

'Disarmament or annihilation'

To the editor of The Herald:

On Nov. 8 we are voting "yes" for global nuclear disarmament in our municipal election in Halton Hills.

We support "balanced disarmament", which means that "our side", the West, will not disarm any nuclear weapons until we are certain the "other side", the East, is doing the same thing.

This process of disarming would be done in balanced stages, verified by international controls.

We find it very significant that this year's Nobel peace prize was awarded to Alva Myrdal and Alfonso Garcia Robles two people who have dedicated years to the promotion of disarmament.

Alfonso Robles was recently quoted as saying:

"The world is faced with one choice - disarmament or annihilation."

After viewing the film "If You Love This Planet" this quote is not too radical. Instead of ignoring or worrying about this threat we can write our MPs, write the newspapers, participate in peaceful demonstrations and vote in the Nov. 8 election.

Sincerely,
Bob and Linda Bobor

Letters to the Editor

How UNICEF fund helps all children

To the editor of The Herald:

In response to articles which appeared in recent issues of the Hamilton Spectator: "are funds collected for UNICEF really used to help needy children in the world or are they used for other purposes?"

Each year as Halloween approaches, rumor, confusion and misinformation about the use of Unicef funds abound. It appears that this year is no exception.

The Ontario Unicef Committee, a volunteer committee which organizes the annual Halloween campaign, is attempting to clarify how the funds are used for the information of concerned citizens of Ontario.

All funds collected by Unicef are used for projects which directly assist children from conception to age 15 in developing countries. The use of these funds is controlled by very clear Unicef policies.

These policies state that Unicef does not supply projects with equipment intended to be used for abortion. As well, Unicef funds are not used for purchasing contraceptive supplies.

Some confusion arises because Unicef provides a purchasing service to other development agencies and to governments of developing countries.

These agencies and governments use their own funds for these purchases and pay a fee to cover all Unicef costs. Unicef cannot and does not dictate how these governments and agencies use their own funds. Unicef strongly respects the right of each nation to determine its own national policies and the personal right of parents to decide on the spacing and size of their own families based on their own moral convictions.

However, Unicef can and does control the use and distribution of its funds and does so in accordance with its own policies.

Withholding funds from Unicef, a decision which has been taken by some separate school boards, does not affect the purchases made by other agencies or governments.

The only programs affected are those directly benefiting children in dire need in some of the poorest countries of the world.

The Vatican, with its wisdom and knowledge, recognizes this fact and has continued its praise and its 27-year annual contribution. In announcing its contribution for this year, the Holy See's permanent observer mission to the United Nations told Unicef that its worldwide assistance to children and young mothers "enhances the value of life and should be encouraged."

Funds collected in Canada are already designated for projects which Unicef Canada has promised to fund. An outline of these projects is available to all interested persons. These projects do "enhance the value of life" for many, many children. Unicef is concerned that these children not become the innocent victims of misinformation and confusion in Canada about Unicef.

The Ontario Committee is counting on concerned local residents to give generously at Halloween this year. With the help of concerned adults, young adults and children, essential funding will not be lost and Unicef's promises to children overseas can be kept.

Sincerely yours,
Elizabeth Gordon
Edwards,
Provincial Chairman,
Ontario Unicef Committee

'Nuke facts are available'

To the editor of The Herald:

As a citizen of Halton Hills and as a senior elementary school teacher of Peel, I am responding to a letter to the editor which was published in your Oct. 20 edition. The letter was written by one of our younger citizens, Barbara Ford, age 12, of Georgetown. I must applaud this student for her efforts to become involved and to want to be more informed about the issue of global nuclear disarmament.

Miss Ford's letter expressed several concerns. Her main objection was that, "we're not getting the facts; we're not getting the whole story..."

In truth, the facts supporting the Vote "YES" platform, Barbara, have been quite well presented to the citizens of Halton Hills. This newspaper has published weekly articles pertinent to this global issue; notably the second article in a series, headlined with "Frightening facts about the arms race", presented Oct. 6.

eleven truths which should have been read and understood by every citizen of this community.

