

# Weapon industries are not productive

Military production is bad business according to Janet Duvall and she just doesn't mean in the emotional sense.

Duvall, a member of the Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament told Georgetown's University Women's Club Tuesday night that building nuclear weapons does not make good economic sense.



Janet Duvall, action and health care to win the world," Duvall says.

Japan and West Germany, for instance, are not allowed to manufacture weapons but they are the most productive countries in the world, Duvall says. The United States and the United Kingdom, on the other hand, have the largest military industries yet they are the least productive of the major economic countries.

The United States, for example, spends a half a billion dollars a year on military production creating approximately 20,000 jobs, she says. If this money was spent in the health and education sectors, twice as many jobs could be created. The tooling up and exorbitant salaries account for the high cost of military production.

Canada is not much better off, Duvall says. This country has a defense production sharing agreement with the United States. Canada is allowed to build components for American military equipment but only if Canada agrees to buy from the United States an equivalent dollar amount of military equipment. This negates any benefit to our economy, Duvall says.

The federal government also gave grants to Canadian industries to tool up, amounting to as much as \$60,000 in taxes for every job created, Duvall says. At the same time the spin-off from these industries is limited.

Duvall told the audience she does not see the logic in building more weapons. Only a couple bombs are needed to completely destroy the other side yet the United States has 30,000 bombs and the USSR has 20,000 she says.

There is another way to control the world which the USSR is currently pursuing, Duvall says. It is called power by influence. There are now 100,000 Third World students studying at Soviet universities receiving Communist philosophy. The Soviets are also providing major financial and health care help in these developing countries.

\*There should be a race providing educa-

The Russians or the Americans cannot win the world any other way because a nuclear war is not winnable, Duvall says.

## Browns mark golden wedding

On November 10, 50 years to the day that they were married Pearl and Frank Brown celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Knox Church Hall.

The Browns were married November 10, 1934 and settled on the Ninth Line Esquesing Township. In 1944, they moved to the corner of the Fourth Line and 22 Sideroad, and moved to their present home at 12 Bairdrow Crescent in 1963.

They have three children, Ruth, John and Joe and 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Both Pearl and Frank have been active in local organizations. Pearl has been involved in the Georgetown Rug Hookers Guild and is a life member of the Women's Institute. The couple are life members of the Ontario Federation of Naturalists, and the Georgetown Naturalists. They also belong to the Belles and Beaus and the Norval Neighbors seniors groups.

Over 150 guests attended an open house at Knox Presbyterian church hall in the afternoon and evening and a group of 64 family members and close friends sat down to a dinner at 6 p.m.

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