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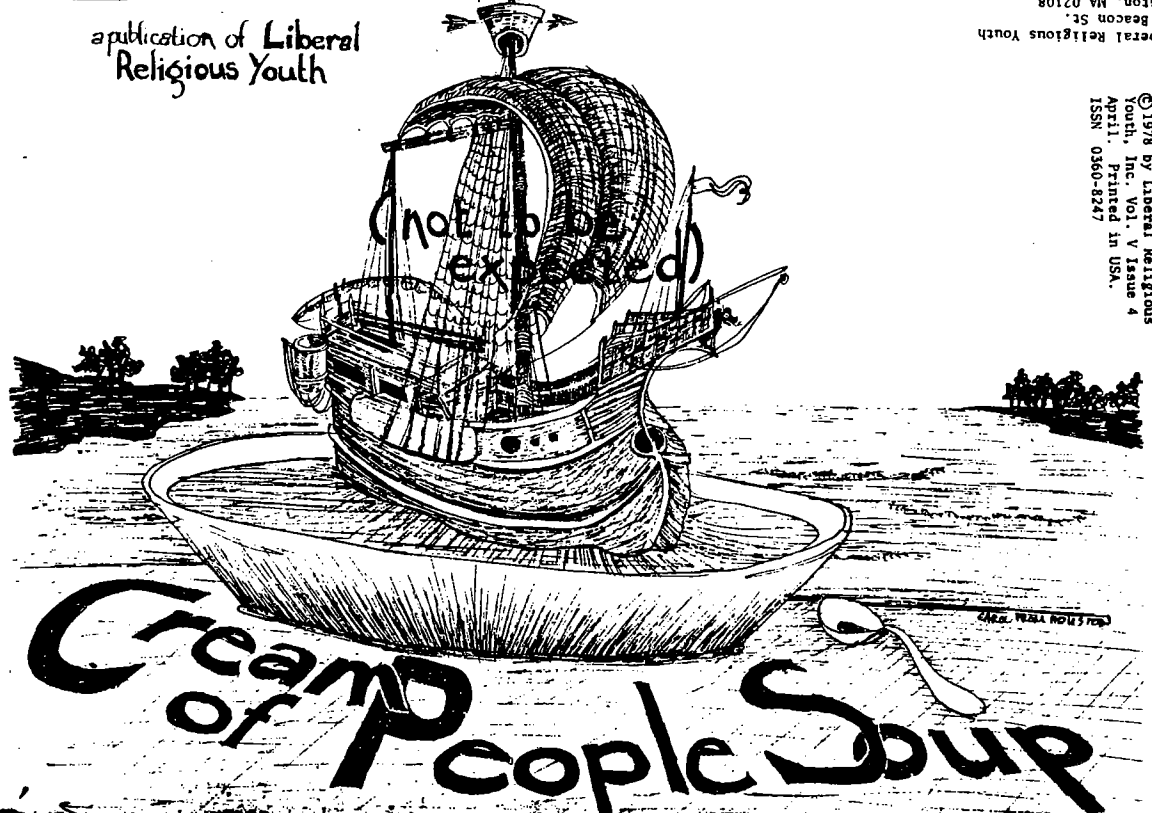
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## BOMBS AWAY by Moira Doyle

(written from the viewpoint of a U.S. citizen)

On February 15-17, over fifty concerned young people, mostly LK'ers, got together to attend a seminar on nuclear disarmament. The two-day conference was held in New York City and was sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist-United Nations office. Bob Brown, the office director; Joel Schofield, UU minister; and Osano Kenyariri, conference planner; organized the event. Their hard work helped all who attended become more aware of the vital threat that the nuclear arms race poses on our lives. Through a series of speakers, films, and discussion groups, our consciousness was raised on this issue. It made me more aware that powers beyond my control could determine my fate.

The U.S. government will spend up to 116.4 billion dollars from October 1st, 1977-September 30, 1978 on the military. The world now spends over 350 billion dollars a year on arms. All nations combined spend more on the military than on education! The U.S. spends three times the amount of money for arms than on health care. The U.S. will borrow fourteen billion this year to pay for the defense departments's deficit. We will pay forty-one billion dollars in interest this year due to borrowing in the past for more military purchases and operations. The money spent on one trident submarine could send sixteen million people to school.

