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Peace Education, Inc.

October 6, 1988

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On Sunday, November 20, Tony and Judy Lowe will open their home in Westport for a reception to benefit the work of Peace Education, Inc. You are invited to be a Sponsor of this event to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lowe's home on High Point Road.

Adrian W. DeWind, Chair of the Natural Resources Defense Council, will be the guest speaker for the reception. Mr. DeWind was a principal negotiator of the agreement between the NRDC and the Soviet Academy of Sciences to establish seismic monitoring stations near the Soviet and U.S. nuclear test sites. The project is gathering important information about the possibility of verifying a comprehensive test ban between the United States and the Soviet Union. Mr. DeWind is also a director of the National Lawyers' Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control and the Chair of Americas Watch, a group working for human rights.

The work of Peace Education, Inc. -- the education fund of the Connecticut Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign -- is especially important in this election year and during the new administration, no matter who is elected our next President. Important steps have been made in reaching an agreement to eliminate the entire class of intermediate-range nuclear weapons, and in reducing tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The new administration will need public support and encouragement to conclude more important agreements in arms control, including a test ban and a halt to the development of new, faster, more dangerous nuclear systems.

Mr. DeWind will give a unique perspective on the prospects for arms control and the direction of U.S. foreign policy following the election. Your leadership gift as a Sponsor or Friend will encourage others in the community to join in the effort to bring the arms race to an end. Thank you for your interest in this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Pamela Adams

Pamela Adams
Chair, Board of Directors

The non-profit, education fund of the
CONNECTICUT FREEZE CAMPAIGN

55 Van Dyke Ave., Hartford, Ct. 06106 (203) 522-7661

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August 2, 1988
19 Av 5748

Ms. Patricia Wass
Development Director
Connecticut Freeze Campaign
55 Van Dyke Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Pat:

Thank you for the gracious invitation to participate in a reception for the benefit of Peace Education, Inc. and the Free Voter Education Fund to be held at the home of Ann Scoville. I am certain it will be a very beautiful and successful event.

Unfortunately, responsibilities for the UAHC preclude my presence on Sunday afternoon. That is the date of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and, as you can appreciate, it is simply not possible for me to absent myself from this critical session.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Peace Education, Inc.

July 28, 1988

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On Sunday afternoon, September 18, Ann Scoville and her family will open their home in Taconic, Connecticut for a reception to benefit Peace Education, Inc. and the Freeze Voter Education Fund. As a member of Peace Education's Advisory Board, you are invited to be listed as an honorary Sponsor of this special event to be held at Hill House on the 18th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Richard Barnet, Co-Founder and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington DC, will be the guest speaker for the reception. Barnet served in the State Department and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency during the Kennedy Administration. His articles on foreign policy and defense issues appear frequently in the New Yorker and he is the author of several books, including Real Security: Restoring American Power in a Dangerous Decade, and Roots of War.

The work of Peace Education, Inc. and the Freeze Voter Education Fund -- a national organization that trains and mobilizes citizens to become involved in elections -- is especially important in this election year. Important steps have been made in reducing US-Soviet tensions and in reaching the INF agreement to eliminate a class of nuclear weapons, but the challenge of halting the nuclear arms race and defining "real security" in the nuclear age remains.

We appreciate your participation as a member of our Advisory Board. Your sponsorship of this event is an encouragement to others to join in the effort to bring the arms race to an end. Thank you for your continuing interest in this important issue and in our efforts to keep it in the public eye.

Sincerely,



Patricia Wass
Development Director

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CONNECTICUT FREEZE CAMPAIGN

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RESPONSE

— Yes, I/we would like to be a Sponsor of the reception
at Hill House on September 18.

The names of Sponsors will be listed on the
invitation to the reception.

NAME(s) _____
(as it should appear on the invitation)
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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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Tax-deductible gifts may be made payable to "Scoville
Reception." Proceeds will support Peace Education,
Inc. and the National Freeze Voter Education Fund.

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March 31, 1988
13 Nisan 5748

Coordinating Committee
Choose Peace
715 Eighth Street, SE
Suite 100
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

It distresses me to respond to your gracious invitation negatively, but I simply have no other choice. My calendar is already booked quite heavily for December 1988 and January-February 1989. Thus, I cannot accept your kind invitation to keynote the CHOOSE PEACE Retreat next January.

I hope you do not construe this as a lack of interest in the critical work you are doing. I am deeply concerned and do regret that I have been unable to attend any of your conferences. I trust you can understand and appreciate the many demands made upon me by the members/congregations of the UAHC, and of course, they must come first on my list of priorities.

With every good wish and kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN DEFENSE OF CREATION

March 22, 1988

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As you may remember from our letter of December 23, 1987, the Coordinating Committee of CHOOSE PEACE has rescheduled the retreat we had planned for last month.

The new dates for the retreat are January 23-26, 1989, and we are writing to extend an invitation for you to provide the keynote presentation on the morning of January 24.

The enclosed materials provide information about how CHOOSE PEACE will function, and the hopes we have for it. The goal will be to discover and act out the most effective roles for top-level religious leaders to play in countering the violence, injustice and potential for another holocaust which plague the world. By the time of the retreat, several action programs will have been completed (focused especially around the opportunities for public debate unique to an election year) and long-term strategy development will be underway.

The retreat will be a time to focus on our roles as religious leaders, seeking to deepen our commitment and prepare ourselves for the tasks and responsibilities which we have covenanted to accept and have begun to act upon. This will be an all-too-rare opportunity for top-level religious leaders to do reflection and spiritual formation together.

The retreat is designed in a progression of themes. Each theme will be initiated by a presentation and supported by scripture study, discussion, meditation and worship.

We are asking you, from your experience as a leader in the Jewish religious community, to address the social, religious and ideological roots of institutionalized inhumanity, as well as the scriptural promises and commandments of shalom which mandate a more humane world. This will serve as a common grounding for the theological, ethical and spiritual formation work which will follow.

*Organizations listed
for identification only

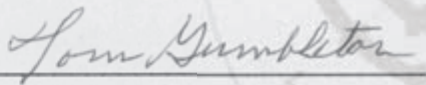
The presentation topics which will follow the keynote are:

- the Latin American experience (by a Roman Catholic liberation theologian)
- analysis of the interlocking systems of militarism and injustice (by a political scientist working from a feminist perspective)
- scripture and "prophetic imagination," as the foundations for religious leaders' witness to political and social institutions and processes (by a Protestant Old Testament theologian).

Our staff has been advised of this invitation and will be of assistance in working out arrangements, schedules and details of the retreat design. Please feel free to contact the Rev. Don Howard or Ms. Holly Wells for any additional information you may require.

We look forward to your reply in hope and anticipation that you will be with us next January.

Shalom,

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for the Coordinating Committee

Enclosures: Question & Answer Sheet
Covenant

CHOOSE PEACE: Religious Leaders in Defense of Creation

Covenant

We are people of faith in God. We are Jews who affirm the covenant of Sinai with the God who in every generation calls us forth from slavery, idolatry, and death to freedom, holiness and life. We are Christians who would live in the grace of God through the redemptive, reconciling love of Jesus Christ for humanity, and serve God's will for peace and justice in the world.

Our biblical faith and the urgency of the historical moment have called us together. Never has conflict between nations and ideologies so threatened the world with ultimate violence. Never have there been so many suffering poor.

And yet, there is hope. We trust the promise that God intends peace and wholeness for humankind.

We recognize the arms race, the worldwide escalation of violence, the oppression of the poor, and the suppression of human rights and freedoms as fundamentally a religious and spiritual crisis, not simply a problem of policy. We have turned from our creator and fallen into idolatry. We are influenced by the spirits of resignation, cynicism, and despair. The presence of the demonic is evident in our culture and in the corridors of power.

But there is opportunity, and in the clarity of the crisis there is choice.

The crisis we face is a direct challenge to the foundations of our faith and, literally, to the survival of human civilization, propelling us toward spiritual and physical death.

Our faith compels us to respond.

We therefore covenant to come together, to learn, and to listen together for God's word in this time of great peril. As persons providing leadership in our communities of faith, we will pray, stand, speak and act together in a more concerted and unified way than we ever have before.

We covenant together to offer the clearest possible voice from the religious community, saying an unequivocal NO to the present course of the nations, seeking an alternative vision rooted in our common faith and hope, and acting together to bring that vision into reality.

Each and all of us will make this covenant a major theme in our service and ministry. We will use and shape CHOOSE PEACE as an instrument to bring peace with justice to all peoples. **As integrity requires and time allows, we will**

- meet in retreat with CHOOSE PEACE covenant partners at least once each year, in order to develop an ongoing community of mutual support and accountability;
- participate in CHOOSE PEACE initiatives and activities;
- work with covenant partners to initiate and support national and regional interfaith peacemaking efforts;
- encourage other religious leaders to join us.

The Coordinating Committee

CHOOSE PEACE: Religious Leaders in Defense of Creation
February 1988

I JOIN THIS COVENANT OF FAITH AND COMMITMENT

Name

Date

Please do not duplicate and distribute copies of this covenant. Send names of other religious leaders who should be invited to covenant to CHOOSE PEACE, 715 8th Street, S.E., #100, Washington, DC 20003. 202-547-4222.

CHOOSE PEACE: Religious Leaders in Defense of Creation

Questions & Answers

What is CHOOSE PEACE?

CHOOSE PEACE, formed in July, 1987, is a nation-wide group of Christian and Jewish leaders who recognize that the arms race, the world-wide escalation of violence, the oppression of the poor and the suppression of human rights and freedoms are fundamentally a religious and spiritual crisis which our nation must address. These religious leaders have come together to say an unequivocal NO to the present course of the nations and to offer alternative visions and pathways toward a peaceful world.

What is the purpose of CHOOSE PEACE?

CHOOSE PEACE is intended to be an instrument for advancing the cause of peace with justice for all peoples. CHOOSE PEACE will seek to affect public opinion and policy development by enabling top-level religious leaders to:

- raise a consistent and credible voice in the public debate on peace and the global community
- articulate a positive vision of a just, peaceful world and realistic steps for achieving it
- develop a moral yardstick by which foreign and domestic policies can be measured
- work to replace the adversarial relationship of the super-powers with a system of nonviolent means for resolving conflict
- encourage and validate members of their communities of faith in a renewed commitment to peacemaking efforts.

Who are members of CHOOSE PEACE?

They are prominent and influential leaders in communities of faith who have responded to an invitation to covenant with each other to pray, stand, speak and act together in a more concerted and unified way than ever before.

What will members do?

Participants will make this covenant a major theme in their service and ministry and lift up peacemaking as a central issue of faith. They will meet in periodic retreat and participate in CHOOSE PEACE initiatives and activities as integrity requires and time allows.

