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Non-party on dude!

Tommy Sands entertains triennial-goers during Thursday's non-party event.



*Goodbye friends
Au revoir les ami-es
Adios amig@s
Slán libh a chairde*

This is the VERY last issue of DCU.

In fact it's the dregs at the bottom of the barrel, the slop that we serve up for the very last time. All the material that's been accumulating in the office over the past week has been crammed into this issue.

Unfortunately there's quite bit of stuff we still couldn't fit in, so apologies to anyone who submitted texts which have not been printed. We are particularly sorry not to have included Daniel Garay's thesis on gender confusion, and Acacia M Jones' paper on the social structures of activist communities and the challenges of security in the 21st Century.

Still time to receive beer/money!

Thanks - **DCU Crew**

Ceci est la dernière édition du DCU.

En fait, ceci sont les ultimes gouttes de fond de barrique, la livraison finale que nous vous servons. Tous les articles qui se sont accumulés dans notre salle de rédaction durant la semaine ont été entassés dans ce numéro.

Malheureusement, un peu de matériel n'a pu être utilisé, aussi toutes nos excuses à ceux qui nous ont soumis des textes qui n'ont pas été publiés. Nous sommes particulièrement désolés de ne pas avoir pu inclure la thèse de Daniel Garay sur les confusions hommes-femmes et le papier de Acacia T. Piquant sur les structures sociales du milieu militant et le challenge sécuritaire au 21^{ème} siècle.

Il est encore temps de nous envoyer vos dons en bières et argent **Merci - l'équipe du DCU.**

News from here and there

Last plenary report (ever!)

"Nonviolence," noted WRI Chair Joanne Sheehan at Thursday's closing plenary, "is really the search for truth, not the idea that we have all the answers".

With this searching-for stories of inspiration and of a way forward-the formal portion of the WRI Triennial came to a rousing conclusion.

Sharing campaign strate-

gies of grassroots efforts around the globe, three leading figures of global movements for justice told of their own inspirations, and of their experiences with obstacles over the years. munity," once children are seen as they should be: as the people who can and will change the world.

Plenary facilitator Dorie Wilsnack asked everyone to



write a story tthey've encountered on a small slip of paper. With an agreement to keep our stories of resistance and hope close to our hearts, and to pass them along as we go, the work of the open conference came to an inclusive end.

ISRAEL: Six new refuseniks imprisoned

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This is an example of a "co-alert", as they are sent out from the WRI office whenever we receive information on imprisoned conscientious objectors. If you want receive co-alerts, you can subscribe to the list by sending an email to majordomo@wri-irg.org, with subscribe co-alert in the text of the message. But WRI also needs your help in getting the information on imprisoned COs. Whenever you hear about an imprisoned (or soon to be imprisoned) CO, send us this information. Talk to Andreas if you have any questions on co-alerts, or email to concodoc@wri-irg.org.

War Resisters' International received information from Yesh Gvul today that six new refuseniks were imprisoned in Israel recently.

- Lieut Udi Elifantz (ISR13030), 31, was sentenced to 28 days on 30 July.
 - Sgt Ran Ron (ISR13031), 36, was sentenced to 28 days on 31 July. Both are serving their prison term in Military Prison No 6 (Athlit).
 - Rami Kaplan (ISR12329)
 - Sgt Shahar Ramah (ISR12332)
 - Ro'i Barsai (ISR12331)
 - Sgt Uri Shein (ISR12330)
- were all sentenced on 6 August to 28 days imprisonment. All joined the petition to the Judge Adjutant General to

be court-martialed properly, instead of sentenced on purely disciplinary grounds, on 23 July (see ISR12329 to 12334-240702), but it seems that this was refused, and they were sentenced on 6 August. They too are imprisoned in Military Prison No 6.

War Resisters' International calls for letters of support to the imprisoned conscientious objectors. Military Prison No 6 Military postal number 01860, IDF Israel War Resisters' International calls for letters of protest to the Israeli authorities, and Israeli embassies abroad. War Resisters' International

calls for the immediate release of all imprisoned conscientious objectors.

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Militarism and antimilitarism

*a comment from **Thomas Roedl** (DFG-VK)
on Wednesday's evening plenary*

Our movement does not have, and maybe never had, an analysis of "militarism".

