

# "Another capitalist for peace"

by Ken Burke

When I saw Kavanagh toting his "Capitalists for peace" sign with Cheshire Cat grin to match, I knew the march would be a success. The sixty or so people in front of the SUB weren't exactly the huge Dal contingent planned and hoped for, but Kavanagh and that damn sign were enough to convince me all was well with the world.

We were there, leaving at 11:35 into the Saturday Autumn chill. We meant to join with anybody else in Halifax, Nova Scotia, or anywhere else that felt as we did—that preparing for nuclear war only makes one more likely. It was International Disarmament Day and the Coalition Against Nuclear War's Oct. 22 March for Peace.

Estimates varied on the size of

the march, as estimates are wont to do. Kavanagh said 1500-2000. I said 1250-1500. The Halifax Chronically-Horrid said 500-1000 people, but nobody there would have told you that. As Figg, the paterfamilias of the Dal Disarmament society said, "Write in your article about the news coverage. The media wanted to have nothing to do with it."

In Willow Park they endured the cold while a series of speakers and performers rallied their spirits. They sent off a telegram to Ronald Reagan and Yuri Andropov urging them to do all they could to eliminate nuclear weapons.

For many marchers, the demonstration was a new experience, but not for elderly Mr. Elliot. "As the movement grows, they'll have to respond," he said.

"Too many of the decisions are made by politicians and not the people whose lives are involved."

Both Sally and Natasha fear there will be a nuclear war before they are fully grown. As the rally ended, television crews packed up their equipment. Come the 6 p.m. news, a small town in Nova Scotia will have made its point.

The spirits of good will and urgency of effort were infectious through the march. From singing "We are a gentle, angry people" to running through the numerous chants, the crowd of all ages and several political beliefs were buoyed up by the event.

As I said to Mondo, Brennan, Zayid and Batman and Robin afterwards at Tim Horton's, "The feeling was good. Very good."

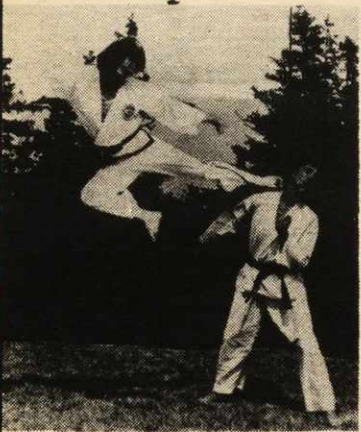


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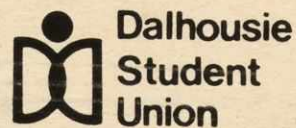
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