Activities will include: developing the spiritual, communal and strategic base for the work of the group; establishing direct, ongoing interactions with key political, military and industrial decision-makers; participating in coordinated media campaigns; asserting the relevance of the religious perspective to policy-making in public, political debate by personal appearances in various forums.

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What makes CHOOSE PEACE different from other peace organizations?

CHOOSE PEACE provides the means by which prominent religious leaders can come together, as individuals in a relationship of mutual support and accountability, to speak to the nation and world on issues of peace with justice in a unified, ongoing, proactive, strategic way. The unity of such top-level religious leaders across faith lines will amplify the impact of their shared religious traditions, values and visions.

How will CHOOSE PEACE work with other peace organizations?

CHOOSE PEACE takes its place in the growing community of those working toward peace. CHOOSE PEACE will serve as a catalyst for promoting regional and national interfaith activities; collaborate in peacemaking work of the various religious and secular organizations that might be strengthened by the efforts of top-level religious leaders; and be available to the various denominational and peace coalition staffs as they identify opportunities for interfaith participation by religious leaders.



February 1988

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September 29, 1987
6 Tishri 5748

Choose Peace
Religious Leaders In Defense Of Creation
715 Eighth Street, SE
Suite 100
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends:

I am grateful for your gracious invitation to join the Coordinating Committee of Choose Peace. While I am certainly very positively inclined toward the work of this new venture, I find that I have added my name to far too many groups and in most instances I am unable to participate in their work.

Alas, such is indeed, the case with Choose Peace. In reviewing the various dates suggested for special programming, I find that I have prior obligations which simply cannot be changed. Thus, I feel it is not proper for me to join in the venture as I will be unable to participate in the serious meetings and programs you have planned. I do hope you understand my situation.

I wish you well in all that you do in the quest for peace.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN DEFENSE OF CREATION

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September 4, 1987

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President
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838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Greetings in the name of the Creator God.

We write to invite you to join us in a new venture
in peacemaking.

The nuclear arms race looms as both the end product
and the dark symbol of the world's choice for enmity
and death instead of human community and
participation in God's loving intention for the
creation. The global political and economic
crisis--the proliferation and destabilizing
modernization of nuclear weapons, the increasing
destructiveness of conventional weapons, the threat
of superpower confrontations, the reality of
superpower interventions in other nations, the
continuing denial of basic human rights and freedom
around the world, the breakdown and injustices of
the global economic system, the increasing misery of
the poor--these constitute a fundamentally religious
crisis.

We are faced with the same choice the Hebrew people
faced as they prepared to cross over into the
Promised Land: If we in the nuclear era are to
"cross over" into a new era of hope and
possibilities for peace, we must choose between the
forces of death and the forces of life, between Idol
and God.

The Coordinating Committee of CHOOSE PEACE:
Religious Leaders in Defense of Creation, consists
of persons who hold various leadership positions in
the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious
communities who have felt called to renewed,
deepened involvement in issues of war and peace.
For over a year we have been meeting to explore what
the role of religious leaders should be in opposing

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the present disastrous, blasphemous course of the nations of the world and in championing positive alternatives.

Now we are ready to invite you and 150-200 other religious leaders to join us on February 8-11, 1988, in a national retreat, to explore how we might stand together covenantally and sacrificially to fulfill our part in the task of choosing life.

The gathering, though large, is intended to be more a retreat than a conference. It is meant to offer an opportunity for developing the spiritual commitment and interpersonal bonding which will allow participants to renew their commitment to peacemaking in the context of an ongoing, communal effort. This will not be a workshop or conference by which to gain expertise on the "what" of the arms race and its global ramifications, and the purpose will not be to develop and issue a statement of concern. The gathering will be a time to "covenant with God and with each other to pray, stand, speak and act together in a more concerted and unified way than we ever have before."

The retreat will run from the evening of Monday, February 8, through mid-afternoon of Thursday, February 11. (A location has not been decided upon.) There will be time for study of scripture, private and group prayer, meditation, and reflection upon the enclosed draft strategy paper which was developed by the Coordinating Committee and staff at a meeting on July 9 and 10. This paper will serve as a stimulus to our thinking together and deciding how best we may work in unity to change the policies and mindsets which are leading the world toward disaster.

We are convinced that religious leaders must help in raising a unified, consistent religious voice in the public debate on issues of peace and global community. Religious leaders can articulate the religious vision for modern times, can by their own activities encourage and validate members of their communities in a new commitment to peace-making, and can help lead the nation in reordering its priorities.

The enclosed "Call to Covenant" (from which we have quoted) summarizes where we are in our commitment. We believe that you are among those who can provide national leadership in witnessing and acting in opposition to the arms race and in support of life-enhancing alternatives.

We ask you at this time to set aside these dates of February 8 through 11 on your calendar. We will gladly send you further details as they develop if you are led to join us in

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offering "the clearest possible voice from the religious community, saying an unequivocal NO to the present course of the nations and seeking an alternative vision rooted in our common faith and hope."

Should you be ready to join with us now in the Call to Covenant to which we have committed ourselves, please write to any one of us at the above address to let us know that you would like to be a part of CHOOSE PEACE before the February meeting.

The effectiveness of our commitment and of the strategies which we choose to pursue in unity will depend upon our openness to God's spirit in our gathering and in our ongoing work together.

Shalom,

C. Dale White

Carol Margulies, I. H. M.

Tom J. Gumbleton

Arthur Waslow

Avery D. Post

Boris Anne Younger

(Signed in their absence)

Enclosures: "A Call to Covenant"
Draft strategy paper

Nuclear

March 28, 1988
10 Nisan 5748

Mr. Arthur Waskow
Executive Director
The Shalom Center
Church Road And Greenwood Avenue
Wyncote, PA 19095

Dear Arthur:

It was good of you to write concerning my speech at the 92nd Street Y. I am grateful for your warm comments.

Thank you for the materials you shared in regard to the forthcoming Commission On Social Action Discussion On A Nuclear Free World. I am *turning these* over to Al Vorspan since he is responsible for the agenda and materials which are to be used for the commission meeting. I know that he will be grateful for your interest. Since he is currently "on the road" for the UAHC, the materials will await his return.

With repeated thanks and every good wish for a sweet Pass-over, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc. Albert Vorspan

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ON PREVENTING NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST

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3/17/88

Dear Alex,

I had never heard you
give a public speech before
Tuesday night, & was very
much moved by your passion
& eloquence.

I see that the C.S.A.
will be discussing "the goal of a
nuclear-free world" in its meetings
on April 11. I enclose two items
of my own that might be useful
to circulate for that. If it would
be useful for me to be there as a
"consultant," I'd be delighted.

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Peace Education, Inc.

October 13, 1987

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We are writing to ask you to lend your name as an Advisory Board member to an important conference which the Connecticut Freeze Campaign and Peace Education have planned for October 31, 1987, at Wesleyan University.

This conference - Common Security: Foreign Policy Beyond the Cold War - will address the issues that underlie the foreign policy of the United States and the Soviet Union, foreign policy which is the foundation of the nuclear arms race and which continues the insecurity that the arms race poses to all the nations of the world.

As the enclosed flyer describes, our keynote speaker will be Professor M. Shulman of Columbia University, who will present the concept of Common Security. Juliet Schor will discuss "The Global Economy." The Soviet representative will be Ambassador Roland Timerbayer, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Soviet Union to the United Nations. A roundtable discussion on strategy for the peace movement will follow the speakers and the Yale Slavic Chorus will wrap up the day at 3:30.

As an Advisory Board member, your name will add stature to this event. We would like to list you as an honorary "Friend of the Conference" on the conference program. We hope that if at all possible you might be able to attend on the 31st.

Please return the enclosed response form by October 27 to ensure that your name will be on the program.

Thank you for your support of the Connecticut Freeze Campaign.

Sincerely,

Pat Wass

Patricia Wass
Development Director

The non-profit, education fund of the
CONNECTICUT FREEZE CAMPAIGN

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COMMON SECURITY:



FOREIGN POLICY BEYOND THE COLD WAR

Nuclear weapons have changed the nature of security. A threat to one's adversary is a threat to oneself and to the rest of the world.

There can be no security for the U.S. without security for the Soviet Union, and the terms of security must be arrived at jointly.

Deterrence is not the answer. Threat induces fear and in-

security, generates counterthreats, and fuels an endless arms race.

Large standing armies and interventionary policies, like nuclear weapons, are incompatible with common security. Disarmament, security, and development go hand in hand. A new international understanding is needed for the nuclear age.

A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 31, 1987 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Wesleyan University Science Center, Middletown, CT
Cost includes lunch: \$10 regular, \$5 student/low income

SPEAKERS

MARSHALL SHULMAN, Director Emeritus, W. Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union, Columbia University; former U.S. Ambassador and special advisor to the Secretary of State.

JULIET SCHOR, Professor of Economics, Harvard University; author, *Trading Partners*.

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE, with foreign policy experience, name to be announced.

COMMON SECURITY: FOREIGN POLICY BEYOND THE COLD WAR is a project of Peace Education, Inc., the education fund of the Connecticut Freeze Campaign, 55 Van Dyke Ave., Hartford, CT 06106, (203) 522-7661.

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Common Security Conference
October 31, Wesleyan University

PROGRAM

MORNING

- 8:30 REGISTRATION
(Coffee and doughnuts)
- 9:00 WELCOME:
Nick Dunlop, Moderator
Secretary General, Parliamentarians Global
Action; Five Continent Peace Initiative
- 9:15 "COMMON SECURITY: FOREIGN POLICY
BEYOND THE COLD WAR"
Dr. Marshall Shulman
Director Emeritus, W. Averell Harriman
Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet
Union, Columbia University
- 10:30 "THE GLOBAL ECONOMY"
Dr. Juliet Schor
Professor of Economics, Harvard University
PANEL RESPONSE
Danny Kantor
National Labor Committee for Democracy in
El Salvador
Kevin Bean
Chair, Economic Issues Task Force of the
Connecticut Freeze Campaign
- 12:00 LUNCH
(included in registration fee) prepared by
Haddam Nuclear Arms Freeze Committee

AFTERNOON

- 1:00 "A SOVIET VIEW OF COMMON
SECURITY"
Soviet representative
PANEL RESPONSE
Kevin Cassidy
Professor of Political Science, Fairfield
University
Joe Gerson
Peace Secretary, American Friends Service
Committee
- 2:30 "PATHS TO COMMON SECURITY"
Maggie Bierwirth, Moderator
Executive Director, Connecticut Freeze
Campaign
Carol Bragg
Director, Women for a Non-Nuclear Future
David Keppel
Former member, National Freeze Campaign
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Michael Klare
Director, Five College Peace and World Security
Program; Chair, National SANE/Freeze
Strategy Committee
Pam Solo
Director, Institute for Peace and International
Security; former Bunting Peace Fellow,
Radcliffe College
- 3:30 "VOICES FOR COMMON SECURITY"
Yale Slavic Chorus
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September 15, 1987
21 Elul 5747

Dr. Ernesto Kahan
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of Puget Sound
200 15th Avenue East
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Dear Ernesto:

It was very good hearing from you and I thank you for taking the time to write and to express your appreciation of my Moscow speech. I am most grateful.