Militarism is an attitude amongst people, within society. Military is a value in itself having served in the army is highly appreciated. War is a test of the strength of a people, which has to be passed through every now and then. But this attitude is no longer of importance (amongst the highly-industrialised societies). Nowadays the military - and war - can only be justified as a means to a better end. For instance the defence of democracy, intervention to protect human rights. An increasing number of people feel that war is an evil, that war should not happen. A growing number of men try to avoid military service. They feel that military structures are likely to repress their own personality. I address this quite deliberately as a feeling, because it's not spoken, it's not yet a political attitude. Concerning feelings and attitudes in modern societies, we can see a demilitarisation.

What do governments do? They use their military power, as they ever did. But they know very well, that they have to hide away the real pictures of war, because society would not agree. The elites holding power in our societies regard their nation's power as based on military strength. But they

know that they need more modern justification for their military actions.

And of course the elites are aware of the necessity of controlling people and political processes within our societies. They want to use new technologies of control and supervision - but by means of mind control, media control, police and security forces - not by means of the military. Modern societies need no concentration camps for terrorising people or troops in the streets killing rioting workers. So it is totally wrong, as some speakers did in Wednesday's plenary, to regard these methods as militarisation. In the contrary: The control of power in modern societies no longer needs the naked and cruel use of military power (as Pinochet did in Chile). Of course this is real progress for all of us, because we are persuaded by TV that we ought to be happy, and opponents are no longer imprisoned in concentration camps, as my father was some 65 years ago.

Antimilitarism is far more than the defence of civil rights - however important that is. My experience in the last ten years (far less exciting than the stories of the speakers we could hear during this triennial): When I stand in the streets and demand the abolition of our army, as a first step of

abolition of all armies, many regard me as a fool. But much more, younger people especially, as I had expected, agreed with me. By speaking out for the abolition of armies, I can start a discussion about all our issues - civilian defence, non-violent methods, arms trade and arms conversion etc.

After some years we realised that the importance of this campaign lies in delegitimisation of the army. Spreading the arguments both moral and rational - is a grassroots process, neglected by the media, boycotted by parts of the "peace-movement". But it's an important contribution for furthering the civilisation of our society. How could we approach our aims if not by standing out and speaking out for them?

<p>Peace News Can be found on the WorldWideWait</p> <p>http://www.peacenews.info/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Updated news* Events calendar* Tools and resources for nonviolent activists* Webshop <p>And of course our latest issue PLUS a growing archive of back issues Try us out!</p>

On economics, militarisation and globalisation

This theme group came up with the following proposals - divided in three main areas:

Linking with the broader social moment
An ad hoc group will prepare a WRI position-paper for the World Social Forum in Porto Allegre in 2003.

The position-paper will also be spread to likeminded people and groups more or less connected to the new social movement. The group will also find possibilities of having a side event to present the position-paper. The paper itself will be a general one on WRI's position on globalisation, backed up with case studies.

No war on Iraq
Ideas for work on this issue - in addition to what was accepted in the plenary on Wednesday
- create/influence/mobilise public opinion against war
- conversations, meetings,

Participants at the theme group.

mailing lists etc
- publications, articles, letters to editors, public radio/TV etc
- civil disobedience "not in my name" (individual, organisational, mass mobilisation, make lists of these names, send to decision makers)
- showing solidarity where possible
- get other countries to withhold support for US actions -

deny airspace, avoid participation etc

Strengthen and link efforts to curb arms sales throughout world
These again are ideas of what you and your local group can do:

- encourage ethical guidelines in investment and educate about profitability of ethical investment campaigns
- use international code of conduct for advocacy around secret arms transfers - ie 80% of US weapon sales violate proposed code of conduct
- campaign to demand world compliance with UN registry on conventional arms
- campaign of education and advocacy around secret arms transfers - ie the last six times US forces went into conflict they faced weapons which originated in the US
- public education campaign to hold weapons manufacturing corporations responsible for their use in conflict zones - eg Sikorsky helicopters in Colombia.

These proposals came up after two days exploring the links between military and economic globalisation and the effects of these global structures.