There are over twenty five countries who spend over a billion dollars a year on arms. The U.S. government will send some ten billion dollars of arms abroad to Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and other countries, and has given over ten billion dollars worth of non-nuclear arms to third world countries.

The amount of stockpiled nuclear weapons in this country is equivalent to three hundred cartons (fifteen tons) of TNT per person. Imagine having your and your family's amount of TNT in your backyard. Even though it isn't in your backyard, it exists as a threat.

The global nuclear arsenal now includes over twelve thousand strategic weapons (those designed to hit the U.S.S.R. from the U.S. and vice versa), and twenty two thousand tactical weapons, for use at relatively close

range. Seven thousand of these tactical weapons belong to the U.S. and are located in countries throughout western Europe. Most of these weapons have an explosive power of twenty megatons, with the capacity to destroy an area one hundred times larger than the original nuclear bomb. Scientists now feel there are more than enough nuclear weapons to bring about the total destruction of the earth.

The U.S. and the U.S.S.R. have at least sixty times as many strategic weapons as they need for defense purposes. Each nuclear reactor produces enough material to build a weapon per week, with the capacity to kill ten times more people than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. We now have less control over nuclear weapons than before, because of the advanced technology of being able to detonate a bomb without actually having possession of it.

There are now five nuclear weapon states (countries which spend over a billion dollars a year on nuclear weapons), a sixth country with an atomic bomb (India) and two countries which may have the bomb but won't admit it (South Africa and Israel). There are thirty-seven more countries which can be considered "near nuclear" because they have sufficient technological experience to develop nuclear weapons in a short period of time. Countries which might go nuclear in the near future are those in the Middle East. Pakistan fears neighboring India which has a bomb. South Korea is in constant fear of North Korea. Yugoslavia is threatened by the U.S.S.R. and South Africa is worried about their new neighbors. With all of these countries having a bomb, the likelihood of local nuclear war increases. I find it very ironic that in most of these countries the needs of the citizens are not being met.

Along with the threat of our own and other countries having nuclear arms, we must also consider the threat of these weapons getting into the wrong hands. Basic chemistry courses teach the technology needed to make a nuclear bomb. With the availability of missile material, the opportunity of terrorist and crime organizations obtaining these materials grows. Safe guards against these materials can never be effective enough to stop

groups who really want them. When individuals in small groups are able to obtain and make nuclear weapons, I think it's time we took a long look at our viewpoint as to whether or not we want to live in a world where our lives are constantly threatened by nuclear arms.

So how does the arms race affect you? Every time nuclear weapons are made the economy becomes less secure and inflation rises. This is because arms, unlike other goods, do not contribute to the economy. When a car is produced it is purchased and sold again, thus both the economy and the producer benefit. The car can then be sold again, benefitting the over all economy. When arms are built they go nowhere, usually left to rust and become obsolete. Sometimes they are used to kill people. Money used to build arms is inflationary money.

Not only does the production of nuclear weapons hurt the economy, but it raises the price of scarce resources used in their production. Because the arms industry is a highly skilled industry it employs relatively few people per dollar, whereas money spent on other needs would create more employment per dollar spent. Ninety percent of all weapon development and production is centered in five major industries: aircraft, missiles, communications and electronics, ordnance, and ship building. In 1976, twenty-five companies received over fifty percent of all the valued contracts from the Department of Defense. Five percent of the total work force is engaged in military work. America's defense work absorbs over one-half of the scientific engineering talent in the country.

Nuclear build-ups occur when a mood develops to scare one country into preparing for war. If one country has nuclear arms, is it surprising that they all do? It's a form of defense that is made secure by the rationale that everyone has one. The security is false. If one nuclear bomb can level a country, killing everything, how can 22,000 be in any way secure or safe? All these stockpiles of weapons waiting around is an invitation to global nuclear war, not only between the U.S.

