

# Europeans are not expendable

WINNIPEG (CUP) - Europeans do not wish to be considered "expendable" in a nuclear war, according to Peter Jones, a British journalist and peace activist.

The rise of the European disarmament movement is attributable to a growing fear among Europeans that this is exactly how the United States views them, he said.

Before 1975, the whole idea

of nuclear weapons was that "they would never be used," said Jones. But American nuclear strategy is shifting to the belief that it is possible to fight and win a "limited" nuclear war, with Europe as the battlefield.

President Carter's 1979 announcement that the United States planned to install medium range missiles in Europe created a surge in the peace movement, said

Jones, and President Reagan's foreign policy has accelerated it.

The Soviet Union has responded to American plans by ordering medium range missiles of its own, meant only for Europe.

Jones quoted U.S. rear admiral Gene La Roque, a former strategic planner: "We fought World War I in Europe. We fought World War II in Europe. And if you dummies will let us, we will fight World War III in Europe."

The world-wide Union of Concerned Socialists has predicted that limited nuclear war would devastate the continent of Europe, because of prevailing wind patterns.

Jones said Europeans "are not going to be conned into believing they can fight and survive a nuclear war."

He said Western Europe feels threatened from both sides, but the main impetus for their increasing fears in changes in American policy.

The danger of nuclear war in

European eyes lies in crisis management, said Jones, not the threat that the Soviets will invade Western Europe.

The most likely scenario is that a war would start elsewhere, such as in Latin America or the Middle East, then spread to Europe.

What the European peace movement proposes, said Jones, is a unilateral move by NATO to give up some nuclear weapons and create nuclear free zones like Norway.

Then momentum from these moves would permit disarmament in Europe and the USSR, he said.

Jones did not propose total disarmament, saying that some retention of nuclear weapons would insure European security.

"Even (former secretary of state) Kissinger, in one of his more rational moments, said, 'what do you mean, strategic superiority, when you can wipe out Europe 20 times over?'" said Jones.

He also emphasized that the Soviet Union must be viewed as a European power, and would suffer greatly from a war "limited" to Europe.

"They (the Soviets) aren't devils with tails, breathing fire, as they are sometimes portrayed in the U.S. If we go on treating the Russians like lepers, they'll go on behaving like it."

The peace movement is strongest in the Netherlands, said Jones. On November 21, 400,000 people marched through Amsterdam to protest nuclear arms. They were joined by Dutch soldiers who now face prosecution as a consequence. Many Dutch military members refuse to handle nuclear weapons, said Jones.

Other major peace marches were held in Brussels, Bonn, East Berlin, London, Paris, Rome, Athens, and Madrid. The London march of 250,000 people October 24 was the largest this century in England. In all, more than two million Europeans have marched for disarmament during the past year.

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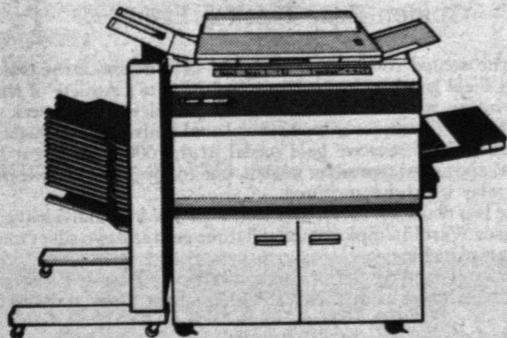
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## Associate v.p. research appointed

Dr. Baha R. Abu-Laban, a professor of Sociology, has been appointed associate vice-president (research) at the University of Alberta. The announcement was made at the March 5 Board of Governors meeting.

Abu-Laban will assume his new duties on July 1, 1982. In his new role, Dr. Abu-Laban will have particular responsibility for the development of research and scholarship in the social sciences, humanities, fine arts and law and will make recommendations regarding central research fund expenditures for these areas. In addition, he will collect data dealing with research activities of the various faculties and departments, as well as being responsible for the budget and administration of the library, collections and interdisciplinary research units.

He has held a number of administrative positions at the university including: associate and acting chairman of the department of sociology; associate dean (social sciences) and acting dean of the Faculty of Arts; and is currently acting director of the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

## Bosetti drops advance

Dr. Reno Bosetti has dropped the advance in his career.

Monday, the Alberta government announced the appointment of Bosetti as the new deputy minister of Education. He is currently the associate deputy minister of Advanced Education but is expected to assume the position within the next two weeks.

The current deputy minister, Dr. Earle Hawkesworth, has held the position since 1971, when the Department of Education split into the portfolios of Education, and Advanced Education and Manpower.

Bosetti is a graduate of the U of A, a former teacher and superintendent in this province.