Some of the effects include:
- the profits from war in globalised context
- social effects of transnational companies activities

cause conflicts
- NATO-forces to protecting economic interests of transnational companies and the USA
- security for companies increase as workers' security (labour rights) decrease
- transnational companies find military governments easier to work with (they are less concerned with environmental matters and human rights, and more willing to support companies activities with military action).

Lastly information technology is both a tool of control and a site of struggle.

Mange hjerlige hilsner

Ellen

HOUSMANS PEACE DIARY
50ème édition
Le Housman Peace Diary qui va paraître à la fin de cette année pour 2003 fêtera son 50ème anniversaire. Com'd'hab, on y trouve une nouvelle sélection des anniversaires à célébrer par les militants via une manifestation ou une fête, ainsi qu'une citation ou note de campagne hebdomadaire: Bien sur, il inclut aussi la dernière version de l'annuaire mondiale des orga de paix. Cet annuaire Housmans liste les contacts mis à jour d'environ 2000 organisations pacifistes ou en lien avec la paix à travers le monde, c'est la seule ressource fiable de ce type.
Si vous ne connaissez pas le Peace Diary, quelques exemples sont disponibles à la conférence. Vous pouvez aussi profiter de votre présence ici pour commander votre/vos copie-s de l'édition 2003 en utilisant le formulaire distribué à cet effet. Le paiement peut être effectué en euros, dollars US ou livres sterling.

An infinity of ways to deal with conflicts

Addressing Ethnic Community and Intra-State Violence can take a small group round widely in few days.

Theme group number three started off talking about the participant's own experiences with conflicts and violence. Some common points were that conflicts don't only exist on the inter-ethnic level but also on the intra-ethnic level, and that the belief that "we're better than the others" blocks dialogue. There was also an agreement on the necessity of accepting and acknowledging the suffering of the other side in order to better understand one another. As well as of the benefit of speaking the language, dialect -or accent -of your opponent, because it enhances the ability to communicate.

These reflections led to some questions like: "Is voting a source of democracy or not?". "Do economic reparations facilitate healing?" and "Can bridge-building activities bring about or help to bring about changes in the political structures or outlook?"

Bridge-building paved the way for Tuesday's discussion. The goal of the second day was to identify different objectives, methods and activities that have been used to build bridges between parties in conflict. Facilitator Dorie Wilsnack opened the discussion by illustrating different methods through examples from real life. Some of the

objectives were to establish personal contacts, listen to the other side, find common ground, develop empathy and deconstruct historical myths and stereotypes.

The day's theme was concluded with the statement "bridge-building does not create the necessary structural changes but it does help to prepare the ground for structural changes".

The third day was on "intervention". In order to put the concept of intervention into real life situations the group set up some role-plays. Some of the invented situations were a conflict between two different ethnic groups of youths which arises when teasing turns into humiliation or insult. Also the situation where a peace activist tries to convince a Green parliamentarian to support nonviolent intervention instead of a military intervention. The members of the group felt they learned quite a lot practicing the theories themselves.

The fourth and last day was the problem-solving day. Eric Bechman opened the discussion, stating that it's necessary to get into dialogue with all the parties in order to hear from them what their needs are. Michael Randle felt it is very important not to intervene in a conflict unless the intervener has received an invitation to do so.

Things from outside that could contribute to problem solving, according to the

group, could be role models, training the parties in their rights, empowering them and so building up their self esteem. Also, support from diasporas often turns out to be very helpful because they often have both the knowledge, commitment and resources for viable support.

A quick evaluation of the week showed that people felt they had received many ideas, new ways of looking at conflicts in their home areas, and their eyes had been opened to new methods of resolving conflicts.

Isabel Sande Frandsen

AKSEL'S CAT

(In a lecture on food security Aksel Naerstad pointed out that his cat has more purchasing power than four hundred million humans. In another he pointed out that every European cow is subsidised at a rate of 1-2 US\$ per day more than an Indonesian factory worker gets for sewing Addidas shoes)

*Aksel's cat is an affluent cat
It can buy itself a hat or a rat or a mat,
It can buy much more than a man who's poor,
And that ain't right I'm sure*

*A European cow gets a dollar a day
Just for chewing her cud and munching her hay,
While a European pig is a luxury beast
Makes a feast on rice from Mayal*

*The Malaysian lady is not so elite,
Gets a dollar a day for sewing shoes for the feet
Of the owner of the sow and the owner of the cow,
And her life ain't so sweet.*

Since she was first elected onto the WRI Council in the early 80s, **Dorie Wilsnack** has been part of the council in one way or another. For the first time this year she hasn't run for election. This however, doesn't mean she's going to retire from a lifelong peace work commitment.

