

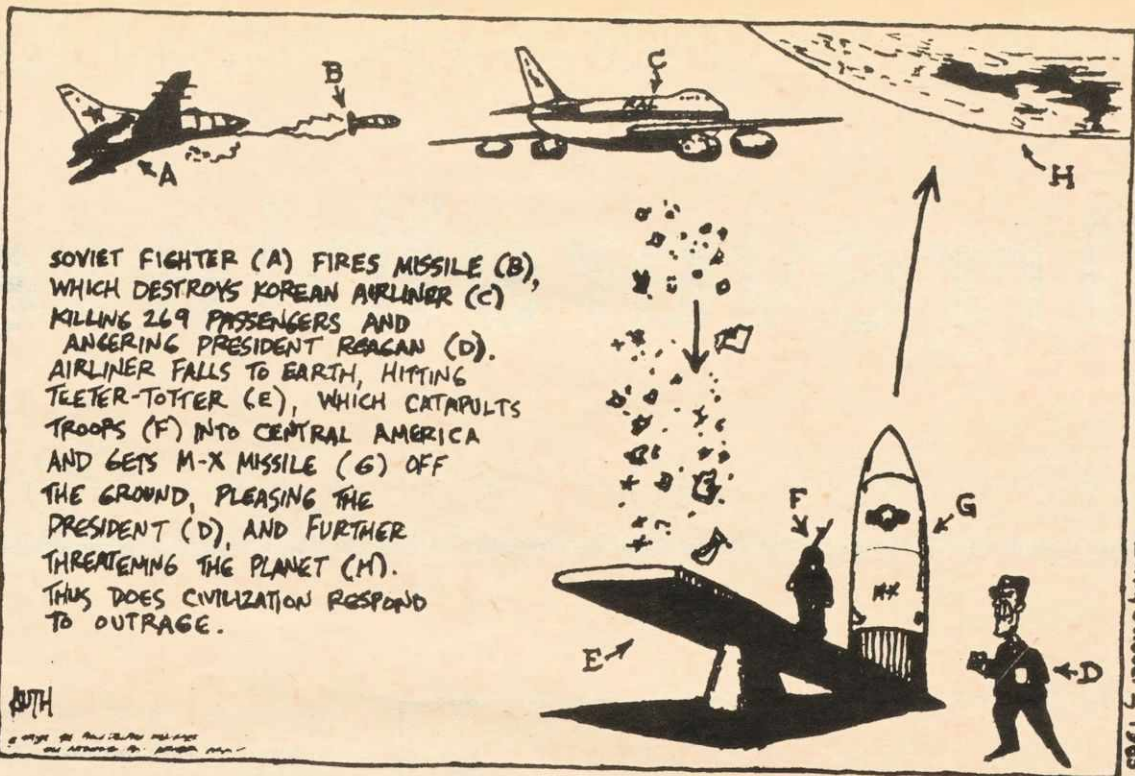
Facts about the Arms Race

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- The U.S. has over 9,000, the U.S.S.R. possibly 7,000 nuclear weapons of the strategic variety. These are weapons of unprecedented destructive force that can be delivered within one half-hour from one continent to another.
- Military expenditures of developed nations, including the centrally-planned, rose by \$320

billion from 1960 to 1980, their foreign economic assistance by \$23 billion.

- On average, one dollar in seven of public revenue now goes to military purposes rather than to productive civilian use. In a world in which millions of people are starving and lack the barest shelter, military defense draws twice as much budget support as food-growing and five times as much as housing.



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October 22 Dal students march

John Figg

In May of 1982, 4,000 Nova Scotians took to the streets of Halifax to protest the nuclear arms race and to call for disarmament and peace. The strength of this demonstration surprised the authorities, the media and perhaps a few of the organizers as well; yet it was perfectly indicative of the deep and widespread concern over the failure of détente and the subsequent increase in nuclear arsenals.

That initial march was a point of departure for an organized and active local peace movement. Educational and informational activities increased as did petitions, vigils and demonstrations. Particular issues such as cruise missile testing in Alberta and the use of Halifax harbour by armed American nuclear submarines underscored the national and local focus of dissent.

Now, nearly eighteen months later, there is another public day of protest. October 22 is the day set for a march and rally to mark the commencement of National Disarmament Week. This local march coincides with other protests around the world. It is expected that this combined call for peace will be the loudest yet. Let us hope that it is, since it takes enormous public pressure to make western political authorities act. This deaf ear of government belies a contempt for the democratic values it so ostensibly praises.