I don't know if my schedule will take me to Seattle during the coming months, but I certainly will hold you in mind should I find myself headed towards that beautiful part of the country. I do hope you will enjoy your experience in Seattle and find it to be meaningful and worthwhile.

Thank you, too, for the photograph you took at the Conference. I am grateful to you. My Moscow speech was printed and since you were so appreciative of my comments I thought you might want to have a copy so I enclose one herewith.

With warm good wishes for a New Year blessed with good health, happiness and fulfillment, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

September 9, 1987

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It was very good meeting you in Moscow last May during the 7th International Congress of IPPNW. Your speech on the panel about religion and nuclear war was very helpful. I was delighted to hear you from my point of view as Israeli. I already told my colleagues in Israel, as well as the media about your excellent remarks.

Unfortunately, I couldn't see you in Israel. My Sabbatical City is Seattle and I will be here until August 1988.

Enclosed is a picture I took during the conference. I hope you enjoy it. I look forward to seeing you again.

The best of luck in your endeavors which are of value to all of humanity.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Kahan, M.D.
Research Associate
Center for Health Studies

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Enclosure

Y. Kahan
*Admitted to file
Send him copy of
my Moscow
speech*

Nuclea

June 26, 1987
29 Sivan 5747

Richard G. Saxon, M.D.
16260 Ventura Boulevard
Encino, CA 91426

Dear Dr. Saxon:

Rabbi Schindler is out of the country and will see your letter of June 23 on his return next week. I know he will be interested in your comments regarding your travels following the IPPNW Congress in Moscow, even as he will appreciate your words of commendation concerning the address he delivered in Moscow.

He happened to call today and I told him that you wished to use excerpts of his speech in the Los Angeles B.S.R. newsletter. He was delighted to learn that and, of course, you have permission to do so.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

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June 23, 1987

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your speech given before the I.P.P.N.W. Congress in Moscow. You are obviously a man of action, because I received the copy only a day after I returned from my European trip.

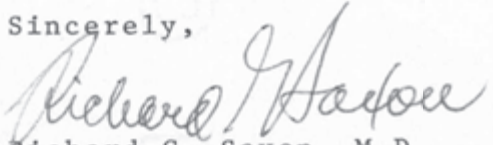
I enjoyed the dialectical quality of your speech. I thought that it expressed all of the contradictions of the nuclear dilemma from a Jewish viewpoint. The fact that you could give that speech, expressing the problems of Jewish emigration in the Soviet Union, was a singular event. While the general Soviet public probably did not hear the speech, there were plenty of Soviet doctors - some of them Jewish - who did, and this has to mean that some change is taking place in the Soviet Union.

After our Moscow visit, we went to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. It is impossible to learn much from a few days' visit, but I was impressed that the Communist Government of Poland maintains memorials to the Jews of Warsaw and Crakow and sends throngs of school-children to Auschwitz-Birkenow where I would hesitate to send any children. What they tell them about the Jews, I don't know, but at least they are not historical revisionists like the Germans (our friends in the West) where the hotel brochure completely omits the Nazi period. Contradictions abound.

From my own viewpoint, there are moral priorities, and the nuclear weapons issue dominates the others.

We would like to use parts of your speech in our next Los Angeles P.S.R. newsletter, and I hope that we have your permission.

Sincerely,


Richard G. Saxon, M.D.
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Dear Alex,

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter and most especially for your important contribution to the VIIth Congress. It was indeed a spectacular event. The Russians pulled out all the stops. After a while it was embarrassing, for my slightest wish was treated as an imperial command.

The Congress proceedings will, in due time, be published. I would very much appreciate receiving your speech when it is available. Regrettably, being involved in another session, I missed it.

I am delighted that you had a substantive meeting with Georgi Arbatov. The development of a movement of Reform Judaism in the USSR would be a historic and major accomplishment. In my mind, it would help decompress the Jewish problem and prevent the gallop of assimilation and dissolution of Jewish communal life. If I can be of help, exploit me. I will be revisiting Russia in November and January.

Ward

Once again, profound appreciation from IPPNW for participating.

Warmest affection to you and Rhea from Louise and myself.

Sincerely,

Bernard

Bernard Lown, M.D.

June 9, 1987
12 Sivan 5747

Dr. Bernard Lown
221 Longwood
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Bernie:

My heartfelt thanks to you for all of your many courtesies during our recent visit to the Soviet Union. It was a memorable experience for both of us, and Rhea and I are grateful for your enabling us to share in this event.

That was quite a shindig you put on! Your ears must be ringing and singing! Pity poor Montreal. I wonder how they will be able even to approach what Moscow had to offer.

I am enclosing a copy of my speech. At your leisure you might read it and I can induce you to do so by apprising you of the fact that I have some flattering references to you at the beginning of the paper. So all you really have to do is to read through page two.

I received a dozen or so request for copies of the speech. I gave some of them out in Moscow, and sent the rest out from here on the assumption that you won't publish the proceedings, or if you will it will be another year before they come out.

As you can imagine I had a chance to attend to some Jewish business while I was in the Soviet Union. I saw a score or so of the Refuseniks both in Moscow and in Leningrad. I attended the services at two different synagogues in Moscow and one in Leningrad, and I was also able to meet with Arbatov for about two hours where we had a rather fruitful exchange. I was even able to plant some seedlings towards the development of Reform Judaism there. I think it's absolutely essential to have this kind of alternative to Orthodoxy assuming as I do that the majority of the Russian Jews will not leave the Soviet Union but will stay on and cannot possibly be attracted by the Orthodoxy.

Dr. Bernard Lown
June 9, 1987
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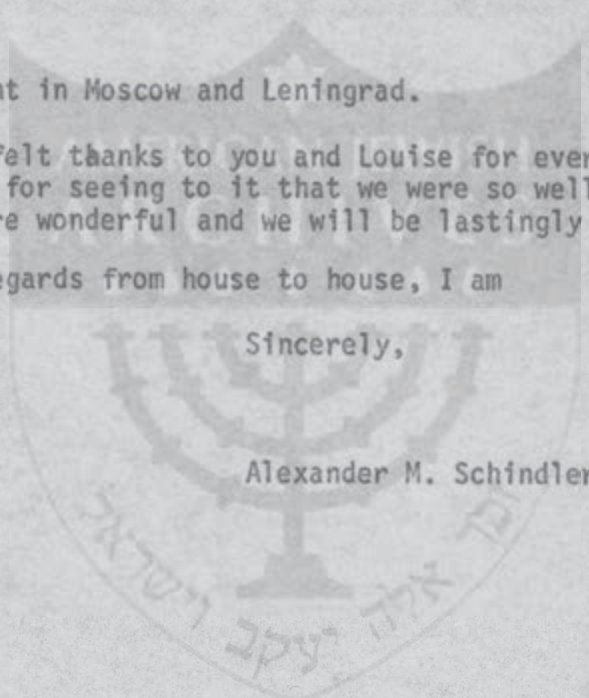
presently extant in Moscow and Leningrad.

Again my heartfelt thanks to you and Louise for everything you did for us and for seeing to it that we were so well shepherddd about. You were wonderful and we will be lastingly grateful.

With warmest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





Embassy of the United States of America

Moscow, USSR

cc
to Allen

June 18, 1987

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President, Union of American
Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you for your June 9 letter about your recent visit to Moscow to attend the Congress of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. The Embassy naturally does all it can to encourage the Soviet authorities to allow their citizens to exercise their fundamental right to emigrate if they choose.

Your complimentary remarks about Jeffrey Glassman have been passed on to him, and I thank you for taking the time to write me about this. We are most appreciative of your kind remarks about the Foreign Service.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Jack F. Matlock, Jr.

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July 30, 1986
23 Tammuz 5746

Mr. Ronnie Dugger
Parklex Building #1306
114 East 32nd Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Mr. Dugger:

In response to your letter of July 23, please note that I really did not mean real madness when I used the particular metaphor to which you alluded. However, I will note, because I agree with you, that clinical madness is also a serious problem, nevermind what alcohol and drugs do not only to the leaders of nations but to those who have fingers on the trigger. I once had interesting correspondence with Dr. Bernard Lown of Boston, on this subject. His name may be familiar to you as he is a founder and co-president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Inc. He is my cardiologist and instead of discussing my heart we often discuss the situation of the world. You might write to him about this issue and he may have some very interesting material to which you might refer. The organization is located at 225 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

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With every good wish, I am

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cc: Rabbi Henry Michaelman

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

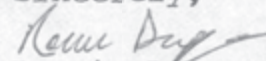
I am a writer and journalist, doing a book now on ethical implications of nuclear weapons, in part concerned with the responses of religious groups. Rabbi Michaelman at the Synagogue Council of America and his staff have been most helpful informing me of the position taken concerning a mutual verified freeze. Elie Wiesel has consented to discuss with me specifically the response among Jewish religious groups and other related considerations, which I regard as a very great benefit to my work in future. Concerning the initiative of the Methodist Bishops, I have had discussion with Bishop White and others; concerning that of the Catholics, past and revision forthcoming, with Bishop Matthiesen and others.

I write because Rabbi Michaelman's staff showed me a sermon you made, about 1983, perhaps, entitled "Descendants of the Prophets," my (regrettably marked-up) copy enclosed. At the passages I have underlined, you develop a theme that "let us at least know that we are mad." My question is whether, apart from the evident moral force of the metaphor, you mean, or have given thought to meaning, real madness. The mental stability of leaders has concerned me because of my work on Lyndon Johnson (The Politician, Norton 1982). Mazlish at MIT has done some intriguing thinking on social or societal madness. Is there a more than metaphorical sense in which a multinational socio-political system becomes mad? Does one mean strictly moral madness, or also madness in the clinical sense (and if so, of course the question immediately arises, what kind of madness).

It would be beneficial to me to hear from you on this, or discuss it with you (my number is 212-481-0893). I am also writing Rabbi Berman, concerning his interesting applications of a halachic case to the limitation of nuclear arms. I am keeping in touch with Rabbi Michaelman, concerning potential future developments on these topics at the Council.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ronnie Dugger

cc Rabbi Michaelman

DESCENDANTS OF THE PROPHETS: A Sermon

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

828 Fifth St.
10021

c 1983, From SA.