A life dedicated to peace work

Dorie became aware of the problems of the world when she first lived out of the US when she was only 11 years old. It was in 1962-63 and Dorie was staying in Denmark with her parents for a year at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

"My class mates were pretty politically aware compared to my class mates in the US, and they started asking 'How can these Americans do this while we're stuck in the middle without a voice,'" Dorie explained about her Danish class mates' reaction.

When Dorie returned to the US and met with her old friends again a gap had opened. Dorie had discovered that the world was not only about rock 'n' roll, which many of her friends thought at the time.

After receiving her university degree Dorie started working as a teacher in New York. But her teaching only lasted for four years.

"I realised that my 10-years-old pupils knew much more about the world than I did – yet I was the one who had the power. That didn't make sense to me," she said in justifying her decision of leaving the educational area.

Since then Dorie has been involved in many different peace organisations – mostly working with fundraising and

administration. In her spare time, however, she has been doing nonviolence training.

In 1998 Dorie moved to Minden in Germany where she still lives with her partner Eric Bachman. But the couple are looking into the possibility of moving back to the US – for which there's also a reason.

"After 11 September things are getting worse in the US. There's a huge part of the population that is afraid and confused," she said in explaining why there's a greater need for her kind of work now than ever.

Also she said she missed the community activity which is so well rooted in the US compared to Germany. Because of the social security net in Germany people expect the Government always to take responsibility in changing things and therefore don't take any initiative on their own. Whereas in the US, where people so depend on one another, they take actions themselves and don't expect authority to step in.

Wishing for the cycle of violence to break
As to what wishes Dorie has for the future, she finds it fairly easy to define at a personal level. She said she'd like to see that her peace work has developed into something

greater, that it has had an impact on the areas she has been in

touch with and that it has helped in empowering people.

On a global level Dorie said she didn't have pictures at the end of the rainbow, but she has visions of the next steps.

"I can see from history that violence begets violence: World War II led to the war in the Balkans, and that again will probably lead to more violence in 20 years time," she said, adding that what she would like to see are examples where this kind of cycle has been broken. Places where people start saying "We won't carry this on, we want to apologise and move on."

What is an important part of Dorie's life today is that she turned to Buddhism 15 years ago.

"I've worked on interweave Buddhism in my personal and professional life for the last 10 years," she said. "It helps me have a perspective on situations. Maybe a little more compassion for other people – and for myself," Dorie added, smiling with eyes filled with peace and knowledge.



● **Please note:** If you are leaving DCU you **MUST** vacate your accommodation before 11am.

● Si deja su habitación mañana por favor recuerde que tiene que salir antes de las 11 de la mañana.

● Si vous partez ce matin, veuillez ne pas oublier de quitter votre chambre avant 11h.

Congatualtions

Just a short note to say how much I enjoyed my time spent at the WRI Conference yesterday.

Unfortunately I could stay only a short time due to working hours and the travel situation to and from the Midlands of Ireland. I was speaking to Dan about this when I dropped by in to your office at the DCU at around 2pm on Tuesday.

I attended the workshop

on gender and war in the Z room - it was excellent.

I have sent you 50 copies of a list of websites for many different international peace/antimilitarism organisations. Please put the bundle of handouts with your various information materials for distribution.

Thank you so much and congratulations to all on such a successful and vital conference.

June Kelly

Visit to ex-prisoners

A small group of people from the War Resisters' International conference travelled to Belfast on Wednesday, taking advantage of the afternoon break to cram some education on the conflict in Northern Ireland into less than five hours.

Members of the Puerto Rican Committee for Human Rights, Vietnam Veterans Against the War and War Resisters League (US) met with a variety of activists during the annual West Belfast festival.