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Sweet, sweet sighing Sue, send  
me a postcard, drop me a line, tell  
me true darling, you'll always be  
mine. True Blue Thomas

True Blue, you are the heart-  
throb of my life. Even when I  
want to kick you, I do it with a  
hug. Cua visit, bro! - Sue

Attention Narwood luners of  
1970-72: there is a reunion in the  
planning for late August '78. We  
need current addresses so we can  
send you info. Please contact:  
Denise Hartsough  
708 Interdrive, Apt. 3-s  
University City, MD 63130  
314-726-0293 OR  
Mary Cole  
37220 N. Light Mile  
Farmington, MI 48024  
313-477-1637

To all our friends, roaming and  
undivided co-conspirators: Announ-  
cing the birth of the Last Squad  
Patrol. We live on a 50 foot Alden  
Ketch down here in the Sunny South.  
Correspondence and/or visitors wel-  
come. Prior notice appreciated.  
Twilly Cannon, Tor Smith, Vegetable  
Jersey Jeff Lee. c/o Ketch Mond-  
civitali, River Bend Marina, S.W.  
20th St. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316  
messages can be left by calling  
River Bend

My apologies to everyone for the lack  
of information on the nuclear proliferation  
situation in Canada, and the general lack of  
information on social actions in Canada in  
the Soup altogether. I am trying to remedy  
this; I have sent out letters to groups and  
individuals trying to find info on what's  
happening with our Canadian brothers and  
sisters (but I haven't gotten anything back  
yet). Any help on this would be much appre-  
ciated.

In the spirit,  
hint, hint  
25 Beacon St.  
Boston, MA 02108

### NEEDED FOR ONE YEAR:

four LRYers who are (or want to be) competent  
and/or experienced in the areas of leadership,  
local groups, conference planning, program  
planning, denominational communications, fi-  
nances, social actions, disciplining oneself,  
being creative, living in Boston area, com-  
mitment to LRY, and just good old manual la-  
bor. You must be under 20 years of age.  
All those interested may write or call:  
LRY  
25 Beacon St.  
Boston, Mass. 02108  
and come to summer Boards in Texas. Only the  
committed need apply. More information will  
be served in coming issues of People Soup.

Anabel Red, let's get together  
with Grandma and Fred and let me  
wave to people on the Swan boats.  
SOON! All my love, Karen

Arnie - It was  
nice fooling  
around. New  
year's was  
great even without you and the dinner was too.  
Love, Luzzes

Dear People Soup people, soupers...  
First I couldn't believe I was going,  
now I can't believe I'm here! My  
house is about a 5 min. walk from  
the famous Heidelberg Castel. Terry,  
Pam, and Jack - you people mean the  
most to me-keep in touch. To every-  
one else, keep in touch too, any-  
ties with the "old country" will be  
much appreciated. My address is:  
Val Stapel  
c/o Hilli Jager  
Klingenteich Strasse 9  
69 Heidelberg  
West Germany  
phone no: 06221/13137

To the future Executive Stage Man-  
ager of the NY Philharmonic-spring  
is in the air and my thumb. Shall be  
in the air soon also. I hope my  
thumb winds up in Albany soon...  
Love and crayons,  
Rickety Rick

Hi! I'm Didiek Sabudi, born and  
raised in Indonesia. I'm an open-  
minded 18 year old and would love to  
share thoughts, ideas, feelings, and  
knowledge with others; for example I  
have lived in Bali, I know alot of  
interesting things about the ancient  
culture of Bali and Java-inside  
things. Anywa, what I would really  
like to have is a pen pal: tell me  
about your youth group, your friends,  
your life and I'll share what you  
think about me and my life. Want interest-  
ing correspondence? Please write!  
Didiek Sabudi  
Jalan Let. Da. Kinda No 9  
Kayumas, Denpasar,  
Bali, INDONESIA

Well-where I am in Germany!  
To everybody I didn't get to say  
good-bye to: "Auf Wiedersehen"  
Please write-you will get a letter!  
See you in a year & I Love,  
Val Mental  
c/o Peters  
Fosanenweg 10  
6903 Neckargemund  
Dilsberg, W. Germany

## FEDS UPS AND DOWNS

JAF - Plans to get JAF back together are  
underway. Ridgewood LRY is having a con-  
ference April 28-30 on "Fanfare for the  
Common Person". For more info write -  
Jay Ten Hove, 79 Park Slope, Ridgewood,  
N.J. 02450 or Wizard, 131 Oak St., Ridge-  
wood N.J. 02450.

NSF - needs more energy and people. The  
people who have been taking care of this  
fed are very busy and becoming caffeine  
addicts. There will be a L.T.C. confer-  
ence in late April. More info will come  
later.

Godarful - Big conference time in  
Godarful with "Harmony" being planned  
for April 28-30 in/at South Hill. It's  
election time so COME!!

