"A DREAM UNFOLDING":
A GUIDE TO SELECTED JOURNALS, MAGAZINES,
AND NEWSLETTERS ON PEACE, DISARMAMENT,
AND ARMS CONTROL

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Why talk "peace movement" in a world that has recently been described as seeing peace "breaking out all over," where "velvet revolutions" have deposed communist dictatorships throughout Eastern Europe, and where the prospect of a head-on nuclear "exchange" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union seems to be the stuff of memory?

If the recent experience in the Persian Gulf is not a sufficient reminder that peaceful resolution of human conflict is scarcely an entrenched habit of the species, then brief perusals of such documents as Amnesty International's annual reports should relieve most readers of any unwarranted rosy feelings about peace on earth and good will prevailing among men, women, and children. From Indonesia to Ethiopia, from the Philippines to El Salvador, thousands of people are being killed, tortured, and otherwise physically intimidated for political purposes. Crippled by overwhelming military demands, national budgets fail to meet basic civil needs. Arms merchants, Bob Dylan’s "Masters of War," swoop down to satisfy the hardware hungers of any state that can ante up the cash for the latest hot new missile or tank.

Peace may be a "dream unfolding," as Penney Kome and Patrick Crean say in Peace: A Dream Unfolding (Sierra Club, 1986), but large numbers of people are not yet a part of the dream. The peace movement exists to help make the dream real. In a world where the U.S. and the Soviet Union still possess some 50,000 nuclear warheads, and where, according to a recent Brookings Institution report, at least sixteen...
nations possess ballistic missiles with ranges of up to 1,500 miles, that elusive reality is in clear need of assistance.

Peace Periodicals

Talking about the periodicals of the peace movement requires some further reflection on what that movement is—and what it is not. The "Peace Movement" is not a monolithic, unified force with a single, clear objective, but a loose assembly of individual social, political, and religious movements with diverse concerns. The assembly is composed of local, regional, national, and international organizations, from the church group that meets down the street to the Council for a Livable World, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, and International Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The peace movement is also composed of individuals who belong to no voluntary associations, but whose awareness of the destructiveness of war and other forms of institutionalized violence as tools for addressing social and political problems leads them to question and criticize policies related to these tools.

Those who contribute to the peace movement may do so by making financial donations to groups like Pax Christi or the CCCO (formerly the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors). They may contribute by taking part in mass demonstrations against their government’s use of force, whether in Afghanistan or Panama or South Africa or the Middle East. They may contribute by writing letters to their local newspapers, or by talking with friends and work acquaintances about peaceful approaches to national and global problems.

Yet the peace movement extends far deeper than any of those activities. It entails a commitment to ways of living that honor life at large. This commitment can manifest itself in solitary reflection on the shared goals and trials of humanity, in prayer, in the practical application of environmental awareness (for the ways of peace necessitate peaceful treatment of the planet every bit as much as a peaceful approach to other people), and in the education of one’s children in enlightened thinking about war and violence.

What is the peace movement? Is it a current of mingled hope and realization issuing from the soul of humanity and manifesting itself in a thousand very different yet complementary ways? Is it the sign of a slowly dawning but relentless consciousness that survival—of the species and of the planet—depends on cooperation rather than conflict?

It may be nice to think so. But whatever the peace movement’s origins, it is by now far too varied in its people and its activities to permit simplistic definitions.

A Diverse Literature

Given the great diversity of the peace movement, it stands to reason that its literature is equally diverse. It is. The objectives of the peace movement involve far more than the mere absence of people trying to kill one another to achieve their goals, although that absence is the fundamental reason for the movement’s existence. Periodicals advocate the causes of peace from many different perspectives informed by a wide variety of values and experience.

People come to the peace movement with religious and philosophical motivations, with environmental concerns, with basic human compassion for the sufferings of others, with legal and medical perspectives, even with enlightened business sense; the cynical slogan of the Vietnam War era, "War is good business; invest your son," is one whose irony many executives have come to recognize. (Many more, alas, have not; General Electric may claim to "bring good things to life," but it is also one of the nation’s premier nuclear weapons contractors, and as such has been for several years the target of a nationwide boycott by the peace movement, as well as the object of various direct protest actions.)