Laurence McKeown, author of the recently published book *Out of Time: Irish Republican Prisoners Long Kesh 1972-2000*, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1977 and joined the hunger strike in the prison led by Bobby Sands in 1981. He spent 16 years in jail, and he spoke about the current

process of integrating ex-combatants back into community life.

McKeown described the formal and informal education that political prisoners gave each other within the prison, reading extensively on politics and economics, and acquiring professional skills. Another group, Coiste, is working for equal rights for ex-political prisoners and pushing for a British admission of the Dirty War they waged against civil rights activists. At mid-day, we had dinner at a centre focused on the preservation of Irish language, music and culture – and visited an exhibition of quilts prepared by the group Relatives For Justice. This group supports families who have had members killed in the conflicts.

We also met with former prisoner Joe Dougherty who works for another organisation lobbying for the rights of

ex-political prisoners. Dougherty was arrested for killing a British official, escaped from prison and fled to the United States, where he hid for a year before being captured. For nine years he fought British extradition, before finally being returned to Ireland to serve out the rest of his sentence.

Dougherty is working with youth in North Belfast, in a peace and reconciliation programme. From the murals to the meeting, however, there is still a sense of much to be done. As one put it: "There is still a sense of victimhood here, which must be addressed as part of the process."

Frida and Matt

Need a BAG?

Get a great unbleached cotton tote bag from the *Peace News* shop, located in the Business Studies Foyer. Stocks running low!
Just 2.40 euros

Faith crisis

Dear Aunty

Please help me – I don't know what to do!

I have gone to the interfaith centre and I cannot get out. Please will someone come and liberate me before I convert. I can't find the fire exit, conversion is approaching fast and there are too many religions to choose from!!

Alouitious Beedy

Aunty responds: Islam is your best bet.

Change in desire

Dear Aunty

Solve my problem.

From conception I have been a hardcore militant anarchist feminist lesbian – resisting the patriarchy will every bone in my body.

However I think I have fallen in love with at least six men while I have been at the triennial. They are all so masculine and conform to every male stereotype imaginable.

I know it is wrong, but I don't know what to do.

Please help me

Millie Tant

Aunty responds: Just shag one of them and get it out of your system.

Where's my Kit-Kat?

Dear Aunty

I am unhappy at the probability of getting a Kit-Kat in my lunch bag. Is there any way I can improve my chances?

Devil's Gourd

Aunty responds: Steal someone else's.

Evict them now!

Dear Aunty

Someone barged into my room on Monday – and they still haven't left!

In fact they have been using my clean towels and cutlery, chatting to the cleaning staff, lounging around and generally making themselves quite at home.

I don't want to be mean and evict them. What should I do?

Guilty liberal

Aunty responds: Fill a bucket of water, place it on top of any one of the four doors in your room: hide, wait, and laugh!

Dodgy geezers

Dear Aunty

I have been unable to come up with discussion topics to approach pretty female volunteers. If anyone knows of any good ways to approach them, please let me know.

Middle-aged man

Aunty responds: Give up, you sad bastard!

They're all gay!

Dear Aunty

Do you know if there are any heterosexual COs anywhere in the world. All the ones I meet seem to be either militantly queer or hopelessly ineffectual.

Barbie Girl

Aunty responds: Get gender confused yourself and hook up with one of them.

Doh!

Dear Aunty

I think everyone in my theme group is very stupid. Please will someone intelligent come and rescue me.

We meet in Room X.

Brainy Git

Aunty responds: Be patient. Help is on its way!

Language of lurve

Dear Aunty

I have fallen in love with one of the interpreters, but I don't know what language I should try to seduce them in. Any suggestions?

Horny

Aunty responds: Who cares about language! Get them drunk – it's quicker!

Weather report

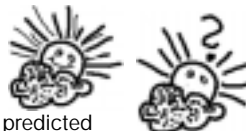
● Friday

Partly cloudy, with a temperature high of only 288 K. The humidity levels are expected to stay high, so an umbrella won't do much good. Grass greenness: we predict that the grass will stay very green due to the climatic conditions at

this time of the year.

● Weekend

Scattered clouds and chance of rain later on this weekend. The temperatures high will be between 288-290 K. Local Area Network weather will steadily improve, with only scattered router broadcasts



predicted throughout the weekend. Indoor temperatures are expected to sink slowly as Windows crash.