MAF - The Rock Tavern local is alive and  
well (supposedly) in Rock Tavern, N.Y..  
Unfortunately, not much can be said for  
the rest of MAF. Come on people, get with  
it!

GNAF - is hoping to hold Triangle at  
Springtree Community but needs help with  
publicity and workshops. But things are  
going well at GNAF, though closed in by  
society and wanting a little more country.  
Come visit us in the garden, we'll be  
waiting.

NVE - is doing fabulously, but we can't  
seem to find it...Anybody got a snowshovel?  
Next cosmic conference will be in Cedar  
Rapids, Iowa, second weekend in May.

Arnie's friend, we got to  
get together first your address and  
write Lizzie Feig 58 Seny Dr.  
Bernardsville, N.J. 07924

Hey you Lippies in  
Huntsville get ready  
cause I'm certain  
home soon. Aden



Gary Lillis - Let's hear from you  
Love, Lizzie  
Sarah, my wild woman I love you!  
Karen

Holly Sides and Brad Spoth: What  
has happened to you? Are you still  
alive? RSVP. Love, Karen Lee

Aldo, don't let it get you down.  
Linstein flunked high school algebra  
and look where he ended up. I won't  
promise you roses, but you can camp  
out on my floor any ole time. Only  
we NEVER have whole milk. But love  
prevails, usually. Susu

J.R., the grass is always bluer  
on the other side (other being Ft.  
Lauderdale). Much more love than is  
devent (or legal for that matter).  
Tor

Hey Barbara, how's life in the  
big city? Did you ever get the X-  
mas card I sent you? Anyways, I  
have some really good pictures of  
you from con-con. Remember Patsy  
and I (bow, kneecap, nose) bridge.  
I have a really cute one of you  
if you want a copy, let me know. I  
miss you, love too. Pam

help they have chained to the typing  
table until the soup is done this fall  
Carolyne, you never even called,  
I'm heartbroken. Going to the  
Parlin Rose tomorrow but it won't  
seer. right without you. Write me!  
Susan

MASK: I miss you so much...why  
don't cha come back to the Villa  
and stay a while? Chocolate Chip  
cookies and Fernwood Forever...Abe

Hah!, what's the matter? first  
chocolate chip cookies and now lic-  
orice. I can't eat licorice. Don't  
you like me anymore? Come visit!  
Sue Blue

Rosie Ruthford  
Only hologna with no edges? (we  
still think you're Darktanyon)  
love to the little  
gear head  
The MVI Marble Star  
Club

To GWIA-(including Ronal)- I  
miss those B-zar Sunday nights at  
J.R.'s with you. Are you meeting at  
Godfather's now? Send me a pizza.  
Wanda: How's UNI? All of you write  
Eric Swigle  
8511 Hillford Ct.  
Springfield, VA22152  
P.S. pink and green

Dear Lisa (alias: Lizbeth) Stal-  
lard, it's no use tryin. Give up.  
Please write, brother.  
Millian T. Mountain  
Route 11, Box 301  
Harper's Ferry, W.VA. 25425  
or call 301-834-9182  
Piss: Is Wisconsin still clpse to  
haine? Ken & Kevin

ATLANTA LRY LOCAL STOP EMERGENCY  
PLEASE SEND CRITS STOP A STARVING  
IACO STOP  
Dear People, I'm beginning to  
miss human company. PLEASE WRITE OR  
VISIT me. Barb Moyers, Brake Hill  
Rd. Albany, N.H.  
Nora, my dear, I was almost a  
neighbor of yours. But now (sigh)  
(giggle) not even free hrie could  
bring me there. SO WRITE: Rife is  
Luff.

Paul Woodiel, you sexy thimp...

you desperately need info from  
Vigster lines. You know what I mean?  
nudge nudge wink wink

don't I know you from somewhere?  
Weren't you at free fed?  
Are you ticklish? (pretend you don't  
Are you ticklish there? know me)  
humm... I lost my sleeping bag.  
Are you sleeping there?  
No, you can sleep there, I'm sleep-  
ing with John tonight  
for those who care, and know  
what I mean (???) I loved all our  
escapades... KQZ, MKL, Mark ar-  
thony, Julie, Duke, etc. GOOD will  
triumph over FVIL..... BSJS

WA & PA, Write me soon, address  
in this ish. Sent cheques postcard  
but addressed it to 515 instead of  
518. Tor

