

NONVIOLENT DAILY NEWS

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All the news that will fit on two sides!

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INITIATIVE '92 PUT TO BED

Initiative '92 (also known as the Opsahl commission) held a major conference in Belfast on 27th and 28th May. The aim of the conference was to formally bring an end to the work of the organisation and to determine the next steps in promoting people's participation in politics. Keynote speakers from South Africa and the Czech Republic joined with some 150 people - well known journalists such as Olivia O'Leary and Mary Holland, community activists, individual authors of submissions to Initiative '92, and Commissioners, to debate how the different actors (churches, trade unionists, politicians etc) can bring the process and recommendations further. A report on proceedings can be obtained on request from Maggie Boirne, phone 0232 - 683021.

NETWORK MEETING

The next meeting of the Belfast-based (peace and justice) Network will be on Thursday 29th September in Fredheim, 224 Lisburn Road, from 10 am to lunch. It is a chance for groups to share on current projects and to explore how people want to use the Network in relation to funding, transport and training. Please bring diary events to share. For further details contact Trevor Williams at Corrymoyle House, phone 0232 - 325008.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"Rights and responsibilities - a practical guide to the criminal law in Northern Ireland" is a pack written by Donna McCann and published by the Peace People Justice Project, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GS (phone 0232 - 663465). It especially covers the law regarding young people and includes simulation exercises and 'true/false' question sheets. The pack costs £2.

CONSENSUS POLITICS

A report has been issued on the "Power-sharing and the administration of power" conference which was held in the Benburb Centre in November last. This included people from across a good range of the political spectrum. The report makes interesting reading and includes the consensus conclusions. It is available, price £1, from the Green Party, 537 Antrim Road, Belfast 15, phone 0232 - 776731.

FAIRNESS PROGRAMMES FOR VISITORS TO NORTHERN IRELAND!

NICO Education Services is the outreach organisation of the Northern Ireland education service. Its role is to make available the educational services of Northern Ireland to persons from outside the province. We can provide programmes in Peace and Conflict Studies for student and adult groups for periods between one week and twenty-two weeks. They comprise of a combination of academic lectures, discussions, visits and meetings with many groups, organisations and individuals throughout Northern Ireland. Contact; Mervyn Love, History Office, University of Ulster, Coleraine, BT52 1SA, phone 0265 - 44141 ext. 4642 (fax 0265 - 40917).

VIGIL FOR HOPE

The Vigil for Hope continues every Saturday from 1.00 - 1.15 pm at the City Hall, Belfast. They have adopted wearing a white ribbon as a symbol.

JUSTICE - ANOTHER VICTIM OF VIOLENCE?

A report on PAGE's conference on this topic is available, price £2 (plus 36p postage) from PAGE, 103 University Street, Belfast BT7 1HP. It includes the contributions by Bruce Dickson, Claire Archbold, the speakers panel, plus a report on the discussion.

BABY MILK ACTION

A baby dies every 30 seconds from unsafe bottlefeeding. Nestlé aggressively promote their artificial baby milks to mothers and health workers to ensure that infants are bottlefed. The water mixed with milk powder in poor conditions is often unsafe. This leads to diarrhoea and often death.

Baby Milk Action Ireland is campaigning to halt the deaths, caused by unsafe bottle-feeding, of 4,000 babies a day (UNICEF). You can contact us in Belfast; Clare Moore, 9 Hughenden Avenue, Belfast BT15 5DB, phone 0232 - 777673, or in Dublin; David Watchorn, Baby Milk Action, c/o 61 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2.

EAST TIMOR SOLIDARITY

An East Timor Support Group is being set up in Belfast; contact Paul Hainaworth or Stephen McCloskey, 4 Lower Crescent, Belfast 7, phone 0232 - 241879. In Dublin the address of the well-established East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign is 210 Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, phone Dublin 6233148, and the contact there is Tom Hyland (who along with Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Maguire was recently refused admission to the Philippines for a conference dealing with the issue, due to Indonesian pressure, thus giving great publicity to the cause).

CHURCH AND PEACE CONFERENCE

The English-language Church and Peace conference, "Put on the whole armour of God: towards a peace church militant", takes place 9 - 11 September, near Bath, England. The keynote speaker is Hansulrich Gerber of the Mennonite Central Committee. Further information and registration form from; Alan Wilkie, 10 Thomson Road, Currie, Midlothian, Scotland, EH14 5HP, phone and fax 031 - 449 3695.

1995 (!) HOUSMANS PEACE DIARY

Just when it feels like you've stopped writing '1993' on letters and cheques comes news of Housmans Peace Diary and World Peace Directory for 1995. The latter is an invaluable tool for the serious campaigner. The 1995 edition will be published in September at £5.50 for a single copy plus 60p postage. Housmans, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX, England.

FOYLED AGAIN

"The Foyle directory of community groups and associations" has recently been published by the Peace and Reconciliation Group, 18 London Street, Derry BT48 6RQ. A 32-page publication (A5) it will prove invaluable locally and for those wishing to network with the centre of the universe.

NEW MAGAZINES

"COMMON GROUND" is published by the Pat Finucane Centre in Derry, which works on respect for human rights and on creative political action. Contact; The Pat Finucane Centre, 1 West End Park, Bogside, Derry, phone 0504 - 268846. Send £10 to subscribe or enquire about rates.

"CRD NEWS" is published by the Centre for Research and Documentation in Belfast, which works on human rights and 'third world' issues. A £12 subscription will get you all CRD newsletters, factsheets and posters for a year. Centre for Research and Documentation, 89b Glen Road, Belfast BT11 8BD, phone 626678 / fax 301708.

INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN PEACE-KEEPING AND PEACE-BUILDING

Details on the 1994/5 programmes on the above at the Austrian Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) are now available. Cost is 5,500 AS per week inclusive. Leaflet available from INNATE or contact directly; ASPR, A-7461 Stadtschlaining, Austria, ph +43-3355-2498.

MANIFESTO AGAINST CONSCRIPTION AND THE MILITARY SYSTEM produced by the Gandhi-Information-Centre in Berlin; INNATE has a copy.

REPORT towards establishing a SCHOOL OF GANDHIAN NONVIOLENCE, produced by the Gandhi Foundation in Britain; INNATE has a copy.

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The next issue will be produced at the start of September; deadline 31st August. IT IS HOPED TO PRODUCE 'NDN' AS NEAR TO MONTHLY AS POSSIBLE - so keep the news and information coming in!