Since Vietnam

The Vietnam War did more than any other recent event to stimulate the development of peace (or at least antiwar) publishing in the United States, especially through the briefly-flourishing underground press movement. Since the war’s end, the periodicals of the peace movement have proliferated and diversified. Further, they have strengthened their theoretical underpinnings and have broadened their scope, moving beyond the gut issue of opposition to a specific war to address the multiple issues of peace, justice, and freedom.

With the election of Ronald Reagan and the U.S. military buildup of the early 1980s, and with the intense focus early in the Reagan years on renewed fears of nuclear war, the past decade witnessed an impressive resurgence and maturing of publishing on issues of war and peace. It was a resurgence particularly strong at the grassroots level, the level of citizen action suggesting that the "slowly dawning but relentless consciousness" is a force real and insistent.

The most dramatic example of the grassroots peace movement in the 1980s was the Nuclear Freeze movement, a movement that did as much as anything to bring mainstream legitimacy to nuclear weapons protest, even to the extent of a congressional resolution in its favor. The freeze movement was eventually manipulated and co-opted by the Reagan administra-
tion's assertions about making nuclear weapons "impo-
tent and obsolete" through the Strategic Defense
Initiative, and about their complete abolition, but the
movement's accomplishments were real and significant.
The Persian Gulf War brought some soul-searching
to many peace movement activists and sympathizers;
it is a search that can be traced in grassroots periodi-
cals. The overwhelmingly sympathetic mass media
treatment of the Bush administration's pursuit of the
war led some long-time peace advocates to a cringing
support of the U.S.-led war effort; other activists, who
maintained a strong opposition to the war, nevertheless
were sidetracked into devoting an embarrassing amount
of time to showing "support for the troops."

With the illusion of what General Colin Powell
called in a post-war speech to the Veterans of Foreign
Wars (VFW) "a clean win" having dissipated in the
bloody aftermath of the Gulf ceasefire, there will be
further discussion in the grassroots press about the
maintenance of clear thinking regarding war as a
necessary evil.

At any rate, it is ultimately to the grassroots
periodicals that one must turn to sense the depth of
emotional and intellectual commitment that comprises
the peace movement. These publications can, if one
is in the mood, prove almost overwhelming in the
purity of their commitment to peace on earth. The
depth of caring in these periodicals is often so intense,
so profound, and so selfless that reading them can be
an almost transcendent experience, carrying one into
the very realm of passion felt by those who would
"save the world."

The arguments against subscriptions to grassroots
periodicals are well-known: they aren't indexed, they
tend to be irregular, sometimes the editorial style seems
more than a little homespun to those accustomed to the
banal slickness of the mass newsweeklies. Forget those
threadbare arguments. The library that fails to make
such literature available to its readers, and I am
ashamed to say that most libraries fail on this point,
is depriving them of the opportunity for a powerful
intellectual and emotional adventure, one that has the
potential to be life-changing.

Some Notes on the Selected List

The periodical list here is not comprehensive. It
omits a lot of newsletterish publications, but it includes
others for flavoring. It makes no real effort to cover
periodicals published outside North America, although
some do show up. Some titles that I tried to obtain for
review eluded my grasp.

The titles appearing in this article come to light
through a combination of circumstances, some deliber-
ate, some fortuitous. I first began paying serious
attention to peace periodicals in the early 1980s. Some
titles here I have known and admired for a number of
years, others are new to me.

For *The Nuclear Present*, forthcoming from
Scarecrow Press, I annotated a substantial number of
peace movement periodicals, along with other titles
dealing with nuclear issues from military and political
perspectives. This task entailed use of such standard
periodical guides as *Ulrich's* as well as recent reference
books noting likely periodicals. Many of those titles
appear in this article. My intention here is to present
titles of potential use in almost any U.S. library. The
list omits some interesting titles, such as some religious
denominational publications, because their focus is too
constricted for a general audience.