Moira, are you allergic to  
Boards? We'll meet again someday.  
Until then, Pink Chahlis and braces  
to us all. Love Gretchen

J.N.R. You, bluegrazz, and Jack  
Daniels go together like , like  
you, bluegrazz, and J.D.  
a secret admirer

Hey, you all! I'm an isolated  
16 year old Mexican Unitarian boy.  
Does anybody know LRYers living in  
Mexico? Who would just like to  
write to me? Love, Jaime Lvarista  
M. Gonzalo Curiel 94, Col. Independen-  
dencia, Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico

In the Spirituality issue of the  
Soup, on pages 8 & 10, we printed  
drawings by this good buddy of Keith  
Larson's, Matt John (I think drew the ban-  
jo and the elevated listener) His  
name wasn't put on his work, but  
thanks to Keith we can give credit  
where credit is due!  
Thanks Keith and Matt at Mars Hotel  
The Editors...

Where have all the NSFers gone? When  
I got to Mpls. so few people I used  
to know are there, or maybe you have  
moved. I would be so happy to hear  
from you folks again. Write!  
Melissa Barnes  
St. Olaf College  
Northfield, Mn. 55057

To female arm wrestling champ of  
NSF-73 at Rochester, Mn. If you're  
out there, I'd like to hear from you  
again, also any other old time NSF'r's  
please write;  
Paul Riemerman  
1011 St. Clair Ave  
St. Paul, Mn. 55105

Steve H. in Manhattan-Up  
against the wall, Redneck Mothers!

Larry S. in Cedarfalls - That's  
it, you win 70 Whoopie stickers  
and a Popus button.

White Bengal Tiger,  
There's a girl  
She's looking for love  
She has love inside  
But it comes out in tears  
Love Little girl

Rotimbus McGimbus Kersting,  
carpentry eh? Old school, eh?  
Write and tell me about it. Bet-  
ter still, come down to the boat,  
I Henry.

Anyone wishing to make my life  
a little more interesting could  
help me out. I live in a small  
town where nothing ever happens.  
I love to travel and write soups,  
and meet different people. If  
anyone, I mean anyone, needs a  
friend, please write. I promise  
to answer all letters received.  
Pat Schneider  
381 S. Worcester St.  
Norton, MA. 02766  
I love you all.



Dear People Soup,

Before I present my problem to you, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me People Soup. I have really enjoyed your paper: it makes me feel closer to LRY as well as being well-done and informative.

The school that I go to has 4,000 students in it. It takes exactly five minutes to get from one end of the school to the other: our passing periods are exactly five minutes long. If a student is thirty seconds late for a class, she/he gets a ninth period (there are eight periods in a normal day). If the student fails to report to the ninth, she/he receives two more. If they fail to report to those, they get a three day suspension.

If a student is absent from school 18 days or more during the year, they flunk, regardless of their grades, unless they have a note from their doctor, in which case they get a waiver. If a student is tardy, even if only for five minutes, she/he is required to bring a note from home and stay a ninth. If a student is tardy three times to a class, it is counted as one absence.

Students are not permitted to wear their coats unless it's at lunch. If they have a valid reason for this rule, it has never been told to the student body. We are not permitted to go outside unless it is our lunch-shift. When warm weather comes, members of the R.O.T.C. are stationed at the doors to make sure no one leaves. R.O.T.C. members are also used to check the lockers of suspicious looking types, and to guard fire alarms. I can understand why they'd want to guard the alarms.

Every Monday we listen to a member of the R.O.T.C. or the assistant principal recite the Pledge of Allegiance and a historical quote (out of context and by worthy revolutionaries like Tom Paine and Ben Franklin) which don't mean a thing to 8,000 ears. Then we stand through a dramatic recording of the "Star Spangled Banner." It is required that everyone remain inactive during this ceremony.

Now that I have given you a basic idea of the discipline imposed on the 13-18 year olds at my school, I ask, is it repression or is it the right way for a school to be run? It all seems to contradict human nature. I even wonder if it's all constitutional. And what's worse, I'm not sure if the other students are aware of their rights. I hate the feeling of always having to be accounted for, and I know other people do too. After 3 1/2 years at New Bedford High, I'm at the point where I truly want to rebel against the system, for I feel that my school doesn't cover the needs of adolescents, but merely tries to make the individual conform to the institution. I feel the school system must change, but to what? In

what ways can our educational institutions be improved? I wish all the people who share my feelings that the schools are repressive could get together and find a viable alternative. I desperately need to talk to people about this issue because the kids at my school are apathetic. Even the other members of the senior class play the game. It really depresses me to see so many people controlled by a few power hungry adults who think that they are educators, but act like cops.