A concerned group of your neighbors has been quite active in presenting the facts supporting a "YES" vote in the Nov. 8 municipal referendum.

The recent presentation of the National Film Board documentary movie, "If You Love This Planet", and the opportunity to discuss the issue or to challenge the Vote "YES" platform was arranged for the benefit of the citizens, to become informed and involved in this critical issue. Public attendance at two of the film presentation evenings was adequate but far from overwhelming and arguments or challenges from people with an opposing viewpoint, or "the other side", as you appropriately described it in your letter, were very few.

The reason for this lack of information from the opposing platform could very well be that in Halton Hills, there is no real opposing group. Perhaps and hopefully, all of our citizens have realized that to hold an opposing view to global nuclear disarmament is to leave oneself open to questions of one's sanity.

Opponents in other communities have attempted to offer arguments against global nuclear disarmament; sometimes with a self-protective defence challenge, sometimes with an inevitably-survivalist type approach and frequently with the self-righteous, doom and gloom, interpretation of

the scrolls by fundamentalist religious scholars.

To each opponent of global nuclear disarmament one only has to ask: "Do you really desire a termination of this planet?" The answer is

reasonably, "no." Many years, much human energy and billions of dollars have been misappropriated in the unwinnable struggle for weapons supremacy and perceived security.

It is now time for Canadians to join the global movement, which is currently sweeping across Europe and making headway even in the Soviet Union, to express to their elected leaders their desire to

initiate a turnaround in this unfortunate history of misappropriation.

Our town representatives on council are to be commended for their decision to offer the voting citizenry of Halton Hills an opportunity to express their support of the global nuclear disarmament movement. The referendum technique is relatively unknown in Canadian political history. It is imperative that all eligible voters participate in this fundamental right to give the leaders political direction and grass-root determination to realize the global disarmament objective.

To my neighbors and fellow human beings in Halton Hills, and to you, Barbara Ford, for your expressed concern about this issue and your future, I declare my intention to vote "YES" Nov. 8 and I believe that, in the centuries to come, the grass-roots global disarmament movement will win its place in the history texts of all nations.

Sincerely,
Steven Norman,
Weber Drive,
Georgetown.

Kremlin must dearly love pro-disarmament voters

To the editor of The Herald:

If certain people in this country have their way, I can just see the front page stories of the newspapers in a few short years.

"The governments of Western Europe and North America, bowing to public pressure, destroyed all their nuclear weapons and signed a covenant never to build any more of them. Everyone was happy because now there could

be no nuclear exchange in wars..."

"The Russian government, whose people had not called for nuclear disarmament, was happy too."

"One day the Kremlin sent a note to Ottawa, telling Canada to collectivize all its farms and to send 35 per cent of all grain crops to Russia each year. Canada was also required to send 5,000 schoolchildren to Russia yearly, for periods of 10

years, to be educated. The note ended that 'failure to comply would cause unpleasant consequences'.

Canada angrily dismissed the note and, the following day Port Hardy, British Columbia, disappeared under a mushroom cloud.

Canada protested to the United Nations, but Russia vetoed the ensuing resolution and the next day, Port-Aux-Basques dis-

appeared under a mushroom cloud.

"Canada with no nuclear-armed allies, 'got the message' and complied with the Russian demands."

Ah! you naive people, the Kremlin loves you dearly. God help our country.

John W. Horning,
Irwin Crescent,
Georgetown

'How can we trust world's Ayatollahs?'

To the editor of The Herald:

I don't see how anyone could vote for disarmament because if Canada was to disarm, do you think you can trust people like the Ayatollah Khomeini is actually going to disarm with us?

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ABOUT THE HILLS

Computer talk

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce hopes to assist local small businesses by familiarizing them with the use of computers through a special seminar featuring Martin Clarkson of Dunwoody and Associates Ltd. It takes place tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Santa's comin'

The Georgetown Lions Club has been given permission to hold its annual Santa Claus parade Nov. 20. At its meeting Monday night, the town's general committee agreed to allow the parade to march from the Georgetown Market Place to the community's Main Street business section. The parade is expected to start at 1:30 p.m.

