

The food program would aim at: increased food production, especially in the Third World, with the necessary international assistance; regular supplies of food including increased emergency food aid; and a system of long term international food security.

The Brandt Commission also says "It is a matter of humanity to conquer hunger and disease on our way to the next millenium — to prove wrong those forecasters who say we will have to face the distress of hundreds of

sufficiency in the belief that if we address our food problems, the world's population will stabilize at between 10 to 14 billion at some point in the next century.

The Hunger Project has brought the facts of world hunger to millions (example: this article) of people, through one to one conversation. The Hunger Project recognizes that while famines still occur, emergency food shipments are of vital importance. The Hunger Project responded to the famine in Cambodia by

"Soybeans are the least expensive protein source in the world."

millions of our people suffering from starvation and preventable diseases at the turn of the twenty-first century. Mankind has never before had such ample technical and financial resources for coping with hunger and poverty. The immense task can be tackled once the necessary collective will is mobilized. What is necessary can be done, and must be done, in order to provide the conditions by which the poor can be saved from starvation as well as destructive confrontation."

tional advertising campaign that raised nearly \$100,000,000

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Malnutrition and starvation do not exist in isolation. They are intimately connected with a need of intertwining global issues. To speak of eliminating hunger is to speak of the arms race, poverty, population growth, the international economy and the role of multinational corporations in developing countries.

In the last 30 years the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. spent 6 trillion dollars on arms. It has been estimated that the cost of eliminating starvation from our planet would be about \$300 billion, or 20 billion a year. This figure represents the cost of creating economic self-

KIDS AND STARVATION

What about population as a cause of hunger? One third to one half of the two billion human beings in developing countries suffer from hunger

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or malnutrition; 20 to 25 percent of their children die before their fifth birthdays and millions of those who do not die lead impeded lives because their brains have been damaged, their bodies stunted, and their vitality snapped by nutritional deficiencies. (Robert S. McNamara, President, World Bank Group, address to the Board of Governors, Nairobi, Kenya, September 24, 1973.

In countries with high infant death rates many children are necessary to ensure that some survive. Infant mortality appears to have a direct effect on the desired family size.

The experience of poor countries over the past several decades is revealing. Those that have substantially lowered high population growth rates are countries in which the poor remain just as poor and the hungry just as hungry. They are stuck with stubborn growth rates, regardless of whether birth control measures are pushed or not. Development efforts that effectively help the poor also increase interest in fertility limitation, raise clinic attendance and contraceptive acceptance, and thereby increase family planning programs effectiveness.

launching and funding a na-

for direct relief in Cambodia and Thailand.

The Hunger Project is a grass-roots organization of hundred of thousands of individuals who have taken personal responsibility for making the end of hunger an idea whose time has come and who are aligned in their intention to create the context in which hunger and starvation will be ended within two decades.

This project is a unique and historic alignment of individuals, who rather than being "parts" of a whole or a movement, recognize that each individual is the source of the end of hunger in the world. It is an opportunity to participate in what will be this century's most magnificent achievement: the end of the persistence of hunger and starvation. It is a social transformation in which people experience that they, as individuals, have the ability to contribute to each other and to the quality of life on the planet and to shape the future.

All persons interested in contributing to the World Hunger project can do so by sending their contribution to "The Hunger Project" 3303 Cedar Crescent, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 2R3. It is tax deductible. Or contact me for further reading material and information.

Esquivel, nobel laureate, to speak at Dal

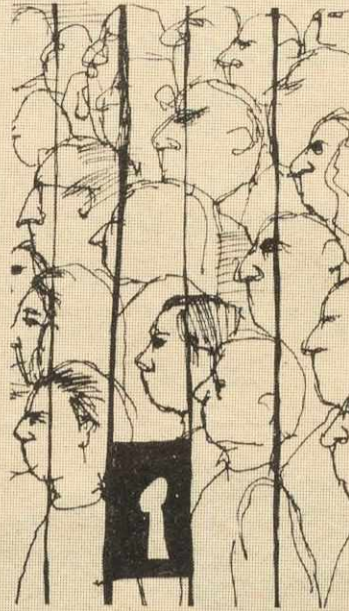
by John M. Kirk, Dalhousie professor in the Spanish Department

When was the last time you saw a Nobel Peace Prize Winner? Well, this Saturday (October 17), the 1980 Nobel Laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel will be giving a free public lecture at Dalhousie, and all are invited to attend.

Dr. Perez Esquivel, a former sculptor and Professor of Architecture in his native Argentina, was awarded the prestigious international Peace Prize, edging out Jimmy Carter, Lord Carrington, Robert Mugabe and Pope John Paul II.

He received the prize because of his work over the last seven years as the Secretary-General of "Peace and Justice", the umbrella human rights organization located in Buenos Aires.

A follower of the pacifist approach of Mahatma Gandhi, Sr. Perez Esquivel has courageously participated in the human



rights struggle throughout Latin America. For his pains he has been arrested in Brazil (1975), Ecuador (1976), and Argentina (1976).

On this last occasion he was detained for 14 months, and tortured. Charges were never laid against him, however. Following his release, he was forbidden from leaving the country until 1979, and has been repeatedly harassed by the military authorities of his country. Just last month, according to the Amnesty International **Canadian Bulletin**, he has received continued death threats.

The Human Rights situation in Latin America is of course pathetic. We are aware of the slaughter of people in El Salvador (almost 30,000 in the last three years, in a country one-half the size of Nova Scotia), and the recent murder in Guatemala of lay-missionary Raoul Leger (a Dalhousie graduate) has shocked all who knew him on this campus. To find out more about this situation, come to hear Adolfo Perez Esquivel speak on Saturday night. You won't be disappointed.

Man runs for World Food Day

by Pat Martin

On October 26, a very special man will run to help feed and clothe the children of a small Indian village.

Ed LaPierre, a Halifax resident, will run the 21 miles between his hometown of Chezzetcook and Halifax, to raise money for the people of Lonvala, a small village near Bombay, India.

Lonvala is significant to LaPierre. Since 1978 he has been sponsoring a little girl there, helping her and her family.

Most recently, LaPierre has found 400 sponsors pledging a total of \$4,600 for his run, and he may reach his goal of 1000 sponsors. The funds will be distributed through the Canada Save the Children Fund.

The question one is most

likely to ask is, Why?

Coming from a family of 11 children, LaPierre empathizes with the struggles life can bring.

"My own experience has taught me that the bottom line comes down to a person's support for life," said LaPierre, as quoted in the September 16 **Halifax Mail Star**.

It is perhaps this compassion which led him to Kampala in 1970, where he aided the YMCA's World Service. There he lived and saw the poor conditions under which over half of the world's population lives.

This is not his first run. In 1977 a similar run produced \$1,500 which was sent to an African country.

LaPierre's run is in conjunction with World Food Day, October 26, the first annual day

of awareness of world hunger, initiated by the United Nations. In recognition of the magnitude of this problem, the Canadian government made this announcement last July.

"Canada, in recognition of her responsibility within the global community, and her membership within the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, prepares to observe World Food Day annually, on October 16th, starting with this year of 1981."

LaPierre told the Mail Star he admits the problems facing the world's four billion people are staggering, hence his planned run this month.

Anyone wishing to sponsor LaPierre for his run can contact him by writing to 5535 Victoria Road, Halifax B3H 1M6.

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