The school committee in my city is run by a couple of politicians who have a lot of political clout. Recently, the school committee voted on the attendance issue. The question was: Should the waiver system be abolished? A few liberal-minded people on the committee voted against the attendance rule; they felt it was unconstitutional. These people won by a slim margin and word got out to the students that the rule had been abolished. We also got word that it had been imposed on us illegally in the first place; the rule had never been sent to the state. Then something happened, the school committee took an odd little turn, and decided to enforce

the rule after all, and send it to the state to be made legal. This rule states that, out of 180 days in the school year, the student must be present 162 days or they don't get credit for any of the classes. It will be imposed second semester, since it wasn't valid first semester as it was never sent to the state. The rule has been in effect since 1975. At this point, I feel it is the students duty to stick up for their rights. Since many people seem to think that our opinion doesn't count, and the student congress is made up of people who never miss a day of school, the student body should protest, for the majority despise the rule. We should make our opinion count. I also feel that the students should be made aware of the corruption which exists in the school committee. But how can I, one individual, psyche up a bunch of stoned-out apathetic teenagers? A lot of these kids care deep down inside and I would like to bring out their concern.

Therefore, I am appealing to those individuals whose minds I respect and love the most; those of LRY. The spirit hasn't died in us as it has in so many others. I need feedback and advice on this issue which is constantly hanging over me. The institutions which influence the minds of young people have got to change for the better.

Any response to this letter, negative or otherwise, is welcome. Send it to People Soup and I'll look out for feedback. Please, let me hear your opinions.

Love,  
Jennifer Nicolet

Hi!

If there is somebody there who would like to spend a summer in Montana, let me know. I have 120 acres of land around my house. Whoever comes will have to have a tent, teepee, or camper, their own transportation, and feed themselves. I cannot give board and room. I hope someday to do better on my small bicycle camp. I now have an overhead(open) shelter, tables and benches, big open fire pot, an outside john, and a creek near by. The lake is within walking distance for swimming.

If you get here early enough, I have garden space to share. There is hiking, hunting, fishing, etc. My home lies within the confines of Flathead National Forest and is well located. It is just a little over an hours drive (by car) to Glacier National Park, the Bison Range, Wildhorse Island, etc. If there is a footloose young person (or older) who would like to come I would welcome any help on improving my bicycle camp. I have bought a second-hand sink--could use some muscle to help me get it in (after all, I'm a young, 69).

Good luck and love to all.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Howard Martin  
Swan Lake, Montana 59911

Dear People Soup:

About a whole issue of People Soup devoted to sexism-I object!

A few years ago in my junior high school, in that mythical city of Los Angeles, we suddenly had 200 kids being bussed in from Watts. School integration was a new thing.

For some time, these Watts kids moved through our (once) all-white school basically unnoticed. What I mean is, no parents objected. Nobody avoided making friends with a fellow student because of his or her race.

Then one day, a politically-minded girl decided to start a Student Forum every Thursday about racial problems. With the best of intentions, it was thrust upon us that-WE WERE DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER. Without any real violence starting, a lot of unrest was born, and a lot of wariness of each other.

Before this, we were all proof of people co-existing happily. But problems of isms-racism, sexism, et cetera, cannot be overcome by pushing them into the limelight, in my opinion. After the basic laws and rules are made, and the framework laid, we can only gradually change our viewpoints by time and acceptance.

About sexism in general- now boys and girls are free to be...whatever. This is the framework. Force the issue and the pioneers of the whole thing are looked at as oddities, no matter how great their number. Simply let it happen and help it by your own lifestyle and it will be self-perpetuating.

Be an individual, and raise your future children to be themselves, and GENTLY foster it in those you contact. And who knows?

Patti Rodman  
Tujunga, California

People Soup: Deadlines and Themes

Sexism-Deadline: May 16th  
Creative Contributions-Deadline: June 1st  
Creme on Ecology-Deadline: July 20

All contributions on any themes are welcome, encouraged, and appreciated at any time. Please take note of our deadlines so we can serve you a thick, hot Soup.

