

# editorial

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## A day for peace

- All we are saying is give peace a chance.

Next Thursday, November 11, is Remembrance Day. What does this day mean to our generation? Is it just a celebration of victory over the "Beastly Hun" or a people's victory over facism?

What it should mean to us is that now, more than at any other time in history, is the time to mobilize for world peace. World War I was the "war to end all wars", Armageddon. World War II saw an even more savage destruction of human lives.

If total war is hard for you to imagine, just picture yourself and your friends walking down the street of some little town. Maybe just back from the local pub. Somewhere somebody opens fire with machine guns. Your best friend has his face and guts ripped open in front of you. Another friend has his leg shot up to the consistency of jelly.

Picture people herded into cattle cars. Picture the same people beaten, starved, tortured, used for "experiments" like animals. The corpses being disposed of with all the dignity of trash. Human beings piled in rotting, fly-covered heaps.

Picture these things happening to thousands of people every day. Starting to get the idea of total war? Starting to see why veterans across Canada on Remembrance Day usually spend the day forgetting at the local Legion?

World War II, in addition saw the dawn of something even more abominable than all this. The nuclear mushroom cloud is now an all too familiar sight. But at the end of the second world war this mass weapon of human misery (only in its infancy) was used on civilian populations. The effects in genetic damage are still being felt.

So today the human race has the proud achievement of being able to wipe itself out completely; several times over. Surely no time in history has cried out for all people to stand up and say "ENOUGH!" to this titanic insanity. Peace and disarmament are not just nice ideas, they are an imperative to our very SURVIVAL.

What hope is there for human peace in AD 1976?

With all the misery and suffering going on we would call your attention to a glimmer of hope in the heart of mankind for that eternal dream of peace. That is the so-called "Women's Peace Movement" of northern Ireland.

This summer two Irish women, Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan who were sickened by the continuing sectarian carnage, were spurred by the death of two children hit by an out of control IRA get-away car, to organize the women of northern Ireland for peace.

The movement hit the streets of Belfast with spontaneous success. The rallies organized by the movement attracted thousands of women (and men). Each weekend the crowds increased. The women of Ireland have said "ENOUGH!" They are tired of living their lives in constant fear. Fear of whether or not their husbands or children will be gunned down or blown up by petty vindictive men. They are using the most revolutionary peace tactic available: mass mobilization of the people. In one day thousands of people in one northern Ireland town took to the streets spontaneously to protest a terrorist incident of that very afternoon. The peace movement is using the good will of the majority of the Irish people who want an end to the violence. Thousands of Protestants and Catholics have become friendly again. Catholic and Protestant neighbourhoods who were too afraid to speak up before have found a new, almost magical, strength in solidarity.

Of course, the movement has run into much opposition. The hate-mongers on all sides have denounced them as either dupes of the British or the IRA. When the British Army retaliated against the terrorists in a neighbourhood recently, in a particularly zealous manner, the two leaders were in danger of alienating their support from the two wings by either



condemning this action too strongly or not enough. They have of course received many death threats. But the movement continues, the women realize that if they submit to the thugs they will never be free.

The Norwegian government, which awards the Nobel Peace Prize, has decided this year that no one is worthy of it. A Norwegian newspaper, recognizing the great effort of the women of Ireland is conducting a campaign to raise the equivalent

sum of money to award to the two movement leaders as a "People's Peace Prize". THE BRUNSWICKAN would like on the occasion of Remembrance Day, to salute these courageous peacemakers. They represent what is good in the human spirit.

As for Remembrance Day, Canada 1976, may we suggest that we all take a minute or two to reflect on the senseless horror of hatred and war, and pledge ourselves to the struggle that it must NEVER happen again.

## Students treated like children

University life presents many paradoxes. One of the biggest and perhaps most frustrating is the anachronistic manner in which the entire residence system is run.

The advertised purpose of university life and a university degree is to prepare an individual for a career in the business, academic or medical-technical world. At "University" you are told by the president during orientation week: "You will be treated like an adult, and not babied. You will be prepared to handle life." Bullshit. There are many examples of this disparity

between reality and the truth, but take for example the women's residence system.

There is considerable doubt as to the validity of regulations which intrinsically treat both the men and the women like children.

The falacy in the rules governing the women's residences is similar to the traditional female responsibility for birth control, or rather the traditional male irresponsibility for same. The rules themselves imply both that the women in a residence have to

be 100 per cent responsible for the conduct of adult males in the residences, even to the point of allowing serious damage to be done with no reckoning and that they must remain within some gigantic chastity belt.

The Brunswickan feels that it is about time that a reappraisal be made of the entire residence system with a view to the university practicing what it preaches and in its role as teacher - developing systems which emphasize responsibility, instead of 'protection.'



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