"And they shall beat their swords into plow-shares and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Is. 2:4)

Isaiah's words echo down through the centuries. They were intoned by countless generations yearning for peace, even as they were ignored by those who rule the destiny of nations. Historians teach us that in the millennia of recorded human history we can find no more than 128 years all told when there was no war in some place on this earth of ours. One hundred twenty eight years of peace... 5000 years of war... 5000 years of maimed bodies and burned flesh, of widow's tears and broken spirits and the whole dark butchery without a soul.

We of our generation ignore Isaiah's admonition at infinitely greater peril than did our forebears. They risked only individual lives; we risk humankind in its totality. Nuclear weapons have given us the capacity to destroy human life and to make the whole world unimaginable.

Increased military spending perforce means decreased spending for health care and housing and educational opportunities, and for that welfare assistance which provides a minimally decent standard of living to all. The inevitable consequence of such a course is the creation of a sub-class, under-class of Americans out of jobs and out of hope, filled with frustration and with despair. Intergroup tensions flare. The soul and spirit of the land is drained. No country which erodes its internal strength in such a manner can long endure, no matter how large its military budget nor how great its military might.

There is a pertinent tale told in the literature of the Jewish people, a parable attributed to Reb Nachman, the Braslaver Tsaddik. It is a tale about a country completely isolated from the rest of the world by surrounding mountains, and about its people ruled by a surprisingly wise king. One year, come harvest time, this people come to their king with the dreadful news that those who had eaten of the new harvest turned stark raving mad. "What shall we do, O King," they cried out... "if we don't eat the new wheat, we will starve to death, but if we eat it we will go mad." The king considered this fearsome dilemma for many days and finally, with heavy heart, he rendered this judgment and this is what he said: "Since there is no other food available, we must eat of the new harvest, but let us at least remember that we are mad."

In this world of ours which reduces the whole of human relationship to a calculus of force, we may have no other recourse but to balance force with force. But, let us at least know that we are mad.

It is a madness when our arsenal of overkill is so large that our land- and sea-based missiles can destroy 240 Soviet cities 40 times each...

It is madness when the combined nuclear arsenals of the superpowers have the destructive capacity to target four tons of TNT on each one of the four billion human beings alive on earth...

It is madness when we have enough deadly nerve agents to kill 100 billion people; that is to say, to wipe out the world's population, not once, but 30 times over...

This is a sad and cruel madness.

We are here to enjoin those entrusted with the leadership of our land to help us advance toward that ideal, Isaiah's ideal, if only by one tiny step.

And we are here, above all, to gain that inner strength which flows only from the companionship of kindred and aspiring souls, and thereby, to increase in faith.

Faith which cried YES in defiance of a thousand voices crying NO...

Faith which hopes where others despair...

Faith which loves where others hate...

Faith which persists in hearing the still small voice of peace even in the midst of the howling shrieks of war...

It is an urgent task, a toilsome task, a sacred task: to arouse the conscience of humankind, to eliminate those fearsome dangers which beset us; to stir men and women everywhere towards norms which serve the cause of life and not of hideous all-consuming death.

Our political leadership is paralyzed. It is mesmerized by empty slogans. It is frozen into self-destructive patterns of national behavior.

This is why the voice of religious leadership must be heard. This is why we must meet and speak and teach and write and organize our congregations into an effective force of public opinion and political action which will reverse the arms race, which will reduce the risk of fatal error, and which will avert the necessity to make life and death decisions about humankind in but a fleeting minute.

It is a task which challenges us especially, as the religious leaders of the most powerful nation on earth. America is that... a bounteous and most blessed land. But it is also, alas, the world's leading arms merchant and the foremost proponent of a "nuclear balance of terror."

Our present political leadership seems seized by an obsession with force. It appears to have but one motto: produce weapons, well weapons, pre-position weapons. Trouble in the Middle East? Sell the Saudis planes. Revolution in Central America? Replace Soviet arms with ours. Pakistan producing the bomb? Send them lots of conventional arms and they'll stay non nuclear.

So great is this obsession with force, that the administration seems almost unable to deal with nations that don't want arms. Our Ambassador to the United Nations, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, last year suggested to Costa Rica--the only Central American country without a military force--that it reorganize the army it happily abolished several decades ago. Can such things be? And these were the people who used to criticize liberals for "throwing money" at social problems. Maybe so. But that's far and away better than throwing planes and missiles at every international trouble spot.

The most frightening aspect of this military policy is the escalation of the nuclear race by word and deed. President Reagan on occasions has suggested that the use of nuclear weapons in the field would not necessarily lead to an all-out nuclear war.

There have been denials, of course, and explanations. But still the talk continues: about "first strike" and "second strike" capabilities, and how we will respond if our missiles are "taken out," and how only 35 million or so of us will be killed in the first round.

And there is talk about the neutron bomb - in a cool, casual, almost detached manner as if it were just another marvelous technological gadget, like a video game or a home computer. The neutron bomb is the one, as you all know, that doesn't destroy tanks or buildings or things - it just kills people. How reassuring to know that our telescreens and Gucci loafers will survive us.

What kind of morbid, ghoulish imagination is it anyway that can describe such a weapon as clean? There is nothing clean about, not about a device that can put a torch to civilization. There are no "possible limits" to a nuclear conflict!

In the last year, in response to vigorous protest worldwide, the administration's tone has changed. But, as John B. Oakes, the editor of the New York Times has noted, President Reagan's "bite is worse than his bark." It's what the administration does that counts, and not what it says. And what has it done of late? Just look at the budget that it just proposed. It seeks to secure the fastest possible military buildup, even at the risk of jeopardizing economic revival. It chooses the force of arms rather than social tranquility. It makes still further unconscionable cuts in human services in order to thicken an already over-bloated defense establishment. What a travesty of justice! What a perversion of morality and of truth!

And so the pressure must be maintained. And we must do everything we humanly can to make certain that reversing the arms race will indeed become the policy of this land.

What Vietnam represented to the public conscience in the 60's, the nuclear arms race represents in the 80's and 90's. As religious leaders we must resolve to lead this moral enterprise now as we led it successfully then.

We are not the practitioners of realpolitik, pitchmen for the Pentagon. We are the spiritual descendants of the Prophets. We serve the cause of life. We stand for sanity and reason, for compassion and for peace.

AMEN

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Inc.

"We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive" ALBERT EINSTEIN

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I was deeply touched by your note of congratulations on the Unesco Peace Education Award, which Academician Chazov and I were proud to accept on behalf of IPPNW. We do not intend to rest on our laurels; rather, this 4-year-old organization, with a membership of over 100,000 physicians in 34 nations, has ambitious, innovative plans for combatting the nuclear menace. I am convinced that we must reach and educate the widest public if we are to succeed.

Later today I leave once again for the USSR and Budapest. I hope something significant will come of it.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Bernard Lown
Bernard Lown, M.D.
Co-President

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July 15, 1986
8 Tammuz 5746

Mr. Sam R. Hope, Director
Witness for Peace
P.O. Box 29497
Washington, D.C. 20017-2518

Dear Mr. Hope:

Your letter of July 14 in regard to the Campaign of Conscience and the July 29th press conference reached me this morning. I was delighted to learn of the activities planned and wish you well.

Unfortunately, while leading a UAHC Board Mission to Israel in May I suffered a heart attack which required my being hospitalized for some weeks. I was able to return home but a few short weeks ago and have only been given permission to be at my desk for a few hours a day, a few days a week, at least for the next month or so. I have also been required to cancel all of my speaking engagements for the next few months and therefore, as you can appreciate, I cannot accept any new invitations. I do hope you can understand my situation and that you will convey my regrets to all concerned.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



WITNESS FOR PEACE

ACCION PERMANENTE CRISTIANA POR LA PAZ

July 14, 1986

Dear Rabbi Schindler -

Witness for Peace hopes very much that you will not only support the Campaign of Conscience with your endorsement, but also participate as a speaker in the press conference in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, July 29th at 10:00 am in the Capital building. Bishop Gambelton of Detroit and Avery Post of the United Church of Christ - NYC will be spokespersons for the Catholic and Protestant constituencies. This all came together only last Friday afternoon (11th). Could you make room in your busy schedule to come and join us as spokesperson for the Jewish community?

I will call you Tuesday afternoon, or Wednesday morning, for we need to have our information together for the press advisory which needs to be done by the 17th.

The enclosed Washington Post article shows the CIA directed war will exceed half a billion dollars, + will cause genocide. We dare not remain silent.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter. I know you will do what you can. For the sake of peace, Sam R. Hoff
Director of WFP Washington office



WITNESS FOR PEACE

ACCION PERMANENTE CRISTIANA POR LA PAZ

July 10, 1986

Dear Friends of the Nicaraguan people:

In early August the Senate is scheduled to vote on the devastating \$100 million in aid to the contras as approved by the House on June 25th. This is our last chance to stop this major escalation of the U.S. war against Nicaragua.

Witness For Peace is organizing a nationwide Campaign of Conscience, which will involve more than one million people (average of 2000 persons in 500 cities). The kickoff is a press conference on July 30th in Washington, D.C. with U.S. religious leaders, Senators and Nicaraguan Christians participating. Other actions, such as the mounting of Crosses of Sorrow and Hope, will take place across the nation the same day.

Central to these events is the reading of the enclosed statement, A Campaign of Conscience, which will be signed by 100 or more nationally prominent religious leaders. We hope very much that you will be one of the signers. Each person initially being asked is the head of a religious institution, order or governing body, or is a recognized leader within the religious community of the United States.

We believe the enclosed statement A Campaign of Conscience will have a broad response. An initial problem, however, is the very short time lead WFP has to gather the initial signatures from leaders such as you. The disappointing vote by the House makes it imperative that this campaign be launched prior to the Senate vote in August.

If you are able and willing to do so, please join us and others by signing the enclosed form and returning it to the Washington Office of Witness For Peace at the address below as soon as possible. Time is crucial. Please call the WFP Washington Office (202-269-6316) if you want to give your endorsement verbally, with your signature to follow. An effort will be made to include names received as late as noon Monday, July 28th. Your name is very important to this effort!

Tom Gumbleton

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton
President, Pax Christi USA
WFP Advisory Committee

For the sake of peace,

Avery D. Post

Avery D. Post
President, United Church of Christ
WFP Advisory Committee

A CAMPAIGN OF CONSCIENCE

The approval by the House of Representatives of \$100 million in aid to the contras in Nicaragua is a shameful action which betrays the ideals of our nation. As citizens of faith and conscience we refuse to allow this action to go unchallenged or to accept the senseless violence that this policy produces.