Subscription prices, dates of first publication,
circulation, ISSNs, and OCLC numbers are noted when
ascertained. If there are two subscription costs, the first
is for individuals, the second for institutions. Given
today's rapid changes in periodical prices, the figures
listed here cannot be expected to prevail for long.

When identified as covered by indexing or
abstracting services, such tools are noted. Titles are
grouped for reader convenience in subject categories.
Treating periodicals in this fashion is usually a risky
game, for it compels forcing some against their will
into boxes that don't really fit their natures. *Nuclear Times*,
for example, noted in the "Professional" section,
is at the same time very much a product of grassroots
sensibilities, as is *Ground Zero*, located in the "Reli-
gious" division. No one thinking straight attempts to
arrange periodicals in anything but alphabetical order.
I went ahead and did it, anyhow.

Incomplete though the list below is, few libraries
even begin to offer their users a healthy sample of the
periodicals it covers. Perhaps some will be inspired
by this article to take some corrective measures (see
sidebar 1).

**GENERAL TITLES WITH PEACE FOCUSES**

*Greenpeace Magazine* (see figure 1). Edited by Andre
Carothers. 1436 U St., NW, Washington DC 20009.
6/year. $20. 1981-. OCLC 16718179. ISSN 0899-0190.
Circ. 800,000. Indexed: *Alternative Press Index*.

Next to the Sierra Club, Greenpeace is probably
the world's best-known environmental organization.
Its magazine is one of the leading journals of environ-
mental activism, providing coverage on a broad range
of issues. One of the organization's persistent interests
has been pollution from nuclear weapons and nuclear
power operations; its ship, the "Rainbow Warrior," was the target of a lethal 1985 terrorist bombing by
French government functionaries in New Zealand.
Sidebar 1: From the Belly of the Beast

If a library cannot pretend to offer an adequate collection of periodicals on peace without including a decent sample of representative grassroots titles, it also cannot do the job unless it covers the other side of the coin with periodicals issuing from and devoted to the military-industrial complex. I'll not take up space to describe the following listings, but some titles worth carrying are:


**Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals.** Edited by Emily J. Adams. Air University Library, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5564. Quarterly; cumulated annually. Free to libraries. 1949-. OCLC 2500050. ISSN 0002-2586. Circ. 1,500.

A subject index to approximately 80 English-language military and aeronautical periodicals. The substantial book review index could be helpful in locating reviews not indexed in other sources and in identifying the books themselves. A single issue runs to approximately 160 pages; publication lags a year or so behind the period being indexed. Was *Air University Periodical Index* until 1962.


**Comparative Strategy.** Edited by Richard B. Foster. Taylor & Francis, 1900 Frost Rd., Ste. 101, Bristol, PA 19007. Quarterly. $89. 1978-. ISSN 0149-5933. Indexed: Abstracts of Military Bibliography; American Bibliography of Slavic & East European Studies; Current Contents; International Political Science Abstracts, PAIS; Peace Research Abstracts; Social Science Citation Index.


**International Security.** Edited by Steven E. Miller. Harvard University Center for Science and International Affairs, 79 John F. Kennedy St., Cambridge, MA 02138. Quarterly. $25/$65. 1976-. OCLC 2682087. OCLC 2682087. ISSN 0162-2889. Circ. 5,500. Indexed: A.B.C. Pol Sci; Abstracts of Military Bibliography; Aerospace Defense Markets & Technology; Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals; American Bibliography of Slavic & East European Studies; America: History & Life; Future Survey; Historical Abstracts; International Bibliography of

Among the articles in the magazine, one finds frequent pieces on peace-related topics. Early 1991 issues, for example, featured reports on Greenpeace actions in the Soviet nuclear weapons test territory in the Berents Sea and on French nuclear testing at Moruroa. A highly desirable addition to any library's peace and environmental offerings.