... So if you want peace and you believe in democracy be out this Saturday, 12:30 pm, at the South Commons. Your presence will add weight to the struggle for a secure future and a free society.

Submarines menace

by Martin Tomlinson

What's two football fields long, moves faster under water than you can swim and can kill more people than you'll ever meet?

That's right, it's a new American submarine. It could even be a new Soviet submarine. After all, there's no need to discriminate... yet.

American nuclear submarines, powered by light water reactors, have a history of chronic problems with the leakage of reactor coolant. The submarines usually vent radioactive water on the high seas. The problem is not limited to the high seas and nuclear powered submarines have been known to vent radioactive water in territorial waters of other nations, in foreign ports, and even while the sub is docked.

The danger this proves to civilian and military personnel alike has not been made public by the U.S. Navy. Nuclear submarines armed with submarine-launched ballistic missiles visit the port of Halifax roughly every six weeks. The coalition against nuclear war is intent on protesting the presence of these subs.

The presence of subs in the harbour implicates Halifax directly with nuclear strategy

This does not mean if the subs are not in Halifax harbour that this somehow divorces Haligonians from strategic nuclear issues. The presence of the subs anywhere is a matter for concern and protest, just as all issues in the nuclear arms race are not distant, but ever-present and of vital concern for everyone.

Coalition works for peace

by Peter Kavanagh

The Coalition Against Nuclear War is an association of over thirty peace, women's groups, labour unions and student groups. It came together about eighteen months ago in order to stage Halifax's first large peace

demonstration. Since that time the Coalition has expanded to include groups from across the province. It has as its main focus coordinating activities directed at increasing Nova Scotians' understanding of the issues involved in the escalating arms race. As well the Coalition provides support to members in

their own individual efforts. The Coalition has sponsored marches, pickets, films and lectures.

The Coalition is run on a day-to-day basis by its coordinating committee. Ken Persau is the person who coordinates things for the Committee. The Coalition established its own office, in conjunction with the Physicians for Social Responsibility, at Red Herring Books on Barrington Street. The office has been hectic for the last month as the Coalition gears up for this week's march. As well the Coalition has been helping spread the word about the wide variety of activities organized by member groups for International Disarmament week.

The Dalhousie Student Union has been a member of the Coalition since its inception. The Dalhousie Disarmament Society, which grew out of the council committee which oversaw Union involvement in the Coalition, sponsored a referendum last year in which 56% of the student body supported increased efforts to end the arms race. The DDS had a very active year last year and is attempting to repeat the same this year. The DDS is organizing Dalhousie's involvement in this year's march.

Cafe Genesis XXII

"What better place than a coffeehouse to provide the perfect atmosphere for discussion?" asks Mike Crystal, manager of Cafe Genesis XXII.

The upcoming Sunday Oct. 23 coffeehouse will see Peter Kavanagh from the Dalhousie Disarmament Society and some local talent provide special entertainment and discussion for International Disarmament Week (Oct. 22 - 28).

Crystal said literature on the Nova Scotia Coalition Against Nuclear War will be distributed and local talent such as Charlie Phillips and Chris Coady will lead some "fun sing-alongs". He hopes many Dalhousie students will participate for peace.

"By standing aside, they're taking a side," he said.

Cafe Genesis XXII is held each Sunday night in the Grawood Lounge, 3rd Floor SUB.

Peace Calendar

Saturday Oct. 22—*March for Peace*, leaving Dal SUB 11:30 to meet up with main rally at the Commons at 12:30. March followed by Peace Fare and concert at Olympic Gardens.

Sunday Oct. 23, 8:30 pm—*Cafe Genesis XXII* will be a Peace Coffeehouse at the Grawood Lounge. Performers will include Andrea Currie, Charlie Phillips, Terry Mullens, Tom Hydorn, Chris Cody and Gardner-West.

Thursday Oct. 27—*No More Hibakusha*, a new film about a nuclear war premiering 9:30 at the Burke Education Centre, St. Mary's University.

Saturday Oct. 29, 10am-5pm—*Conference on Pathways for Conflict Resolution*. Workshops on "Non-aggressive defence strategies" and "Role of International forms in conflict management." Pre-registration required; registration forms available in Rm. 222, SUB or call 424-2146 (Dalhousie Student Pugwash).



Voice of Women dramatize nuclear war.