Thanks,  
Shell  
The Editor

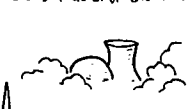
### OUR FRIEND THE NUKE

IN THE PAST, PERSONS WERE FORCED TO RELY ON NATURAL SOURCES OF ENERGY



WOOD PROVIDED FEW OF PRESENT-DAY CONFORTS.

BUT TODAY THINKERS ARE DIFFERENT, BECAUSE THE U.S. GOVT. GRANTE A NUCLEAR REACTORS ARE SPRINGING UP ALL OVER!



UNDISTURBED THE ECO-SYSTEM CARRIES ON.

### one's crazy outlook

AND TOMORROW I WILL IF THINGS GO AS PLANNED, BEFORE LONG NUCLEAR POWER AND ITS EFFECTS WILL REACH EVERYONE ACROSS THE GLOBE!



SK



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and the U.S.S.R., but also between smaller nations and third world countries. With no limitations on arms this becomes a real and vital threat to our existence. As the number of weapons increases, so does the problem of keeping them ready for quick response to "enemy moves" and at the same time trying to avoid using them without adequate cause. With the increased surplus of weapons the chances of war by miscalculation or accident increase.

The two super powers are setting a poor example for other countries by increasing their surplus of weapons. Such stockpiles only threaten other nations into developing or obtaining arms for their protection. As more people in these countries try to increase their standard of living they will need more resources. These resources are finite and will soon run out. The decrease of natural resources increases the possibilities of local war for basic needs. If every third world country is equipped with a bomb, the chances of anyone surviving is minimal. If one of the superpowers would show restraint in producing arms, it might give hope to the third world that a "universal superpower" is not inevitable. If the money used for weapons is allocated into more programs aimed at the needs of the people, the social and economic conditions of the world could improve.

The U.S. government spends one dollar for disarmament for every ten thousand spent on nuclear arms. There is no single person in the arms control agency or in the whole government working on a radical arms control and disarmament plan; it's obvious how the U.S. government really feels about arms limit



Professor David Booltjens, from the New York School of Social Research, speaking to the UU-U Youth Seminar about disarmament.

ations. The Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT) have done little so far to stop the production of arms. The interim agreement of May 1972 keeps the number of strategic ballistic missiles at existing levels for the next five years, leaving open the question of strategic bombers, multiple war heads for ballistic missiles, and U.S. "forward based" systems in Europe and the Mediterranean. The Vladivostok Accord of November 1974 raised the ceiling on numbers of strategic missiles and bombers even higher. They failed to limit strategic cruise missiles and allowed the military on both sides to build more atomic bombs than either side had previously planned. These talks have been complicated now by the development of new weapons on both sides. SALT has acted as more of an accelerator than a break on the nuclear arms race. In the past Nixon/Ford administration, full funding for military was accompanied by major cut-backs in vital social programs.

According to a recent poll, American citizens do not support increased spending in the military. Public support increased the government spending for fifteen major domestic programs affecting education, health, environment, transportation, and general social welfare. So, if most Americans do not support military funding, then why are fifty-six percent of the expenditures controlled by Congress allocated to the military? Because the American people are not making themselves heard.

A poll taken by "Fortune" (an American magazine) of U.S. business executives shows their attitude about nuclear war. Eight percent thought that nuclear weapons would be used in a low level war, sometime in the next twenty years. Four percent thought that there would be substantial nuclear exchange. In the United States, there is a period of relative public confidence that nuclear war is not imminent. This, in my mind, is catastrophic in itself, for it means that people are losing touch with how devastating nuclear war can be. It will be absolute total destruction if it happens. No one will benefit.

When a few isolated people have access to nuclear weapons with no restrictions, then the whole world is threatened. It contributes to a global aristocracy in which whoever has the most weapons has power. This whole situation is in direct conflict with the democratic principles that the constitution of the United States is based on. Not only are U.S. citizens deprived of their democratic rights, but they have lost their rights to exist as human beings without the constant threat of destruction held over them. It's a very real threat that does exist and only you can change it.

