



NONVIOLENT NEWS

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PEACE PROCESS, CEASE PROCESS

The ending of the IRA ceasefire on 9th February and the bombs in London have injected deep uncertainty into the situation in Northern Ireland but also a sense of urgency into the 'peace process' which had got nowhere very far in 17 months. There has been widespread public dread at the prospect of a return to bombings and tit-for-tat killings but there has also been the hope that somehow, still, things can be turned around. A date for all-party talks has been announced (June 10th) but with preconditions for participation it has not yet persuaded the IRA to return to ceasefire. While, ironically, the bombs have injected urgency into the 'peace process' (or 'cease process' as the part of it directed at restoring the IRA ceasefire might be called) it has not made progress easier but rather more difficult. Fortunately the loyalist ceasefire has so far held.

Meanwhile significant demonstrations for peace have been organised throughout Northern Ireland and the whole island of Ireland. Some demonstrations, and demonstrators, supported inclusive talks. Well over 100,000 demonstrated throughout Ireland on Sunday 25th February with in Belfast, for example, a real sense of people surging into the city centre to take part. Most demonstrations have been associated with either the trade unions or with Women Together (62 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF; phone Belfast 315100, Fax 314884) [- Editor. More detailed analysis on request!]

GLENCREE

Glencree has a new Dublin office and a new Reconciliation Worker. The Dublin development office has moved to a more spacious premises; Glencree, Exchequer Chambers, 19 - 23 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2. Tel. 662 03 55. Meanwhile Fran Banks, a founder member of Peace '93 who has worked on Glencree's political workshop facilitation team, was appointed Reconciliation Worker from the start of January. Glencree has recently produced a 3-page 'Southern Peace Directory' listing 18 groups in the Republic. Finally, there'll be a fundraising walk along the river Dargle around Powerscourt on 25th May.

ORGANIC CENTRE, LEITRIM

A Centre for information, courses and workshops on organic gardening and farming is being set up in Rossinver, Co Leitrim, building on long-time local work and knowledge in this area. The Organic Centre Company Limited is a non-profit making company limited by guarantee; a site of 19 acres of level land has been purchased. 2 acres will be devoted to display gardens and a restaurant and shop will be developed. The total cost is expected to be around £700,000. Those interested are invited to become a Friend of the Organic Centre with a suggested minimum contribution of £25 (cheques payable to 'Organic Centre'). Organic Centre, Rossinver, Co Leitrim.

HUMAN RIGHTS TEACHING PROGRAMME

"Yes, You Do Count" is a teaching programme on human rights for post-primary schools. It consists of 10 units each containing lesson-plans for teachers and photocopiable student worksheets, plus teaching techniques, relevant human rights texts, and resource list. It is available at £8 per book with chart plus £2.40 p & p; cheques payable to Irish Commission for Justice and Peace; ICJP, 169 Booterstown Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin. Tel 01 - 288 50 21 / 288 38 66; Fax 283 41 61

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, Northern Ireland

...Have moved to more spacious offices, allowing the storing of information in an accessible way, and space to make you a cup of tea when you call by and also with a meeting/training room where a range of events can be run to help people campaign more effectively. Call by soon. Friends of the Earth office, 40 Wellington Park, Belfast 9. Tel. 01232 - 311555; Fax 313322.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI)

Northern Ireland; Freedom Art Exhibition - This major exhibition at the Ormeau Baths Gallery, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast has run from early February and closes on 15 March; put on in association with AI (NI) it features work by 15 contemporary artists exploring the theme of 'Freedom'; visitors are asked to help secure the release for named prisoners from Mexico, Myanmar/Burma and South Korea by sending cards and signing petitions. Contact: John Price, 1 Ardfern, Saul Road, Downpatrick, Co Down BT30 6TN (01396 - 613548).
Republic; AGM takes place at Southern Hotel, Sligo 27 - 28 April. Current issue of 'Amnesty International', their 16-page A2 magazine, features- among other articles - the abuse of children around the world. AI has a Children's Action Network (Contact: Micheline Bradley, 9 Castle Close Drive, Blarney, Cork). AI office; 48 Fleet Street, Dublin 2. Tel 01 - 677 6381; Fax 01 - 677 6392. E-mail: ai-ei@amnesty.gn.apc.org

EAST TIMOR SOLIDARITY; WATERFORD GROUP LAUNCHED

A Waterford East Timor Support Group was launched in December; contact Catherine Maher, St Angelas Secondary School, Ballytruckle Road, Waterford. Meanwhile the January issue of 'Maubere' reports journalist Hugh O'Shaughnessy witness two British-built Hawk warplanes make a low pass over the centre of Dili in order to intimidate the inhabitants on the eve of the anniversary of the Santa Cruz massacre. East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign, 210 Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Tel/Fax 01 - 623 3148. E-mail: etisc@toppsi.gn.apc.org

KADE - Kerry Action for Development Education

The busy schedule of events will include March 21st, Youth Awareness day for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination, and March 23rd - 30th which is Central America Week. KADE, c/o Tralee Teachers Centre, Collis-Sandes House, Oakpark, Tralee. Ph 066 - 28155.

FAIT

Families Against Intimidation and Terror, FAIT, have a new introductory leaflet available covering their work, principally support for individuals and families under threat and intimidation. FAIT, 14 - 16 High Street, Belfast BT1 2BB. Tel 01232 - 237397; Fax 01232 - 314155.

REPRESSION TRADE

Peace News and CAAT, the Campaign Against Arms Trade, have produced a 4-page (A2) guide to the international, internal repression trade. Copies from CAAT at 11 Goodwin Street, London N4 3HQ. Or subscribe to *Peace News* (£7.50 for 12 issues in UK, £10 in Republic/Europe), 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX.

PROGRAMME TO OVERCOME VIOLENCE

The Churches Peace Forum in Britain has produced a resource pack on the Programme to Overcome Violence, associated with the World Council of Churches. It includes worksheets looking at different levels of violence, a paper on violence and nonviolence, suggestions for prayer, biblical/theological reflections and a resource list. It's priced at £2.50 inc p & p (cheques to 'Churches Peace Forum'); contact Programme to Overcome Violence, Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland / CCBI (International Affairs), Inter-Church House, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.

Meanwhile International Affairs of CCBI (same address) has produced a pack on "Countering the Arms Trade - Churches count the cost" geared to local action by churches from Lent to Pentecost (26 May).

SELLAFIELD WOMENS PEACE CAMP

'Women Speak Out against the nuclear-military chain' is a weekend of events to mark the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, taking place at Lancaster, England from 19 - 21 April. Contact: Women Speak Out, 21 DeVitre Street, Lancaster LA1 1QU.

CND Non-violent Resistance Network

This network produces a newsheet 6 times a year with up to date information on British-based direct action and disarmament. Available for a donation to cover costs. The coordinator of the network is David Polden. CND Non-violent Resistance Network, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ. Tel 0171 - 700 2393 / Fax 700 2357.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS

INNATE has a Graphics Library available for use by compatible groups; a compilation of cartoons, drawings, printed photos and other graphics held in box files and classified into nearly fifty major headings. List available on request to INNATE, 16 Ravensdene Park, Belfast BT6 0DA. Ph / Fax Belfast / 01232 - 847106.