

NONVIOLENT DAILY NEWS

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All the news that will fit in two sides!

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OBSERVING HITS THE STREETS

INNATE continues to work on its observing project for situations of potential conflict. It invites potential observers/mediator-observers to attend either one or both of two preparatory meetings planned before the summer observing season. The first is a workshop-style event on a Saturday which will allow interested, but as yet inexperienced, people the opportunity to get to grips with the issues and approaches used; Saturday 5th June from 10.30 - 3.30 in Fredheim, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast (bring your own lunch); contact INNATE Belfast, phone 647106 (or 16 Ravensdene Park, Belfast BT6 0DA) if you're coming or want further details about this or in general - report available on request.

Then there'll be another preparatory meeting on Thursday 24th June at 7.30 pm in Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Grosvenor, Belfast 7, as further orientation and information.Meanwhile, INNATE is planning a major conference for the autumn to introduce observing to a wider network of people - both potential observers and potential users of observing. The provisional date fixed is Saturday 2nd October - pencil it in your diary and watch this space!

PEACE '93

Peace '93 was formed in March this year after Susan McHugh, a Dublin housewife, phoned the RTE Liveline programme. The immediate response was a meeting in TCD and large rallies at 15 or more venues around the country including 20,000 people in Dublin. Peace '93 is a movement consisting of ordinary people from Northern Ireland, the Republic, and Britain who are committed to the peaceful coexistence of all the people and traditions on these islands. It is non-political and non-sectarian. The main themes for discussion during the year are identity, justice and violence. It is planned to make Saturday 1st January 1994, World Peace Day, a day of celebration of peace. Contact; Paul Smyth, Northern spokesperson, Fredheim, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone 663465; or Peace '93, 37 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, phone 788777/768497.

HOPE AND HOPELESSNESS IN (FORMER) YUGOSLAVIA

This is the title of a meeting taking place on Thursday 6th May at 7.30pm in 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast 9, with input from Peter Emerson (recently returned from there) and from others concerned with the situation. It will cover the background to the situation as well as possibilities for action. Organised by INNATE Belfast, it is open to anyone interested. Contact Belfast 647106 for further details.

SUMMER TRAINING IN NONVIOLENT THEORY AND PRACTICE led by George Lakey

This intensive training course will be held from Wednesday 9th - Sunday 13th June at the Kileranny Farm in Coleraine. It requires some background in nonviolent action or nonviolent education, and is being led by George Lakey. It will give leaders the necessary skills and information to organise direct nonviolent actions. There are limited places so applicants with relevant experience will be given preference. Cost; £20 unwaged, £35 waged. Contact; Gil Hough/Tiffany Danitz, Peace People, Fredheim, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone 663465; Friday 14th May is closing date for applications so get your further information and application form immediately!

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL IRISH GROUP

Plans are afoot to set up a PBI group in Ireland. Peace Brigades International works mainly in the field of nonviolent support and escorting work in Central America and Sri Lanka but is looking at other situations as well. Another meeting is planned to take place in Dublin during the first week of June. For definite details, or further information, contact; Iain Atack, 15 Park View, Northbrook Avenue, Dublin 6, phone Dublin 963730.

NONVIOLENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation/IFOR have recently set up a working group to look at Nonviolence and the Environment, taking the Earth Charter as a working document (enclosed for those receiving this as a mailing; otherwise available on

request from INNATE). The group will focus on networking and creating awareness of the fundamental links between degradation of our planet and violence to ourselves. The environment is not a luxury issue, and notions of 'development' and survival must be addressed. Anyone interested in formulating the project further, finding out more or acting as a resource, please contact; Mary O'Rawe, 5 Randal Park, Belfast BT9 6JJ.

WAR RESISTERS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

The WRI Council meeting takes place in Verona, Italy from 19 - 24 July, with lots of interesting programme. INNATE is entitled to send an observer - if you'd be interested in a working solidarity holiday and might like to represent INNATE, please get in touch immediately, phone Belfast 647106.

PAX CHRISTI CROSS-BORDER WALK

A cross-border walk for peace and reconciliation, organised by Pax Christi, will take place in the Clones area on Sunday 30th May, Whit Sunday. Contact Sylvia Thompson at Belfast 716925 for further information.

NOBEL LAUREATES CALL FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST BURMESE REGIME

Seven Nobel laureates including the Dalai Lama, Bishop Tutu and Mairead Maguire visited Thailand in February on a peace mission (they were not permitted to enter Burma, but saw at first hand the terrible plight of refugees). They called for the release of Aung Sang Suu Kyi and all political prisoners, and for the restoration of democracy. The laureates also called for an immediate arms embargo and a boycott including economic and investment sanctions; only aid of a humanitarian nature should be granted to the SLORC regime, they said. Further information and suggestions for action from; Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE, phone 663465.

WORKING WITH CONFLICT

In depth courses take place 25 September - 11 December 1993, and 23 April - 9 July 1994, at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, England. Information from; Responding to Conflict, Woodbrooks, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ, or contact Janet and Alan Quilley, Quaker House, 7 University Avenue, Belfast 7, phone 249293.

NPC NORTHERN IRELAND PACK UPDATED

The National Peace Council in Britain have revised and updated their Northern Ireland Information Pack (in an A4 folder) covering costs of the conflict, politics, women, employment, resources, statistics from opinion polls etc. This useful resource is available, price £6 including postage, from; National Peace Council, 88 Islington High Street, London N1 8EG.

'THE PEACE KIT'

Subtitled 'everyday peace-making for young people', this 64-page book by John Lampen is a useful addition to peace literature, aimed at 10 year olds upwards. Dealing with feelings, caring and listening, building bridges, meeting fear and prejudice, putting things right, and becoming a peaceful person, it's full of practical suggestions. Published by Quaker Home Service, London at £4.50 it's available there or via the Peace Education Resource Centre, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast 9, phone 662992.

FRANK WRIGHT

The death of Frank Wright in February, though expected, was a wrench for those who knew him - as friend, colleague, facilitator, lecturer in politics, through Corrymeela, through 'Understanding conflict...', or in many other ways. What was to be his fatal illness, a brain tumour, was diagnosed shortly after he was appointed as the first professor of Peace and Cooperation Studies at the University of Limerick, last year. His life and contribution were fondly remembered at a packed ceremony at Corrymeela, Ballycastle. Although his death is in a sense 'old news' now, and longer tributes have been paid elsewhere, this issue of 'Nonviolent Daily News' would not have been complete without mention of him, his life and death.

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