an urgent need for a unified, renewed, and determined anti-war movement which understands the links between nuclear weapons, intervention, the draft, and a permanently militarized economy. It can only be built if we challenge ourselves and others to see the inter-connection of the issues. In the real world of U.S. military strategy, the link between conventional weapons and nuclear weapons is direct, dramatic, and frightening. Let's consider some facts.

There are forces within the nuclear disarmament movement, including many former and present generals and even Senator Kennedy, who argue it is important to reduce nuclear weapons expenditures precisely to enable the U.S. to build up its conventional forces. Nuclear death is horrifying, but death by cluster bombs, sophisticated tanks, chemical warfare, or laser guns is also terrible. While we in the U.S. contemplate possible massive destruction on our soil through nuclear weapons, tens of thousands of people are killed by U.S.-supplied weapons each year in countries like El Salvador, Guatemala, and Lebanon. The most likely scenario for nuclear war flows from a clash of conventional forces.

Nuclear superiority has been the backdrop since 1945 for an aggressive and hostile U.S. foreign policy. The U.S. has repeatedly opposed popular movements for reform and social justice in the world and has actually intervened to crush such movements numerous times since 1950. Until recently the U.S. position of number one nuclear power was unchallenged and facilitated its various military and political actions around the world.

Nuclear weapons and conventional weapons are part of an over-all U.S. military strategy which must be confronted. Contrary to popular belief, the aim of U.S. foreign policy has not been peace, but rather providing a climate in each country whereby transnational corporations are protected from the righteous demands of the people for economic and political justice.

Pam Costain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS UPCOMING

- **October 1**, Friday, WAMM OPEN HOUSE, see newsletter for details.
- **October 1-2**, Nuclear Countdown Conference, St. Mark's Cathedral, call 870-7800 to register.
- **October 6**, Wednesday and every Wednesday for eight weeks, 6:30 p.m.
A Popular Discussion Group on the War in Central America, Newman Center, University and 17th Ave., S.E., call 331-3437 for details, sponsored by Peace Committee of Third World Institute.
- **October 9**, Saturday, WAMM Empowerment group facilitators meeting, 10:00 a.m., 1919 Humboldt Ave., So., call Mary White for details, 374-3544.
- **October 9**, Saturday, WAMM GENERAL MEETING, 1:00, see newsletter for details.
- **October 11**, Monday, WAMM monthly walk down the mall, 12 noon, meet at 12th and Nicollet.
- **October 12**, Tuesday, Church Women United and Synagogue Women sponsor an action forum on peace issues, Plymouth Congregational Church, call 871-7400 for details.
- **October 15**, Friday, The Atomic Cafe, a feature length documentary on the history and culture of the nuclear age, Every Friday and Saturday for two weeks, 7:30 and 9:30 at the U. Film Society.
- **October 15**, Friday, Shirley Chisholm speaks, 330-3106 for details. She also speaks on October 21, call 228-0995 for details.
- **October 16**, Saturday, St. Paul Chapter Meeting, 1-3 p.m., St. Clements Church, Portland and Victoria in St. Paul.
- **October 23**, Saturday, Nuclear Freeze Rally, see inside for details.
- **October 27**, Wednesday, WAMM joins Honeywell Presence at Corporate Headquarters, 28th St. and 4th Ave., Mpls., 3:30-4:45.
- **November 3**, Wednesday, World premier of the film on the Plowshares Eight with Dan Berrigan, Emilio D'Antonio, and Martin Sheen appearing in person. Advance ticket sales available from WAMM.
- **November 7**, Sunday, Helen Caldicott at the Minneapolis Auditorium at 3:30 p.m.
- Every Friday in September, October and November, demonstrate at free-way entrances, call WAMM to volunteer.

NEWS THAT NEVER MADE THE POPULAR PRESS

**Western Airlines has cancelled a \$2 million contract with the U.S. government to return Salvadoran refugees to El Salvador. Their return could, and most likely would, mean detention, if not torture or death. Contract cancellation was in response to appeals from the Interreligious Task Force on El Salvador.

