

NUCLEAR TEST BAN AND GRADUAL REDUCTIONS BY YEAR 2000

Activists in State Representative Morin's district (Sandwich, Barnstable) and State Representative Raushenbach's district (Harwich, Brewster, Dennis and Yarmouth) are collecting signatures. The petition puts the question of the public's will concerning the comprehensive nuclear weapons test ban plus gradual reductions of nuclear weapons by 99% by the year 2000. If enough signatures are gathered by July 9th the question will be placed on the November state ballot for those 2 representative districts. Western Mass. is working on an entire state senatorial district.

Other areas of the Cape may want to consider this question for their spring elections. To get the wording write AND:CC or the Initiative Resource Center P.O. Box 65023 Washington, D.C. 20035.

THE JAPAN COUNCIL AGAINST A&H BOMBS

Just a year ago AND:CC in coordination with Mobilization for Survival sponsored the Hibkusha Tour (atomic bomb survivors). At that time they involved us in their international signature campaign in support of the "Appeal from Hiroshima and Nagasaki - for a Total Ban and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons." The Appeal was launched in Feb. 1985 and by last summer 10 million Japanese had signed it! In the first 15 months the Appeal has spread to 145 countries, and in Japan some 20 million people have signed. Over 50% of Japan's prefectural governors and mayors have signed.

AND:CC and other groups circulated this petition and mailed them to Japan. AND:CC feels we could do more on this important Appeal. The petition will be available at the Barnstable County Fair July 23-27th. If you would like to circulate a petition on your own, call Sue 477-1386. If you would like to help staff the table at the Fair, call Carol 432-8890.

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI ACTION DAYS (Aug. 6&9)

AND:CC will sponsor a candlelight vigil on Wed. Aug. 6th - the 41st anniversary of the tragedy of the first use of an atomic bomb. We will join with others around the world with the common theme of preventing nuclear war and the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Japanese Hibakusha traditionally recall the victims who died from the atomic bombing by floating small lanterns down the rivers on the days of the atomic bombing. Perhaps our vigil could include some lanterns this year. Could you help out by providing the lanterns?

Our vigil will be from 7-8pm at the entrance to PAVE PAWS across from the new Sagamore Mall on the access road leading up to the Mid Cape Hwy.

We have chosen this site because PAVE PAWS is the location for part of the GWEN system which is a network to be utilized only after the nuclear war has started.