**New Outlook.** Edited by Robert Berls. American Committee on U.S.-Soviet Relations, 109 11th St. SE, Washington, DC 20003. Quarterly. $25. 1990-. **New Outlook** is the official journal of the American Committee on U.S.-Soviet Relations. This independent, nonpartisan group established in 1974 dedicates itself "to strengthen official and public understanding of U.S.-Soviet relations by providing accurate information and expert analysis." Only one issue could be reviewed for this guide; that one, the Winter 1990/91 number, contained in its 90 pages an extensive analysis on "Reform and the Soviet Armed Forces," addressing the U.S.-Soviet strategic balance, the Soviet defense conversion process, "The Troubled Soviet Armed Forces," and other topics. The report included pertinent Soviet documents, such as a public opinion poll from August 1990, indicating that only 12 percent of Soviet citizens believed that a threat of military attack against the Soviet Union then existed. The periodical reflects a thorough journalistic rather than a scholarly approach. It should prove a useful source of information and opinion.

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Other useful military titles can be identified in Katz’s Magazines for Libraries and in Michael E. Unsworth’s “Professional Military Journals: An Overlooked Resource” (Serials Librarian 10 (Summer 1986): 143-54.) These journals and magazines will give the reader interested in peace and related issues some highly useful and enlightening perspectives on military thinking, the weapons industry, and the political connections between the two.

As John Adams said, "I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy." Today one hopes that Adams would include his daughters in this statement. At any rate, the advocates of peace must expose themselves to the arguments of warriors and their kin. To do otherwise is to go as a sheep among wolves, with the likely result being mutton.

Readers will also want to remain alert to the pertinent work that appears from time to time in such titles as Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, World Politics, Orbis, and many others that emphasize international relations.


Nuclear Times has evolved to serve as a wide-angle guide to the antiwar and antinuclear movements. It retains a primary focus on nuclear weapons and nuclear war issues, but also features commentary and assessments concerning political and military hotspots around the world (e.g., the Soviet crackdown in the Baltics, militarism in Japan, the Persian Gulf) that harbor the potential for far wider conflict. On the nuclear front, the magazine has recently featured articles on proliferation, nuclear deterrence in the context of the declining Cold War, and nuclear test protests in the Soviet Union. Contributors are journalists, scholars, and activists. Contains a good list of organizational resources keyed to each issue’s articles. Belongs in all libraries.

Positive Alternatives (see figure 2). Edited by Jim Wake. Center for Economic Conversion, 222 View St., Suite C, Mountain View, CA 94041. Quarterly. $35. 1990-. Circ. 7,500.
This journal’s self-description says: "Positive Alternatives is the primary publication of the Center for Economic Conversion and is the journal of economic conversion movement. It covers all facets of economic conversion from editorials on alternatives to military dependency, to interviews with key actors in the movement, to case studies, book reviews, reports from the field and updates on CEL’s work." Although primarily devoted to promoting economic conversion in the U.S., the journal also turns to other regions, such as Eastern Europe, struggling with the burden of wasteful investment in military projects. Includes one or two book reviews and an annotated resources listing. If this new title survives, it could prove of real corrective value to opposition to the federal governments military base-closing plans.

**Grassroots**

Civilian-Based Defense: News & Opinion. Edited by Melvin G. Beckman, Philip Bogdonoff, and Robert Holmes. PO Box 31616, Omaha, NE 68131. 6/year. $15. 1982-. ISSN 0886-6015. Circ. 750.

This newsletter is intended as a source of information on non-violent civilian-based defense (CBD) as an alternative policy for national defense, and as a vehicle for the exchange of international news, opinion, and research on CBD. It features some interesting articles by international contributors on CBD, a form of "defense" which has been discussed for many decades, and which was reintroduced in the 1950s by such figures as Sir Stephen King-Hall (Defence in the Nuclear Age, Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1961), who proposed CBD as the best way to oppose Soviet expansion. The most recent issue focused on the relationship between CBD and the "Velvet Revolutions" that took place in Eastern Europe (some of which, of course, were more velvety than others). Resource notes and occasional substantial book reviews heighten the title’s utility. Something of a hybrid between a grassroots and scholarly effort; the spirit is of the former, but the academic qualifications of many contributors lend it an air of the latter.

**Fellowship.** Edited by Virginia Baron. Fellowship of Reconciliation, 523 N. Broadway, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960. 8/year. $15. 1934-. OCLC 1569084. ISSN 0014-9810. Circ. 8,000. Human Rights Internet Reporter; PAIS; Peace Research Abstracts.