Congress has voted to give direct military aid to an armed force seeking the violent overthrow of a government with which the United States has diplomatic relations. This is an act of war without a declaration of war. Such action violates international law as contained in the charters of the United Nations, the Organization of American States and the International Court of Justice. Our country has taken a major step toward becoming an outcast nation in the world community.

Most shameful, this action condemns thousands of innocent Nicaraguans to kidnapping, torture, rape and violent death at the hands of the contras, who are U.S. supported terrorists. A national policy which repeatedly fosters indiscriminate killing, such as the 31 Nicaraguan civilians killed by the contras on July 2nd, is poisoning the soul of our nation.

There is another way. It involves the United States turning away from military approaches and giving honest support to the Contadora peace process. This plan would end all foreign military intervention in Central America, whether by the Soviet Union, the United States or any other power.

WE CALL UPON THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY to reassert its prophetic voice of conscience and morality in our land, and to lead *A Campaign of Conscience* to change U.S. policy toward Nicaragua.

WE CALL UPON THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO:

- 1)** Show U.S. commitment to peace and international law by ending all aid, both overt and covert, official and private, to the contras fighting to overthrow the government of Nicaragua.
- 2)** Support the comprehensive and verifiable Contadora peace initiative proposed by Latin American nations themselves, rather than undermining it as we have in the past.
- 3)** Resume bilateral talks with Nicaragua, with a willingness to give Nicaragua a formal guarantee that further U.S. sponsored attacks against it will cease.

WE CALL UPON ONE MILLION OTHERS TO JOIN IN A CAMPAIGN OF CONSCIENCE BY:

- 1)** Signing it and seeking other's signatures, especially in their faith community and neighborhood.
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A CAMPAIGN OF CONSCIENCE

Throughout 1986 Witness for Peace has been organizing a dramatic campaign to change the course of U.S. policies in Nicaragua. Hundreds of communities have used "Crosses of Sorrow and Hope" bearing the names of contra victims to help the American people understand the human cost of the U.S. backed war. We have written letters, sent telegrams and organized scores of delegation visits to Congress to express our views. Yet on June 25 the House of Representatives voted to approve \$100 million in aid to the contras. A bold response is needed.

The "Campaign of Conscience" is just that. It is a cry to reverse U.S. policies in Nicaragua and hold Congress accountable for its vote on contra aid. The campaign will begin before the Senate vote in early August and will continue to the U.S. November elections. These two events are key moments to influence U.S. policies towards Nicaragua. During this time one million commitments will be gathered urging Congress to change its policies. The campaign also asks each participant to help make contra aid a U.S. election issue and is designed to help Congress understand the level of opposition that exists to contra aid.

The campaign will commence in Washington D.C. with a press conference on July 29 highlighting nationally prominent U.S. religious leaders who have endorsed the campaign. We hope to be joined by Senators and Representatives and possibly Nicaraguan church leaders. We will also announce our goal to involve one million people. Simultaneously "Crosses of Sorrow and Hope" actions will occur nationwide to launch the campaign locally. These actions will highlight contra victims since the House vote-- particularly the July 2 massacre where 31 civilians were killed. From that moment on commitments will be gathered nationwide. We are expecting to involve at least 500 cities... with an average of 2,000 commitments per area (from 50 to 25,000)... a total of ONE MILLION!

The "Campaign of Conscience" is an opportunity to reclaim the soul of our nation. Already courageous, creative actions have been planned to help make it a success. A part of the national press conference to launch the campaign illuminates just one example-- Charlie Liteky, a Vietnam veteran and returned Witness for Peace short term delegate, will return his Congressional Medal of Honor. Such an action is unprecedented in history.

To make the campaign successful though your involvement is crucial. We know that the timeline is short but we ask you to begin now to help launch the effort on July 29 and begin to plan for ways to carry it out in the fall.

Here are some ideas to start working on now:

*Contact your Senator's office to let her/him know your opposition to contra aid... visit their local or state office right away. Bring a cross bearing the name of a recent victim

of the contra war, perhaps from the July 2 massacre near El Cua.

- *Begin planning for your "Crosses of Sorrow and Hope" action to occur simultaneously with the national press conference on July 29. (Make crosses from six feet of 1x4" lumber. Make cross 4 ft. high with 2 ft. crossbar; nail crossbar 1 ft. from top; cut point at bottom to drive in ground; paint cross white; print name on crossbar, death at top of cross; age under crossbar.) Use baby coffins and stuffed mannequins to dramatize what is happening. We've enclosed a list of names of recent victims. Use the enclosed press release to help guarantee coverage!
- *Have a meeting with your friends or your local group to plan out how you will continue the campaign. Set a goal for the numbers you can reach in your community. Brainstorm how you might gather signatures. Some ideas are:
 - through your church or synagogue;
 - door to door in your neighborhood each weekend;
 - at shopping centers on Saturday morning; set up a table for signatures and bring a cross to display to show the impact of the war;
 - do a mailing to all of your friends and your own organizational mailing list if you have one... get other groups to involve their constituency in the campaign.
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- *Itinerate people in your area who have traveled to Nicaragua so they can speak about their experiences and help raise the voice of conscience! Contact the WFP, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060, 408-425-3733 for details.
- *Begin to plan a local activity in mid-October to accompany the national event that will announce our achieved goal! (National date to be announced soon.)

There are a million other ideas which could help make the campaign a success. The important thing is to begin now, plan well and work hard. Together our voices of conscience will be heard!

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Administration Mobilizes To Direct Aid to Rebels

U.S. to Advise, Equip, Critique Contras

By Joanne Omang
Washington Post Staff Writer

Three weeks after the House vote that gave President Reagan nearly all he wanted to fight Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government, the relevant intelligence, military and diplomatic experts in official Washington are moving toward a kind of war footing.

It is clear that the aid package for antigovernment rebels, known as contras or counterrevolutionaries, will involve far more money than the \$100 million voted by the House, far more people than the 20,000 fighters who will receive it, and far more monitoring and evaluation than either critics or supporters of the program like to acknowledge, according to administration and congressional officials.

Although surrogate troops and not U.S. Marines will spearhead the effort to make the Sandinistas "cry uncle," as Reagan once put it, the contras will be advised and informed, trained and equipped, criticized and evaluated by U.S. intelligence, military and political strategists.

A flurry of interagency meetings and task force planning sessions has begun to give shape to the new program. As expected, it will be run by the Central Intelligence Agency. Army Col. William C. Comee Jr., who has just finished a year commanding U.S.-Honduran military exercises in Honduras, reportedly has been selected to become program coordinator, pending its Senate approval. Intelligence officials and congressional staff members are drafting financial accounting procedures in an effort to avoid the kind of controversy that has plagued previous contra aid programs.

The one-year goals and benchmarks by which the administration plans to judge progress will be critical to future debates over continued aid and over U.S. policy in Central America. The fruits of the new operation will also be an important factor in debate over the wisdom of the so-called Reagan doctrine that calls for support to rebellions against communist regimes around the globe.

If the new surge of aid to the contras is working, administration officials contend, these symptoms will be evident: escalated military activity throughout Nicaragua, possibly including attacks on the capital city of Managua; disciplined combat by the contras, with relatively few civilian casualties or human-rights complaints; rapid growth of the contra forces and a reinvigorated internal opposition, leading to "cracks" in the Sandinista leadership; and Soviet restraint in bolstering the Sandinistas.

If the military ambitions have been clearly delineated, the administration's political aspirations for the contras are more ambiguous. Reagan has never precisely stated what he means by "cry uncle." His chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, told television interviewers in April: "We have to get rid of it [the Sandinista regime] in some way or another. And what we want to do is to try to help those who are trying to overthrow that communist government, try to force it to have free elections. . . ." But other administration officials have articulated more modest ambitions.

One administration official said an expansion of civil rights in Nicaragua would signify U.S. success; but one of his deputies said that a totalitarian crackdown would mean the administration had succeeded in severely shaking the Sandinista regime.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz called the June 25 House vote "part of a long-term shift of view that's been taking place" nationwide. "We're seeing a growing breadth of support for the basic [administration] policy in Central America," he said.

But Reagan backers in Congress say the support depends very much on what happens next.

"The contras are on a very thin string with the U.S. Congress," said Mark Falcoff, a conservative Latin America scholar who recently joined the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff. "They are surrounded by people just waiting for them to fail so they can jump right on top of them, and they know it."

Lawrence Pezzulo, ambassador to Nicaragua under President Jimmy Carter, spoke for many critics of Reagan's policy. "Nicaragua is in bad economic shape already, and this program will bring them to subsistence living, but they won't give in, at least not before the end of the Reagan administration," he said. "The use of U.S. troops will eventually be the only option left. . . . If you're a Democratic [presidential] hopeful, what else will you be talking about in the summer of 1987?"

To underscore that point, the aid package is expected to get heavy fire in coming weeks from Senate opponents, including some presidential aspirants, in the various committees that have jurisdiction over it. It may also be subject to a liberal filibuster when it reaches the Senate floor next month. But all sides say the House package will pass the Republican-dominated Senate virtually unchanged, if only because no one wants to go through another bruising House debate, which new amendments would trigger.

The package includes \$27 million for food, medicine, clothing and other nonlethal aid, \$3 million for the contras' human-rights office and \$70 million for military training and hardware.

Reagan has decided to return management of the program to the Central Intelligence Agency, with assistance from the Defense and State departments, according to State Department officials. They said aid will be channeled primarily through Honduras and Costa Rica, as it was in the past, with the covert cooperation of those two governments.

Reagan has pledged to spend only the \$100 million and to stay away from the CIA's contingency funds, which are considered all but unlimited. Another \$300 million in economic aid will be distributed by the Agency for International Development among El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras.

A Senate Republican source said the \$100 million figure "reflected an assessment of what the political traffic would bear, not an assessment of what the requirements are." All sides assume a larger aid

In an effort to avoid a repeat of congressional charges that the CIA overspent previous aid limits through creative bookkeeping when it ran the program before 1984, an intelligence agency task force has been meeting with congressional committee staff members for several weeks to agree on accounting methods, according to a House Democratic source.

The CIA, for example, has not in the past counted its agents' salary costs against aid allocations and did not count the expenses of the "mother ship" its Latin operatives used as a launch platform from which to mine Nicaraguan harbors in 1984, members of Congress complained at the time.

The source said intelligence-related reconnaissance flights over Nicaragua and Honduras, broadcast monitoring and decoding activity, all of which collect data routinely passed to the contras under existing law, have not been and probably will not be charged to the aid program. He was unable to estimate spending for those activities but said \$400 million a year "is probably a low figure."