Ottawa's been looking here for shelters

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How would Halton officials react to a nuclear strike, assuming they were in physical condition to do so? Mayor Peter Pomeroy says Halton has an official disaster plan which was completed in September, 1981. It is however, a peacetime plan, and not really designed to deal with massive disaster. In any case, it would be put into effect by Halton region police, under the authority of the regional chairman.

A copy of the plan is available at local police headquarters. This 370-page manual provides extensive and comprehensive information for use by a "disaster control group" which would include the chief of police, director of public

works, regional fire coordinator, regional chief administrative officer and the regional chairman.

This group would in turn co-ordinate the efforts of all available support groups, including ambulance, utility suppliers, fire and medical personnel, clergy, the military, government officials and civilian volunteers.

Staff Sergeant Roy Smith of the Georgetown police admits, however, that "the plan would be made inoperative if there were enough cogs in the wheel". For example, police would be unable to obtain rapid help from support groups if all phone lines were down, if most personnel were themselves injured, and if roads and vehicles were destroyed.

"I've only got nine men on duty right now," he said. "We'd do our best, but I just don't think we could cope."

Other police personnel mused on the likelihood of massive, panic-stricken evacuation northward from Halton Hills, if nuclear attack were imminent. The disaster plan has no detailed evacuation procedures for Halton.

"It would be like a summer Friday night on Highway 11. One accident and that would be it. Traffic would pile up, and we don't have the personnel to cope."

Also envisioned was a state of anarchy as time passed and radiation levels dropped.

"You'd have to build an armed fortress around your family. To protect your food cache, you'd be shooting outsiders who try to steal it. People would be raiding food stores. Society would break up into little armed camps."

Myra Britton, on duty in the Georgetown Hospital emergency ward, echoed this despair.

"We do have a disaster plan at the hospital," she says. "We could handle up to 100 people." But the ability to cope would depend on whether all medical staff could be contacted, and if they would be in any condition to help.

"We have no training for radiation sickness or burns," she says. "Normally, serious burn patients would be transferred to major Toronto hospitals or to McMaster, but the former would no longer exist. "What would you use to transfer them? Would the hospital even be standing?" she wondered. "I hate to even think about it."

Could private citizens prepare in any way for the after-effects of nuclear attack? Twenty years ago, during the Cuban missile crisis, some Halton residents built bomb shelters, but

Doug Sargent of the Halton Hills building department believes that only a few did so. Anyone wishing to build one today would need a building permit if the structure were over 100 square feet - and if they were willing to admit to having a shelter!

Mr. Sargent added that federal agents (probably from Canada's new Emergency Planning Department) were "snooping around here a couple of weeks ago, looking for likely spots for public bomb shelters." They investigated the underground parking garages of local apartment buildings, among other places. Such locations might provide shelter from a distant atomic blast, but Mr. Sargent agreed that they would not seal out radiation.

Mayor Pomeroy says there is no special shelter for local government officials.

If any residents do have such shelters, they would

POLICE BEAT

Attempted escape

An inmate of the Guelph Correctional Centre pushed out the back of a van driving him through Georgetown Wednesday afternoon and made a run for the Neilsons factory. Halton regional police apprehended George Munro, 20, 14 minutes later, and charged him with escaping lawful custody. The man is in the correctional centre for fraud charges. Nobody was hurt in the incident.

Store robbed


Ed's In and Out Variety Store on Main Street South in Acton was robbed of \$1,400 worth of cash and cheques overnight Sunday. Halton regional police said there was no sign of forced entry and are investigating the case.

Cars damaged

Six vehicles were damaged to the tune of \$3,000 after they were scratched by a sharp object. One vehicle had red paint thrown on its hood and another had its windshield broken overnight Wednesday at Georgetown Chrysler Halton regional police are investigating to find those responsible for the willful damage.

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