Fellowship contains peace movement news from around the world, news of Fellowship activities, personal accounts of peace activists (such as Joseph J. Fahey’s "From Bluejacket to Pacifist" in the March 1991 issue), analysis of military events, and discussion of more subtle forms of violence, such as homelessness and war toys. Includes approximately a half-dozen book reviews in each issue, ranging from one or two paragraphs to several hundred words.


The 2,500-member Center for War/Peace Studies advocates a much-enhanced role for the United Nations in achieving and maintaining international peace. The centerpiece of the organization’s current efforts is a campaign to make the U.N. the top level of a global federal system, with considerably-strengthened power to make and enforce decisions. Organizational membership brings this newsletter, along with other materials, such as Benjamin Ferencz’s and Ken Keyes, Jr.’s Planethood: The Key to Your Future. Global Report provides in its four pages news and features relevant to the center’s objectives. Recent issues have included an interview with Andrei D. Sakharov and critical discussion of the Bush administration’s use of the U.N. during the Persian Gulf War.
For five years INFACT has been leading a consumer boycott of General Electric, one of the nation’s leading nuclear weapons contractors. This brief newsletter reports on progress in the campaign and on GE activities on the nuclear front, including current work and historical events, such as the company’s involvement in the notorious 1949 release of radioactive iodine into the atmosphere from the Hanford nuclear facility. INFACT has published numerous materials concerning GE and the boycott. The $15 charge is more a campaign donation than a subscription fee. A significant grassroots contribution to the nuclear debate.


A 24-page magazine published by the nation’s oldest secular pacifist organization, The Nonviolent Activist contains political analysis from a pacifist perspective, feature articles, and information relating to nonviolence, feminism, disarmament, international issues, resistance to registration and the draft, war tax resistance, and other topics. Although it occasionally runs articles on nuclear subjects (such as “Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembered” in June 1990), the magazine’s scope attempts to cover the whole of the peace and anti-militarist movement insofar as possible within its available space. Includes one or two book reviews per issue, up to 600 words long. Its value is enhanced by annual indexing.

The Nuclear Resister. Edited by Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa. PO Box 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733. 8/year. $18/10 issues. 1980-. ISSN 0883-9875. Circ. 1,000.

This 16-page tabloid “works to foster a wider public awareness of imprisoned nuclear resisters, their motivations and their action.” It facilitates a support network for such activists in the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain. The paper reports on arrests and jailing of civil disobedients, and provides analysis and commentary on underlying issues, as in the article on “The Militarization of the Academic Community” in the 21 September 1990 issue. Features statements of resisters themselves and a listing of forthcoming nonviolent direct actions at nuclear sites. An excellent source of information and opinion on this most committed segment of the peace movement, particularly in view of the mass media’s almost total disregard in this area.

Nukewatch Pathfinder. The Progressive Foundation, PO Box 5658, Madison, WI 53701. Quarterly. $15.

Nukewatch (the informal name of the Progressive Foundation) came into being in 1979 following a federal court’s decree restraining The Progressive from publishing information about the U. S. nuclear weapons program. The foundation, founded by the magazine, has developed into an independent action group working for peace and justice. Its 4-page tabloid newsletter reports on organizational activities, including the Nukewatch “H-Bomb Truck Watch,” which monitors Department of Energy convoys that transport nuclear warheads and their components throughout the U.S., and the Missile Silo Campaign, designed to map the 1,000 ICBM missiles and 100 launch control centers in the Midwest and Great Plains. A good source of information on the secular arm of the grassroots peace movement.

The Objector: A Journal of Draft and Military Information. Edited by Jeff Schutts. PO Box 42249, San Francisco, CA 94142. 6/year. $15/$20. 1980-. OCLC 7534019. ISSN 0279-103X. Circ. 3,000.

The Objector covers in 12-16 pages Selective Service laws and activities, military regulations and life in the military, issues of conscientious objection, anti-militarism, draft registration and resistance, and other information of concern to those facing compulsory military service. Published by the CCCO, an agency founded in 1948 as the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. Includes news of life in the Soviet and other foreign military establishments. Strongly recommended as an information tool in any environment where young men and women ponder their futures and search their consciences.