Now comes the question, "How?". How do we stop it, where do we start? When everyone becomes aware of this death threat, that is when action can start to take place. There can only be social change when people in the society believe and move together. You can start very easily, by reading this, and showing it to your friends. Bring nuclear disarmament into every conversation you have. When you get tired of that, get some friends together, in your church or local group, and discuss with them your ideas about the nuclear arms race. The basic thing is to keep informed. Write to disarmament working groups asking for information and materials on the subject. Spread it around. Write letters to the editors of various newspapers, the President, and your Congressperson. Let them know how you feel about the issue. There is a newly formed L.R.V. Coalition against Nuclear Proliferation. Join it! (write to 25 Beacon St. for details) Whatever you do to raise support against the arms race, do it NOW! Immediate action is imperative. Time is running out-everyday there is another nuclear weapon being made. Groups that can help...

## BUDGET REPORT

SUSAN BUIS, FINANCE DIRECTOR

item	budgeted for 1977-1978	spent as of 3/1/78	remaining in budget
<b>Executive Committee</b>			
rent	13,989.00	7,935.89	6,053.11
utilities	3,984.00	1,992.00	1,992.00
house	1,500.00	1,395.70	104.30
food	300.00	220.00	80.00
phone	2,400.00	1,260.00	1,140.00
transportation	780.00	597.79	182.21
stipends	1,200.00	445.40	754.60
	3,825.00	2,025.00	1,800.00
<b>Office</b>	2,200.00	1,752.00	447.15
phone	1,000.00	816.39	183.61
supplies	600.00	362.14	237.86
postage	1,500.00	537.56	-37.56
misc.	100.00	36.78	63.24
<b>Board of Directors</b>			
communications	4,600.00	3,785.08	814.92
annual meeting	100.00	29.83	70.17
winter meeting	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	2,000.00	3,755.25	-1,755.25
<b>Programs</b>	7,950.00	2,711.61	5,238.92
People Soup	4,500.00	1,706.21	2,793.79
extension	1,150.00	443.93	706.07
lending library	600.00	0.00	600.00
resource library	400.00	125.97	274.03
program packets	500.00	144.00	356.00
General Assembly	500.00	0.00	500.00
affiliations & sub.	200.00	215.50	-15.50
misc.	100.00	76.00	24.00
<b>totals</b>	<b>28,739.00</b>	<b>16,185.43</b>	<b>12,553.57</b>

March 1st is the halfway point of LRY's fiscal year, which means that it's time for a finance report from your friendly neighborhood LRY treasurer. Below is one such report. The first column shows how much money we have for the year 1977-78 and what the LRY Board of Directors allotted it to. It is broken down into budget areas. The second column shows approximately how much has been spent in each area as of March 1st. The amount remaining in the budget to be spent is shown in the third column. In some budget areas we have spent over and in some we haven't spent any thing, but we still have six months to go.

Hmm, what needs explaining? We pay \$332.00 a month for our four bedroom apt. We have almost used up our utilities allotment. We keep our thermostat at 60°, don't use the dishwasher, and keep the house in semi-darkness to save on electricity but it looks like we'll have to turn the heat off early anyway. New England winters! We each have \$10.00 a week to eat for 48 weeks. The phone money gives each of us \$10.00 a month for long-distance calls, helps keep our sanity. Transportation means to and from Boston at the beginning and end of the year. We (when I say we I mean us four executive committee members) each make \$75.00 a month as stipend. The

office expenses seem fairly self-explanatory. We went way over on the winter Board of Directors meeting. We had to fly a lot of people in so that they wouldn't miss Christmas or school. Also, we had more people at this Board meeting than we have had in quite awhile. But it means that we'll all have to walk to the summer Board meeting. \$1,000.00 of the extension money is a special allotment from the Continental Youth/Adult Committee. We are using the money to do outreach work, developing and printing the leadership packet, a little fieldtripping, etc.

There is reason to be concerned about the financial situation y'all. We have spent \$16,185.43, which leaves us \$12,553.57. But we're only halfway through the year. We don't feel like we've made many unnecessary expenditures. We have written a lot of letters, sent out a lot of packets and mailings, and attended a lot of meetings, trying to strengthen communications within LRY and between LRY and the rest of the denomination. This is a call for help to all LRYers. LRY needs your time, energy, and money. LRY is YOUR organization. You are the ones who will make LRY or break it.

Well, if anyone has any questions, suggestions or constructive criticism concerning LRY's finances, just let me know.

Love & energy,  
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