The task force will submit accounting guidelines for approval by the congressional intelligence committees that will monitor the overall program, another source close to the effort said.

"You can bet there's a major drive to avoid the kind of flap we had over the \$27 million," he added, referring to House committee charges—denied by the administration—that much of last year's non-lethal aid package had gone illegally to offshore bank accounts, obscure corporations and the Honduran armed forces.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Lee H. Hamilton (D-Ind.) said he was worried about the committees' ability to monitor the new program. "We just don't have the staff for it, and I'm not sure the [Central Intelligence] Agency does either," he said.

Fred C. Ikle, undersecretary of defense for policy and a central decision-maker on Nicaragua-related matters, said in an interview that U.S. military spending against Nicaragua will be handled largely by the CIA and will go well beyond the \$70 million voted by the House.

That, he said, will buy training, primarily in guerrilla tactics, and military hardware ranging from surface-to-air missiles to bullets.

Intelligence work is expensive and outside that tally, but it "has to be directed at trouble spots, and Nicaragua is a trouble spot," he said. "But it is done for broader purposes" than just to help the contras.

In addition, "we are strengthening SOUTHCOM because that is a turbulent region, again because of Nicaragua," Ikle added, referring to the U.S. Southern Command headquarters in Panama.

Congressional watchdogs also expect the virtually nonstop military exercises in neighboring Honduras to be expanded while the new aid program is in effect, though they are not part of it. This is in part because Comee, named by military and State Department sources as the new overall coordinator, is a Vietnam veteran who commanded the Joint Task Force Bravo exercises during the past year.

Fluent in Spanish, Comee was instrumental in setting up the series of exercises that began in 1983 when he was stationed at the U.S. Southern Command headquarters. The maneuvers have involved roughly 24,000 U.S. troops in 12 series of exercises since early 1983, according to Defense Department figures.

The first shipments of new military equipment, which can begin Sept. 1 pending the Senate vote, will probably include anti-aircraft weaponry that will allow the contras to defend positions inside Nicaragua, the sources said.

The first sign things are going as planned, therefore, will be increased military attacks on Sandinista positions by contra forces "all over Nicaragua," a State Department official said.

Ikle predicted that the Soviet Union, which has supplied Nicaragua with an estimated \$750 million in military equipment since 1979, "will be much more cautious" in helping the Sandinistas now, "realizing from the American commitment that it is a losing game."

State Department officials said they think Soviet aid is not likely to increase in sophistication or quantity much beyond current levels, in

which the peak is the Hind Mi-24 helicopter gunship that has routinely decimated contra forces. Recent shipments brought in an estimated 15 new Mi-17 transport helicopters, bringing the Sandinista helicopter fleet to about 40, Pentagon officials said.

The contras will not come close to matching those under the new aid program, but defensive weapons "will make it a more equal battle," one official said.

Ikle and other officials said no comprehensive battle plan or training program had yet been drawn up. William G. Walker, deputy assistant secretary of state for Central America, said one reason for that was old-fashioned superstition about the vote in Congress: Some refused to make plans "because they didn't want to jinx the deal."

SOUTHCOM commander Gen. John R. Galvin told a closed session of the House Appropriations subcommittee on military construction last March 12, long after Reagan proposed the \$100 million aid program, that he did not know how or where training might be conducted.

"None of this has been looked at. I haven't been told that we would do training, and nobody has asked me to go find out where," he said.

However, top training priority will be instruction in guerrilla warfare techniques, probably at the contras' clandestine camps in Honduras, including psychological operations aimed at winning over the Nicaraguan population, other sources close to the military effort said.

Some promising contras will be brought to officer training schools in the United States or Panama, the sources said.

If everything goes as well as the administration hopes, one year from now the contras "will be carrying out well-disciplined, coherent operations demonstrating . . . the effective destruction of targets without too much collateral damage," Ikle said.

The United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO) leaders would like to capture and hold territory within Nicaragua, and that "would make a lot of difference politically if it can be done," but no one is pushing for it, Ikle said.

More important will be "the dynamic of the contra force, whether it is growing or losing people, whether they are knocking at the door to get in or quitting," Ikle continued: At 20,000 armed fighters,

the contras are already four times larger than the Sandinista force that overthrew dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979, but their leaders have said they would like to be 30,000 strong by next July.

"Within a year, we will be seeing cracks in the Sandinista structure," said Alfonso Robelo, one of the three top UNO leaders, at a recent news conference. He said that meant defections of troops or perhaps whole units, increased economic disorder, and a more openly hostile population.

Administration officials and their critics agree that the reaction of rank and file Nicaraguans to the renewed contra effort will be key to the future. Walker said the new aid would be "a great boost to the democratic resistance" within Nicaragua, which could produce internal disruption that would give heart to the contras and show the world all was not well under the Sandinistas.

Elliott Abrams, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, has said progress toward U.S. political goals in Nicaragua would be easy to monitor: "You can see if the press is free, if people can speak out or hold rallies, or if the church is being harassed," he said.

Walker said the opposite situation might also be progress. "If the Sandinistas have to turn the screws down to silence the opposition, that will be an indication that things are going well" for the contras, he said.

More people will try to dodge the Sandinista draft or leave the country as refugees, and "if our policy is right, unity among the opposition should increase," Walker said.

In a year's time, the Sandinistas "should be able to see the outline of the opposition forces they face, and they will act accordingly," he continued.

"Eventually, if it is revealed to them that they are very unpopular, that there is no possibility of a military solution [eradicating the contras] and that their Soviet patrons would think twice or four times before coming to their assistance . . . then they just might think, 'Hey, maybe we do have to negotiate our way out of this.'"

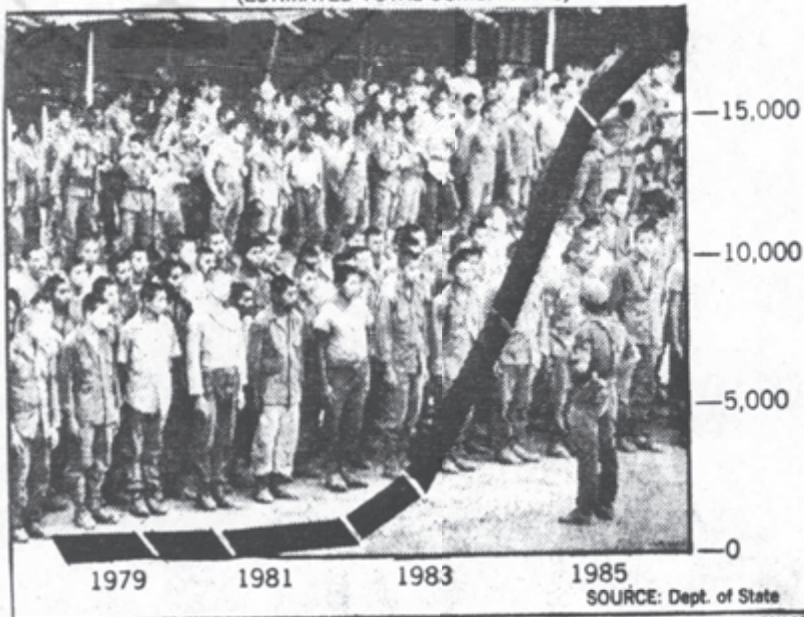
Ikle predicted a simpler outcome. "Perhaps they won't change colors and become social democrats," he said, "but they might choose to change jobs."



BY BRAD WYE—THE WASHINGTON POST

CONTRA FORCES, 1979-85

(ESTIMATED TOTAL COMBATANTS)





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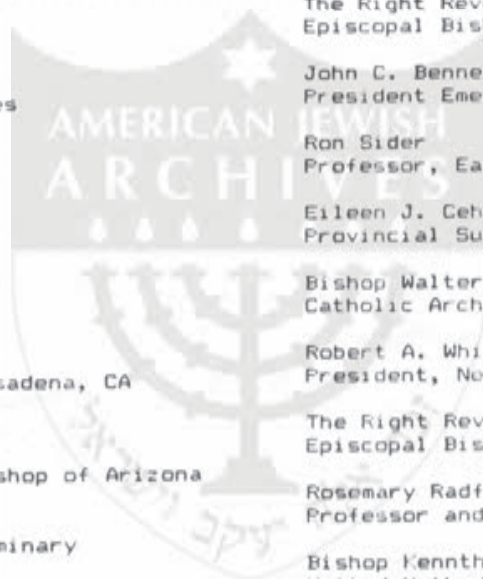
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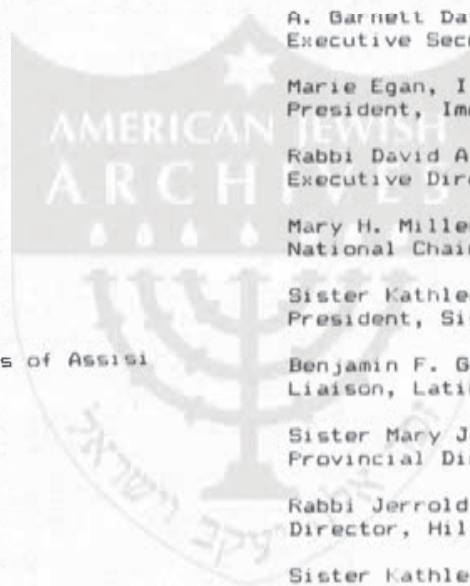
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July 9, 1986
2 Tammuz 5746

Ms. Sally D'Alessandro
Chair, Board of Directors
Connecticut Freeze Campaign
55 Van Dyke Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106



Dear Ms. D'Alessandro:

Rabbi Schindler was pleased to receive your invitation to share in the rally on Saturday, July 19 to speak out against Nuclear Testing. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for him to attend or to send a prepared statement to be read.

While leading a UAHC Board Mission to Israel in May, Rabbi Schindler suffered a heart attack and he was hospitalized in Israel for some weeks. He has returned home and he is making excellent progress but as yet is not permitted to travel or do any work. We hope he will be able to return to his desk very soon but no date is set. I am sure you can understand his predicament and the reason for his absence from what will undoubtedly be a very special event.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

CONNECTICUT COALITION TO STOP NUCLEAR TESTING

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Because we know of your concern about the nuclear arms race, we are writing to invite you to be a part of a special effort to stop nuclear testing.

Many Connecticut organizations have joined together to form the Connecticut Coalition to Stop Nuclear Testing. We are organizing a full-scale petition and ad campaign and a major rally at the State Capitol on Saturday, July 19.*

We invite you to attend the rally and make brief remarks to those assembled expressing your personal concern about the perils of continuing the nuclear arms race and nuclear testing. As I'm sure you are aware, the appearance of well-known speakers and musicians at such an event gives it real stature and attracts greater interest. If you cannot attend, please send us a statement that could be read on your behalf at the rally.