On Beyond War. Edited by Mac Lawrence and Marilyn Rea. Beyond War, 222 High St., Palo Alto, CA 94301. 10/year. $25. 1984-. ISSN 0887-9567.

Beyond War is an eight-year old educational foundation dedicated to building a cooperative, sustainable world. It is active in a number of areas, including citizen diplomacy efforts with people in the Soviet Union and proposing initiatives for global security and cooperation. The 8- to 12-page newsletter contains discussions of current conflicts, ideas for positive change, interviews with peace activists and scholars, commentary on socio-psychological aspects of international relations, and occasional book reviews. Beyond War’s dominant message is that all humanity shares the same vital need to preserve the planet; it believes that recognizing the common interest everyone has as a citizen of planet earth in its preservation is a logical and necessary step toward achieving preservation of the planet and humanity. "The Earth and all life are
interdependent and interconnected," says one Beyond War document. "The well-being of each individual is inextricably linked to the well-being of the whole. All is one." The spirit here is grassroots, the execution professional.

**Peace and Freedom.** Edited by Roberta Spivek. Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, 1213 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. 6/year. $10. 1941-. OCLC 2265762. ISSN 0015-9093. Circ. 11,000. Indexed: **Alternative Press Index.**

Billing itself as "the only U.S. magazine devoted solely to the women's peace movement," each issue of *P & F* covers a full spectrum of international peace-related issues, from advocacy of a comprehensive nuclear test ban to children's books, racism, sexism, disarmament, peace education, and WILPF activities. Useful to any peace activist or researcher, *Peace and Freedom* should be a basic item on any woman peace worker's periodical shelf.

**Peace Brigades International Project Newsletters.** Peace Brigades International, Box 1233, Harvard Sq. Sta., Cambridge, MA 02238. Monthly. $25. 1989-. Peace Brigades International (PBI) sends unarmed international peace teams, on invitation, into areas of repression or conflict, acting on the belief that "citizens can act boldly as peacemakers when their governments cannot." The newsletter provides information about the activities of the teams and the organizations with which they work, as well as background information on the situations in the countries where PBI has projects. Formerly published separately by country, the newsletter began including information about all projects (Central America, Southeast Asia, North America) in summer 1991. An effective tool for staying informed about troubled local situations in countries and regions with the potential to serve as catalysts for broader violence and military confrontation.

**Peace Conversion Times.** Edited by Will Loob. Alliance for Survival, 200 N. Main St., Suite M-2, Santa Ana, CA 92701. 9/year. $25. Circ. 8,000. 1983-.

The Alliance for Survival is a grassroots group whose major goals include the abolition of nuclear arms and power, reversal of the arms race, and an end to military interventions. It is primarily active in the city of Los Angeles and in Orange County, California. *Peace Conversion Times* is an 8-page tabloid featuring organizational news and articles on narrower aspects of the broad goals noted above. Included here as a good example of a local peace periodical produced on a slender budget.

**Peace Magazine.** Edited by Metta Spencer. Canadian Disarmament Information Service, 736 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. MSS 2R4 Canada. 6/year. $20. 1985-. ISSN 0826-9521. Circ. 8,000.

"To inform, enlighten, and inspire. To save Earth from the scourge of war." With this motto, *Peace Magazine* addresses a wide variety of issues and readers. The 32-page magazine endorses multilateral disarmament, but otherwise takes no editorial position and presents a variety of views. It contains a listing of upcoming peace events in Canada, notes on the Canadian peace movement, reviews of books, films, and videos, letters from abroad, and other regular features. Recent issues have offered articles on the Persian Gulf War, the General Electric boycott, Greenham Common, nuclear accidents, and many other relevant issues. A well put-together magazine that will be useful to peace activists and scholars in the U.S., and essential to those in Canada.