**97 Nobel Prize-winning scientists called for a freeze on the deployment and development of nuclear weapons, warning that "time is fast running out" for prevention of a nuclear holocaust. This statement was issued at the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs in Geneva, Switzerland in September.

**According to reports from the U.S. Embassy and Archbishop Rivera y Damas of the Roman Catholic Church, violence in El Salvador has doubled since President Reagan recertified that country as complying with human rights requirements. This re-certification permitted the re-establishment of U.S. shipment of military equipment. Both the church and State Department stated that the violence was from right-wing groups and the Salvadoran government.

LETTER WRITING

Thursday, October 7, at 12 noon (bring a bag lunch) letter writing will begin again and continue every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. At the first session Mary Grabow, Nancy Jones and Kathy Anderson will activate us by explaining who and what gets printed, what items to answer, and just how to go about writing "to the editor". These should be lively sessions with time devoted each week to discussion of the issues. Come to the WAMM office. We need you and your ideas.

WAMM GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY OCTOBER 9
1-3 P.M.

Martin Luther King Center
270 Kent, St. Paul
(Dale street exit)

"Forces Which Shape Policy in Latin America" - Marianne Hamilton and Mary Shepard. Discussion follows.

TEEN-AGE EMPOWERMENT

A new Teen-age empowerment group is now going at WAMM. We will start more if there is an interest. Call the WAMM office, 827-5362.

SPEAKER'S TRAINING

Clergy and Laity Concerned is sponsoring a five week speaker's training course on military spending, jobs, and the economy every Monday evening, Sept. 27-Oct. 25, 7-9 p.m., Minnesota Church Center, 122 W. Franklin. Cost is \$7.50. Call CALC for details, 871-8033.

U.S. WAR Machine:
AT HOME AND ABROAD

A conference on U.S. foreign policy and the military build-up with speakers from El Salvador, Guatemala, and South Africa, will be held Saturday and Sunday October 30 and 31, St. Stephens Church, 2123 Clinton Ave., So., Mpls., 9:30 a.m. Child care provided. Call WAMM for details. We are co-sponsoring.

OCTOBER 23 RALLY-FOR PEOPLE, FOR PEACE

A state-wide rally to stop the nuclear arms race will feature Julian Bond and several local speakers. Entertainment will be provided by Judy Gorman, Fred Small, Sweet Taste of Africa, and Willie and the BEES. Memorial Stadium, University and Oak Street, Mpls., 10:00 a.m.

FATE OF THE EARTH

Genevieve Simonet, prominent Twin Cities book reviewer and a member of WAMM is currently reviewing Fate of the Earth by Jonathan Schell. This definitive book on nuclear war first ran in the New Yorker. Gen is available for your groups. Call her at 377-3987.

Did you see the terrific profile that the St. Paul Pioneer Press did about Gen? She'll bring you her hope, humor and professionalism.

MOIRA MOGA SENTENCED

After a moving reading of her statement in Mpls. Federal Court, Moira Moga was sentenced to 6 months probation and 60 hours of community service for her Good Friday action at the Pentagon. Eighty of Moira's friends and family joined her for support in Judge Diane Murphy's court. (Refer to last month's WAMM newsletter for her statement.)

Welcome to new WAMM members! You have added your voice to those who would turn our country around--away from the weapons of destruction to a fruitful, productive, non-violent society. Join the action wherever you can. Keep our calendar handy. If you have extra time to give, please call the office--827-5362.

Leafletting and/or demonstrating will begin at the Domed Stadium and also at the unemployment lines. Please call Kathy Murphy evenings at 822-8250 to find out where you can help.

HELP WANTED FOR WAMM (Opportunity to be Creative)

- *Membership Coordinator
- *Telephone Follow-up Coordinator
- *Literature Chairperson
- *Speaker's Bureau Coordinator
- *Writers for Leaflets, Brochures

FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED

PLEASE, if you are receiving this newsletter and other WAMM mailings and have not contributed to the organization we need you to do so. We want as many people as possible to hear from us, but we do need financial support to continue the mailings.

WAMM OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1982
4-7p.m.

3255 Hennepin Ave., So.

Get to know your WAMM office plus others in the building: Honeywell Project, Youth Project, Citizen's Party and COACT.

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