We would also like to use the names of prominent petition signers in our publicity before the rally, to demonstrate the support that exists for a halt to nuclear weapons testing. If you are willing to let us use your name for this purpose, please sign and initial the enclosed petition and mail it to the Coalition.

Please return the petition and response form as soon as possible. We know time is short, but hope you agree that the issue is of such importance that it deserves the efforts of all concerned citizens.

Also enclosed are sample leaflets and postcards developed by the Connecticut Freeze Campaign, being used by groups across the country to promote an end to nuclear weapons testing.

Thank you for your interest - we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Sally D'Alessandro
Chair
Board of Directors

* In case of rain, the rally will be held at Center Church Meeting House, Gold and Main Streets, Hartford.

American Friends Service Committee; Christian Conference of Connecticut Peace Center; Connecticut Nuclear Arms Freeze Campaign; Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control; Physicians for Social Responsibility; Promoting Enduring Peace; New Haven Peace Center; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (list in formation)

CONNECTICUT COALITION TO STOP NUCLEAR TESTING

RESPONSE FORM

_____ I will attend and speak at the July 19 rally.



_____ I cannot attend the rally, but you may read my statement there:



_____ Signed and initialed petition is enclosed. You may use my name as a supporter of a halt to nuclear weapons testing.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Signature _____

American Friends Service Committee; Christian Conference of Connecticut Peace Center; Connecticut Nuclear Arms Freeze Campaign; Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control; Physicians for Social Responsibility; Promoting Enduring Peace; New Haven Peace Center; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (list in formation)

**TEST PEACE
NOT
NUCLEAR
WEAPONS**

Dear Dan Rather,

I urge you to inform the American people about the importance of the Soviet nuclear testing halt:

- August 6, 1986 will mark one full year since the Soviet Union stopped testing nuclear weapons and invited the U.S. to join them. This is not an offer, not "more of the same," but an historic opportunity to achieve real arms control.

- An end to nuclear testing is the first step to end the nuclear arms race.

- A test ban is verifiable.

- It can be done. Our leaders need only to decide to do it.

I count on the free press to make the public aware.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Place
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Stamp
Here

Dan Rather
CBS Evening News
524 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019

CONNECTICUT FREEZE CAMPAIGN, 55 VAN DYKE AVE., HARTFORD, CT 06106

MR. PRESIDENT:

TEST PEACE, NOT NUCLEAR WEAPONS JOIN THE SOVIET TESTING HALT

Since the beginning of the nuclear arms race in 1945, the Soviet Union has tested 604 nuclear weapons, and the United States has tested 820.

- **A halt on nuclear weapons tests is an important first step to end the nuclear arms race.**
 - A test ban would stop the development of newer, more dangerous nuclear weapons on both sides.
 - A test ban would preserve the U.S. lead in nuclear technology.
 - A test ban would prevent the arms race from moving into space.
- **The Soviet Union stopped testing nuclear weapons in August 1985.** They have said they will not test again before August 6, 1986. They have said they will *never* test again if the United States also stops testing.
- **A test ban is verifiable.** The same technology that detects earthquakes around the world is used to detect nuclear tests. The United States knows when the Soviets test nuclear weapons and they know when we do.
- **It can be done.** The United States *can* join the Soviet Union in a ban on nuclear testing. We *can* achieve a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Our leaders need only to decide to do it.

YOU CAN HELP THEM MAKE THAT DECISION.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

You may think that you have little impact on the decisions made by our government leaders. History has shown that citizen concern *does* make a difference. In 1963, citizen concern about radioactive strontium 90 in milk led to the ban on atmospheric tests. To help end *all* nuclear tests:

1. Send a postcard or letter to the President, your Senators and Representative. Tell them that you want the United States to stop testing as the Soviets did, and that you want them to cut off funds for nuclear tests and to work for a Comprehensive Test Ban.

Call them up. Tell them how you feel; ask them where they stand.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
(202) 456-1414

Your Senators
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-3121

Your Representative
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 224-3121

2. Write your local press and the national networks. Tell them you're looking for more coverage on the Soviet test ban and the U.S. refusal to join.

Dan Rather
CBS Evening News
524 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
(212) 975-4114

Tom Brokaw
NBC Nightly News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10020
(212) 664-4971

Peter Jennings
ABC Eyewitness News
7 West 66th Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 887-3100

3. Give these leaflets to 5 or more friends or co-workers. Urge them to call and write members of Congress, the President and the press.

4. Join a Freeze group. To get in touch with one in your area call or write the Connecticut Freeze Campaign, 55 Van Dyke Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, (203) 522-7661.

Yes, I want to help stop testing.

_____ Send me _____ leaflets; _____ postcards.

_____ Enclosed is a contribution.*

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PHONE _____

*Make checks payable to "CONNECTICUT FREEZE CAMPAIGN" or, for tax-deductible contributions, to "PEACE EDUCATION, INC."

Local contact:

Connecticut Freeze Campaign
55 Van Dyke Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
(203) 522-7661

TEST PEACE, NOT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

We call upon the President to stop all nuclear weapons tests. The Soviets stopped testing nuclear weapons for one year and invited the United States to join them in a **permanent, mutual, verifiable** halt to nuclear testing. A halt to testing would be a first step toward freezing and reversing the arms race.

We also call upon Congress to pass legislation to stop nuclear testing.

We further urge the U.S. and Soviet Union to continue to observe existing arms control treaties, and to strengthen arms control through serious negotiations to freeze and reduce nuclear weapons.

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This is a standing petition that represents our pledge to work until we achieve a universal ban on all nuclear testing.

***** **RALLY JULY 19** *****
 State Capitol, Hartford 2 PM

Make checks payable to: "CT Testing Coalition"
 Return petitions and money to:

**CONNECTICUT COALITION
 TO STOP NUCLEAR TESTING**

55 Van Dyke Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06106
 203/522-7661 203/522-5995

TEST PEACE NOT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Rally
July 19

SATURDAY 2 PM
STATE CAPITOL ★ HARTFORD

MUSIC

SPEAKERS

Nicholas Dunlop, Parliamentarians Global Action, New Zealand, Five Continent Peace Initiative
Peter Dykstra, Greenpeace

THEATRE

Thief in the Night Productions: "The Burglar"

BALLOON RELEASE

BRING FRIENDS, CHAIRS, BLANKETS, AND YOUR DETERMINATION TO STOP NUCLEAR TESTING

Directions: From 84 East, take Capitol Avenue exit. The Capitol is on your left at the end of the exit.
From 84 West, take Asylum Avenue exit. At the light, turn right onto furthest street (Farmington Avenue) and turn left at the first light onto Broad Street to Capitol Avenue.
Turn left.

★ Rain location: Center Church Meeting House, Main & Gold Sts., Hartford.

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Meleah
Frank

June 3, 1986
25 Iyar 5746

Ms. Sally D'Alessandro
Chair, Board of Directors
Peace Education, Inc.
55 Van Dyke Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Ms. D'Alessandro:

Your letter of May 30th reached our office during Rabbi Schindler's absence. Unfortunately he became ill while leading a UAHC Board Mission to Israel. While he is making a very good recovery he will not return to the States until mid-June.

Therefore, I write to advise that I am unable to authorize the listing of his name as a sponsor on the invitation to the reception at the Scoville home on July 27. I know that you can understand why this is so. I will, of course, hold your letter for Rabbi Schindler's return and if he is able to attend the function on July 27 he will certainly be in touch with you directly.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

Peace Education, Inc.

May 30, 1986

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Because you are a member of the Connecticut Freeze Campaign's Advisory Board, we wanted you to be aware of a special event being held this summer at the home of Ann Scoville in Taconic, Connecticut.

On Sunday, July 27 from 5 to 7, Mrs. Scoville will open her home for a reception to benefit work for a nuclear weapons freeze. The event will benefit Peace Education, Inc. - the educational fund of the Connecticut Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, and National Freeze Voter - a national political action committee supporting strong advocates of real arms control in key House and Senate races across the country in 1986.

We are pleased that Townsend Hoopes, a member of the board of the Committee for National Security, will be the special guest speaker. As former Undersecretary of the Air Force, Mr. Hoopes is in an excellent position to discuss the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) and its impact on national security and the future of arms control.

The theme of Peace Education in 1986 contrasts The Freeze and SDI and demonstrates why the Freeze, not Star Wars, is the best way to make nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete." We believe that it is important for the public to understand Star Wars as an unworkable and dangerous system that will escalate the arms race and thwart chances for meaningful future arms control.

We value your affiliation with the Connecticut Freeze Campaign and hope you will be able to attend the reception on July 27 at the Scoville home. Your participation will encourage others to join in the effort to bring the arms race to an end. Thank you for your continued support and interest in the work of Peace Education and the Connecticut Freeze Campaign.

Sincerely,



Sally D'Alessandro
Chair, Board of Directors

The non-profit, education fund of the
CONNECTICUT FREEZE CAMPAIGN

55 Van Dyke Ave., Hartford, Ct. 06106 (203) 522-7661

RESPONSE

— Yes, I would like to be a Sponsor of the reception at the Scoville home on July 27.

— You may list my name as a Sponsor on the invitation.

— No, I do not wish to be a Sponsor of the Scoville reception.

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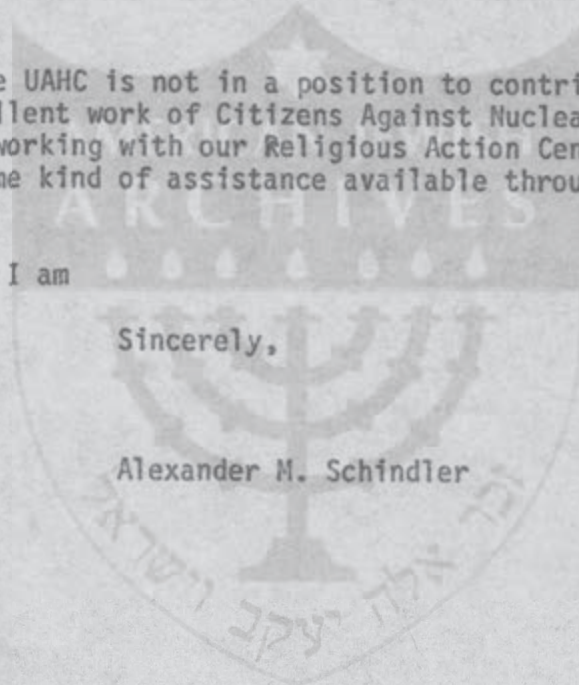
Dear Ms. Mulhauser:

I deeply regret that the UAHC is not in a position to contribute financially to the excellent work of Citizens Against Nuclear War. No doubt you are working with our Religious Action Center and perhaps there is some kind of assistance available through that source.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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Dear Rabbi Schindler,

I have recently written to you about two important CAN efforts:

- 1) our June 6-8 conference - "The Nuclear Arms Race: Survival Dilemma for People of Color" and
- 2) our request for annual financial or in-kind support to cover costs of our programs.