*Peace Reporter* is a six-page newsletter providing information on the growth and development of the United States Institute of Peace, activities and programs of the foundation, and other articles on peacemaking, peacemaking, and conflict resolution. A recent issue contained articles on conflict management seminars in Armenia, establishment by the Institute of Peace of a Middle East program, networking notes, and other information. The foundation is an independent organization, not affiliated with the U.S. Institute of Peace, although its activities in behalf of the Institute helped enable its creation. Membership opens opportunities to meet in Regional Council workshops and seminars on peacemaking and conflict resolution.

**RECON.** Edited by Chris Robinson. RECON Publications, PO Box 14602, Philadelphia, PA 19134. 9/year. $15. 1973-. ISSN 0093-5336. Circ. 2,000.

This newsletter of approximately 14 pages "covers Pentagon activities around the world. *RECON* exposes little-known events and explains the reasons behind the mass-media headlines." Produced by volunteers, *RECON* reflects its editor's belief that what one reader calls "a goofy bunch of idealists" can help effect positive social change, in spite of the vast financial and political power of the military industrial complex. "We have faith that the change will come," says Robinson. *RECON* often publishes articles on nuclear resistance, nuclear weapons and warfare issues, and SDI. Includes eight to ten paragraph-long book and document reviews in each issue.

This publication is an update on legislation and developments affecting conscientious objectors to participation in war. Each 8-page issue is likely to offer discussion of individual CO cases, commentary on military action, analysis of pro-military propaganda in the media, a number of brief book reviews and other leads to pertinent literature, coverage of congressional action, and more. A valuable source to help anyone understand contemporary conscientious objection to participation in war, but especially useful to those in a position to counsel young people concerned about the draft and what constitutes their "duty" to their country.


Editor Bowman, the author of Star Wars: A Defense Insider's Case Against the Strategic Defense Initiative (J.P. Tarcher, 1986), is a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel. He conducts an energetic campaign against the militarization of space and the continued funding of defense programs he considers wasteful and a threat to U.S. and global security. Each issue of his 8- to 16-page S & S News contains Bowman's analysis of global events and military programs, chiefly SDI.

Like Thomas Liggett's World Peace News, Bowman's periodical reflects the thinking of a former military man who has seen a new light. He describes the publication as providing "an independent voice for the American people on space and other high-tech issues affecting national security. We specialize in those areas where we feel the government has lied to the American people and their elected representatives to Congress. We 'Speak Truth to Power' on issues like 'Star Wars,' the KAL-007 shootdown, the Challenger explosion, nuclear testing, and the war against Iraq. We have vigorously opposed weapons in space since 1980." The format is homey (2-column, typed), the message urgent and clearly-presented.


This journal's parent institute is a nonpartisan service organization working to improve Soviet-American relations through better communication, facilitating working relationships between individual Soviet and U.S. citizens, cultural exchanges, and other means. Surviving Together presents news and editorial opinion on U.S.-Soviet relations and chronicles exchanges between the two countries, especially private-sector contacts. Each 90-page issue's coverage is divided among approximately 20 subjects, such as health, education, world security, environment, city affiliations, and citizen diplomacy. It includes articles reprinted from other sources and those based on information retrieved from interested organizations. Both U.S. and Soviet sources are cited. An effective tool for keeping informed on healthy developments in U.S.-Soviet relations. Features a good number of resource and new book notes. Readable and exciting.

The Test Banner. American Peace Test, PO Box 26725, Las Vegas, NV 89126. Monthly. $10. 1987-.

American Peace Test is a grassroots group dedicated to nonviolent action to end the arms race. It advocates a comprehensive nuclear test ban as a first step towards disarmament, and engages in education and outreach to communities affected by nuclear weapons testing and the arms race. The organization's Testing Alert Network monitors U.S. and British tests at the Nevada Test Site and shares information on foreign tests with a global network of activists. The Test Banner reports both U.S. and international opposition to nuclear testing, including protests by Soviet citizens. The tabloid helps the reader keep up with a variety of testing issues, including environmental and legal matters. Readers seriously interested in participating in the movement for a comprehensive test ban will welcome access to this title.


WAND was founded in 1980 by Dr. Helen Caldicott as a women's initiative to eliminate weapons of mass destruction and redirect military resources to human and environmental needs. WAND engages in congressional lobbying, grassroots organization, support of women congressional candidates, and other measures serving its objectives. The WAND Bulletin, an 8-page newsletter, includes notes from affiliates around the U.S. as well as discussions on a variety of political and military issues. A desirable addition to feminist and peace collections.


