YOUTH AGAINST MILITARISM PROJECT UPDATE

In a Minneapolis living Room, Richard Campbell, a Vietnam Vet recently out of post traumatic stress disorder treatment, shared his experiences with a gathering of 20 students and committee members of the Youth Against Militarism Project. Richard told of his futile attempts to be granted a conscientious objector status by his local draft board, his intent to work in a children's hospital for his service in the army and his subsequent assignment as a long range reconnaissance medic. His stories about Vietnam, his drug addition and failed marriage reminded the group that the victims of war include not just those we ask to fight but also the people close to them.

Richard is a found and member of Vets for Life. He has been active in the movement to keep the United States out of Central America. He also speaks to high school classes to let young people understand the horrors of war so that they can make choices and take action to stop war rather than fight in one in the future.

After eating dinner and hearing from Richard Campbell, the students recorded questions for their contemporaries in the Soviet Union. They asked questions about what Soviet life was like for teenagers: what type of music they listened to, what schools were like, etc. They also asked about the influence of militarism in the Soviet Union and its effect on high school students. Nikki LaSorella, on a trip to the Soviet Union, was invited to send young peoples' questions for Soviet youth to address during a show on Radio Moscow. Hopefully, we will receive the responses to our questions for a future gathering.

After a year's respite, Barb Mischler is starting to vigil again at the recruiting center on Lake Street in Minneapolis under the theme of **Honor a Vet, Stop War.** If you would like to join her call Barb at 922-4176.

In addition to draft and registration counseling, the production of a second Youth Against Militarism newsletter and the continuation of fundraising efforts, the Youth Against Militarism Project has been speaking to groups of young people. For the second year Project 120 has invited us to share thoughts with students on how nonviolent direct action can be used to influence Minnesota state policies. Project 120 brings students from all over the state to St. Paul to learn the inner workings of state government. In addition, we have spoken at the Minnesota State Social Studies Teachers Conference, and White Bear Lake, Washburn, Southwest and Robbinsdale schools on a variety of topics.

Jeannette Raymond

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"Spirit that hears each one of us,
Hears all that is-
Listens, listens, hears us out-
Inspire us now!
Our own pulse beats in every stranger's throat,
And also there within the flowered ground beneath our feet,
And- teach us to listen!-
We can hear it in water, in wood, and even in stone.
We are earth of this earth, and we bone of its bone.
This is a prayer I sing, for we have forgotten this, and so
The earth is perishing.

Barbara Deming, "Spirit of Love" from
We Are All Part of One Another:
A Barbara Deming Reader.

It is also a journey of delight and healing. Spending time in natural places and opening ourselves to the earth's vital spirit are as important as our activism. Listening to the earth and learning to live in harmony with it brings harmony to our own lives. It brings us home. And in the interconnected web of life, healing with the earth calls forth healing and justice in all our relationships.

Kay Grindland is an Interpretive Naturalist at Richardson Nature Center for Hennepin Parks. She is working with John Martinson and Will Pipkin to develop a workshop applying the despair/empowerment process to the environmental crisis. Note the June 10 calendar event.

NOTABILIA

Notabilia means "things worthy of note," and we have a few items to share that seem to fit that definition.

Especially worthy of note this month are board changes at Friends for a Non-Violent World. Leaving the executive board are Jean Egbert, who has served for six years, and Grace Gibas, who has served for eight years. We thank them for their devoted service. We WILL miss them.

We welcome two new executive board members replacing (if that's possible) Jean and Grace. They are Dhaivyd Hilgendorf and Pat Rosaves.

Also, we regretfully note the immanent departure of Patty Wright and her family for the rural life in Wisconsin. They have purchased an 80 acre farm north of Menomonie. Patty, who has served as volunteer coordinator for the past three years has given notice as of June 1.

Patty organized the volunteer appreciation party February 14 at the Friends House on Grand Avenue, St. Paul. About 20 FNVW volunteers attended the potluck and heard an interesting slide talk on Palestine by Bara Berg, who traveled there this past summer under the auspices of FNVW and other organizations.

We note with appreciation the volunteer editing services of Jim Bruener, who has recently donated about 60 hours in, preparing FNVW's fund appeal, writing a youth against militarism grant request and developing a volunteer handbook.

We likewise note with appreciation the efforts of Robin Fox, Ted Hodapp, Brian Humphrey and Jan Marie Lundgren who organized and provided the music for the New England Country Dance, March 3 at Hamline University. Despite the snowstorm of the year that night, about 40 brave dancers were present that night!

At the head of our wish list for the coming year is a new computer to handle mailing lists, financial statements and word processing needs. About $2700 is needed to make the wish reality. If you can donate a computer, or dollars, or ideas even, please call John Martinson or Patty Wright at (612) 870-1501.

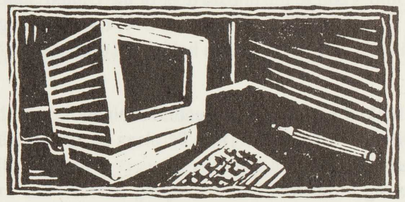
Finally, we note with sadness that our friend Larry Cloud Morgan is incarcerated. Larry is a native American and a peace and justice activist. He was arrested in the 1984 Silo Pruning Hooks action and given an eight year prison term; after serving 28 months of that sentence, he returned to Minnesota on parole. Larry was arrested again January 14 for breaking probation; the charge was leaving Minnesota without permission to attend a peace event in Florida. His address is Federal Medical Center, #03232-045, PMB 4600, Rochester 55903.

D. Perry Kidder

POSITIONS OPEN

FNVW needs a part-time office and volunteer coordinator to begin work May 15th. This is an opportunity to work with others in a variety of peace and justice endeavors. People with a commitment to non-violence, good communication skills and a sense of humor are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is April 21st. For further information and a job description call 870-1501.

Northern Sun News is currently seeking a part-time editor for an outstanding alternative newspaper. Qualifications include an understanding and commitment to Northern Sun News politics and organization skills. Knowledge of newspaper management and fundraising ability are helpful but not required for application. Send letter, resume and writing samples by April 17, 1989 to:
Editor Search, Northern Sun Alliance, 1519 East Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN, 55404. Salary is negotiable.



THE PROMISE OF SPRING BRINGS THOUGHTS OF...

THE FNVW CRAFT SALE! A number of you have expressed an interest in getting together to quilt, knit or make puppets and other simple projects to sell at the craft sale. It sounded like such fun to do creative work in community that we decided to start now and beat the fall rush. So we're planning some crafts nights (or mornings or afternoons). If you're interested in learning or teaching new skills, donating fabric or sharing ideas and suggestions, call Betty Firth at 827-4285.