Today I am writing to ask you to consider a contribution to cover expenses of the Conference.

I have just received notice from the Ploughshares Fund that it has approved a challenge grant to CAN of up to \$25,000 to match dollar for dollar each contribution from CAN members.

The matching money from Ploughshares will be used for CAN's legislative programs. A contribution from Union of American Hebrew Congregations, however, will be allocated for our June conference which will bring together grass roots people of color.

I do not usually approach you twice in two months for a financial or in-kind contribution. This is an extraordinary opportunity to make a contribution to a program designed specifically to meet the concerns of your members and those of CAN's other members representing people of color, while also bringing in support for our legislative work.

I have enclosed a copy of a proposal that was recently mailed to several funding sources. I think you will find it informative.

A Coalition of National Membership Organizations

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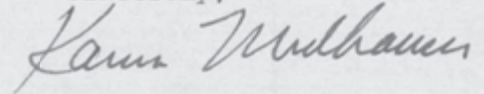
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I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will
contribute to this historic conference -- and plan to attend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Karen Mulhauser
Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR FUNDING

by Citizens Against Nuclear War

for the June 6-8, 1986 conference

The Nuclear Arms Race: Survival Dilemma for People of Color

I. INTRODUCTION: The goal of the Conference is to bring together grass roots activists and organization representatives in a forum where people of color, having planned the agenda, consider their common interest in joining the nuclear policy debate. This is consistent with CAN's overall goal of broadening the base of citizen awareness and involvement by assisting established networks and organizations to use their own existing communication lines. We hope to empower local activists to explore ways that they as individual citizens will become involved back home, and to encourage regional and national organizations to develop education and action programs for their members. Because the focus is primarily on grass roots education and mobilization, we will keep the registration fee at only \$20 and hope to be able to offer travel subsidies to those who could not otherwise attend.

The planning process has been a desirable and unusual one. People of color, led by CAN's dynamic Darryl Rogers, have planned the conference and are doing the outreach work. The first step was to ask Member organizations of CAN to list their choice of agenda topics for the conference. Second, a Planning Committee was formed, including some CAN members and others. Organizations participating in the planning (many of them working together for the first time) include:

National Conference of Black Lawyers; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; YWCA; Organization of Pan Asian American Women; Americans for Indian Opportunity; National Education Association; Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign; SANE; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; office of Representative Ron Dellums; and Women for Racial and Economic Equality.

These organizations and others have provided lists of potential activists who have received the attached letter of notice. (Appendix I) They have suggested topics and speakers for plenaries and workshops and will help with turnout for the conference. It was their decision that the focus of this conference should be on grass roots (unlike CAN's 1984 Conference on Minorities and Arms Control) and should have a strong focus on skills development. Members of the Planning Committee are listed in Appendix II.

II. BACKGROUND: In May 1984 CAN sponsored a Minorities and Arms Control Conference that was attended by representatives of 48 organizations (72 total people). Invitations went to national minority organizations to send a representative. Unlike the goals of our 1986 conference, our focus in 1984 was to get national organizations to raise the issue on their agendas and to pledge to send information and materials to their members. While this continues to be one of CAN's interests, the primary focus now is on grass roots actions.

With a grant from the James C. Penney Foundation we were able to hire Darryl Rogers, a black graduate student, to conduct an evaluation of the 1984 conference. He found that participants believed that the conference adequately made the links between concerns of people of color and the impact that increased military spending has on domestic programs. They expressed an interest, however, in formulating specific strategies and action plans to address nuclear policies and in developing the necessary skills to have an impact on policy makers.

These concerns have been addressed in the conference planning for 1986, both by the CAN staff and the Planning Committee.

In the two years since the first conference CAN has hired Darryl Rogers to work fulltime on minority outreach, has welcomed four new Member organizations (National Urban League, National Conference of Black Lawyers, Americans for Indian Opportunity and National Institute for Women of Color) and has established credible contacts with most of its other 10 Member organizations who represent concerns of people of color. Additionally, working with the staff of other CAN Members we have begun to make important contacts with their minority caucuses or task forces (for example, the YWCA, NEA, AFSCME and the National Association of Social Workers). This degree of involvement did not exist in 1984 and will contribute to a richer and more relevant program for the 1986 conference.

III. JUSTIFICATION: If the nuclear disarmament movement is to gain wide support it is important to involve people of color and their organizations in the nuclear policy debate. We are convinced that CAN's approach of involving people of color through their affinity groups and their own networks is the most likely path to success.

Peace, disarmament and arms control movements traditionally have been white and middle class efforts despite the fact that increased militarization and the escalation of the nuclear arms race have a profound effect on people of color in the U.S. and Third World nations. Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans and American Indians have been left out of

the mainstream of peace and arms control organizations because appropriate approaches were not considered -- not because people of color do not care about the issue.

We now consider the two key questions raised earlier.

1) Why is it important to involve people of color in the nuclear arms debate? Approximately 25 percent of the U.S. population are people of color. In parts of the country "minorities" are the majority of the population. In many communities they are being elected as mayors, city council members, state legislators, etc. Congress people -- whether white or non-white -- who represent these communities are very aware of this electoral strength and would be negligent if they ignored the political pressure that organized people of color can build on nuclear arms issues. Indeed, members of the Congressional Black Caucus provide an excellent example of awareness of constituents' concern and of their personal convictions favoring nuclear disarmament for they consistently vote for decreases in military spending and reversal of the nuclear arms race.

Our efforts to inform and mobilize these constituencies through their own communication networks could have a significant effect on nuclear policy makers. The constituencies' input in the political process, combined with that of the traditional peace/disarmament/arms control groups, has been missing and is needed. This is especially true when one considers that the groups CAN works with closely include mainstream organizations like the National Urban League, Japanese-American Citizens League, National Council of Negro Women, Americans for Indian Opportunity, National Black Caucus of State Legislators and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

2) How is CAN's approach different and why does it offer a promise of success? CAN differs from other peace groups by working with leaders of national membership groups to help them educate and mobilize their own members. We do not believe it essential to integrate people of color into the traditional white middle class groups, although that would of course be desirable. It is far more realistic to work directly with the organizations representing people of color in a way that is both credible and familiar to their members. Just as physicians, lawyers, computer experts and other constituencies are more attuned to their own members' concerns, so are the organizations of people of color.

IV. CONFERENCE AGENDA AND SPEAKERS: The conference begins on June 6 with a reception hosted by Washington, DC's Mayor Marion Barry. Dinner and a keynote speaker (to be announced) follow. The keynote topic will be "The Human Cost of the Nuclear Arms Race." Space for the conference will be donated by the NEA and a local AME church. From 200

to 300 people are expected to attend. Meals will be prepared by church members, some of whom also will assist with housing.

The conference will be action-oriented, presenting skill development and other workshops that will define the role of citizens in shaping nuclear policy. It will also offer speakers and panelists with the expertise to give activists the substantive background they may need. Participants will be prepared to return home with new skills to speak with friends and colleagues about nuclear policies and the impact on people of color; lobby their elected representatives; and become involved in the campaigns of candidates.

Panel discussions June 7 and 8 will include:

The People's Defense Budget: An Alternative View of National Security. How domestic and military trade-offs disproportionately affect people of color and their job prospects.

Star Wars, a substantive discussion that also covers coalition building.

The Role of Citizens in the Nuclear Age. What organizations and individuals can do to influence nuclear policy.

Is Total Nuclear Disarmament Possible? Paul Warnke and Jesse Jackson (tentative) will discuss the issue.

Women and Youth: Today's Victims of Nuclear War Planning.

The speakers include a diverse group of community and national leaders: William Lucy, president of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; Mel King, of M.I.T. and Jobs with Peace; Vera Kistiakowsky, physics professor at M.I.T.; Clarence Wood, vice president, National Urban League; Dr. Ed Dorn, Joint Center for Political Studies; Chockie Colltier, Corporation for American Indian Development; Marilyn Manibusan, State Senator from Guam; and many others.

The workshops will concentrate on skills and strategies needed for empowerment on nuclear policy issues -- for example, lobbying, coalition building and issue campaigns.

V. PROCESS: CAN does not view the conference as an end in itself but rather as a point along a long-term process of broadening the base of involvement by people of color in the nuclear debate. The Planning Committee of 16 individuals has been a valuable part of this process. It is creating a vital program as well as building important relationships among organization representatives as they consider how best to present the issues. This rapport will be important during the conference and beyond as organizations turn to CAN for assistance with their program planning and implementation.

The follow-up to the conference is already being considered. For instance, if funding and interest permit, we are prepared to facilitate regional or state meetings in the fall and during 1987 in areas where an informed constituency will be able to influence policy decisions.

VI. ADMINISTRATION: The supervisor for the conference is Karen Mulhauser, Executive Director of Citizens Against Nuclear War and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Center for Education on Nuclear War, which is incorporated in Washington, DC as a 501(c)(3) corporation. The IRS letter affirming the Center's tax-exempt status is attached. (Appendix III)

The Center develops education programs that inform citizens about the risks of nuclear war and about the role of citizens in shaping related policy. The Center also agrees to make its services and expertise available to Citizens Against Nuclear War as long as these services are consistent with tax-exempt functions of a 501(c)(3) corporation.

CAN is a 501(c)(4) coalition of 60 national citizen organizations. Most of CAN's work is educational, as in the dissemination of information, and CAN therefore is able to receive significant support from the Center for Education on Nuclear War. A list of CAN's Member organizations is attached (Appendix IV), as is a report on CAN's 1985 activities. (Appendix V)

Tax-deductible contributions for support of the Nuclear Arms Race conference may be made to the Center for Education on Nuclear War.

1st Tier Planning Committee
for the Citizens Against Nuclear War conference
"The Nuclear Arms Race: Survival Dilemma for People of Color"

1. Peggy Brown, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
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3. Wade Henderson, National Conference of Black Lawyers
4. Jennifer Henderson, Jobs With Peace
5. Carlottia Scott, Congressman Ronald V. Dellums' office
6. Rita Gerona-Adkins, Organization of Pan Asian American Women
7. Kathy Lee, Organization of Pan Asian American Women
8. Ethiopia Alfred, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists
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