

Vigil for world peace

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UNB students representing WORD (World Disarmament) held a peace vigil in the SUB cafeteria Feb. 12. Their aim was to focus attention on the crisis of nuclear weapons in today's world.

The vigil lasted from 8 a.m. until 12 midnight with an information table made available for individuals to discuss their concerns and obtain information on disarmament related questions. At the table a green candle burned as a beacon of peace.

The group was also soliciting support for a three point petition demanding that: a) Canada be declared a nuclear weapons free zone and disallow nuclear armed submarines and naval vessels into Canadian ports; b) that Canada vote in favor of a multi-lateral nuclear freeze at the UNB and pressure the US and USSR to do the same; and c) that the agreement on testing the cruise missile be nullified. The petition received the signature of about 100 students.

In addition, the controversial NFB film that was considered political propoganda by the US government, *If You*

Love This Planet, was shown throughout the day. Attendance at the film was quite good.

Kaye MacPhee, a sociology masters student and president of WORD, indicated that the primary concern of the group is to educate the university community on disarmament issues. The group rejects any argument of long term stability under the nuclear umbrella as illustrated by their motto "Co-existence or no existence." Ac-

cording to MacPhee, reported nuclear missile computer malfunctions have numbered about 150 in the US and probably more in the USSR. Claims MacPhee, "We are now at three minutes to midnight before final nuclear annihilation."

The American request to test the cruise missile guidance system over Canada sparked the formation of the group almost three years ago. Its main thrust remains to actively

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campaign against cruise missile testing by means of protests (such as the one staged by WORD in July of 1983 at the Federal Building on Queen Street) and letters to Members of Parliament. The group periodically works in conjunction with other anti-nuclear organizations such as the Voice of Women (VOW) and the Peace Network. Eventually it is hoped that a single national coalition of university peace

groups will emerge. Another goal which WORD is currently pursuing is to have the Faculty

of Arts at UNB offer a course in Peace, Development and Disarmament.

This year the group is trying to bring David Suzuki, renowned scientist and host of CBC's *The Nature of Things*, to Fredericton for the annual Hiroshima Day "Celebration of Peace" on August 6.

Canada's Ambassador for disarmament to speak at UNB

Douglas Roche, Canada's ambassador for disarmament, will discuss Canada's role in advancing the cause of peace in a public lecture at UNB on Friday, March 1.

The lecture will be given in the auditorium of McLaggan Hall beginning at 8 p.m.. Admission is free.

Mr. Roche is a veteran parliamentarian who was appointed to his new position in October 1984. As ambassador for disarmament he represents Canada at international meetings on disarmament, acts as special advisor to the government and heads liaison between the the government

and non-governmental organizations.

The ambassador has a long-abiding concern for global peace. As Progressive Conservative MP for the riding of Edmonton South, a seat he held for 12 years, he specialized in the subjects of development and disarmament.

Among his many contributions to the disarmament movement he has served as a consultant to the Canadian delegation to the United Nations' second Special Session on Disarmament, as president of the United Nations Association in Canada and as international president of the North-South

Roundtable of the Society for International Development. Mr. Roche also chaired the committee which was instrumental in organizing the Five Continent Peace Initiative which called for a freeze on the development of nuclear arms and negotiations for the destruction of existing nuclear weapons.

Mr. Roche is the author of eight books including *Justice Not Charity: A New Global Ethic for Canada* and *Parliamentarians for Peace*. His latest, *United Nations, Divided World*, is a contemporary examination of the United Nations amidst the

global crises of the nuclear arms race and economic development.

Honors bestowed upon Mr. Roche include a honorary doctorate of divinity from St. Stephen's College, Edmonton; the 1983 Peace Award of the World Federalists of Canada; and the Alberta Premier's 1984 Award for Excellence.

The ambassador's lecture at UNB is sponsored by the New Brunswick chapter of Science for Peace, a national, non-political organization of scientists whose primary objective is the advancement of peace through education and scientific research.

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