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An affiliate of the national grassroots network, Mobilization for Survival, the Washington Peace Center focuses on peace education and action in the metropolitan Washington area. The 8-page tabloid aims, in its editors' words, "to support the work of local progressive grassroots activists, and provide information on issues of local, national, and international importance." The paper concentrates on such issues as militarism, racism, sexism, homelessness, protection of the environment, homophobia, and economic justice, as well as the conventional peace issues of outright military confrontation. Occasional book reviews.

In its broad spectrum of concerns, the Washington Peace Letter is emblematic of the contemporary peace movement's realization that institutionalized violence extends far beyond traditional ideas of "war" to include more subtle but still devastating affronts to the rights of both humanity and nature.

The tabloid's single, overriding interest is the objective of its subtitle, world government, and the sooner the better. The whole of WPN is given to short news notes and commentary, with occasional longer pieces, analyzing global affairs in light of that objective. It is relentlessly critical of efforts to preserve nationalism and the sovereignty of the nation-state; Liggett sees nuclear weaponry as the death knell—one way or another—of the present system of competing states. Each 8-page issue is full of information and opinion of interest to advocates of world government, contributed not only by Liggett but by other advocates of the rule of international law as well. WPN is currently campaigning for Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel's designation as U.N. Secretary-General in the belief that Havel has a better understanding of internationalism than "the U.N.'s line of nationalist Secretaries-General." It is especially interesting for its quick takes on political attitudes expressed in the mass media.

**Religious Perspectives**


This nicely-designed 16-page newsletter includes attention to nuclear issues within its broad embrace of topics concerned with peace and justice. It describes its mission as seeking "to contribute to the development of social awareness and a consistently pro-life social ethic in the American Christian evangelical community, in order to, in the words of our slogan, 'promote shalom in public life.'" Each issue contains a feature article on an important public policy matter, federal legislative updates, news on developments abroad, and other organizational information.

*Briefly.* Edited by Nancy Lee Head. Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960. Quarterly. $25 (membership). 1944-.

A newsletter designed to inform Presbyterian Church members of peacemaking ideas, activities, resources, and backgrounds, Briefly, in its 8 pages, covers issues on peace in general, including attention to nuclear matters such as the General Electric boycott led by INFACT and nuclear weapons facility investigations. It also features notes on resources and kindred organizations, plus occasional book reviews.

*Christian Social Action* (see figure 4). Edited by Lee Ranck and Stephen Brockwell. General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002. 11/year. $13.50. 1968-. ISSN 0164-5528. Circ. 4,500.
Editor Ranck describes *Christian Social Action* as a magazine that "builds on the premise that faithful witness involves constant grappling with current issues in light of biblical and theological reflection. *CSA* is intended to stimulate thought, discussion and further study on a number of complex, sometimes controversial issues." These issues have recently included the Persian Gulf War, the situation in Panama, women's rights, the death penalty, and gay and lesbian concerns. Letters, a "U.N. Report," occasional book reviews, and other features round out the 40-page magazine. A good addition to libraries trying to offer readers access to a variety of religiously-informed views on the many aspects of peace and violence in today's world.


The Nevada Desert Experience describes itself as "a faith-based organization with Franciscan origins working to end nuclear weapons testing through a campaign of prayer, dialog, and nonviolent direct action." Organized in 1984, the Experience conducts prayer vigils at the Nevada Test Site and sponsors annual commemorations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August. "NDE is a voice in the desert calling people of faith to nonviolence in the face of violence, truth in the face of illusion, hope in the face of despair, love in the face of fear." The 6-page newsletter features articles on the comprehensive test ban issue, organizational news, notes on activities of kindred groups, and occasional book reviews.

*Episcopal Peace Fellowship Newsletter.* Edited by Dana S. Grubb. PO Box 28156, Washington, DC 20038. Quarterly. $25 (membership). ca. 1965--.

This newsletter is primarily for the encouragement and information of EPF members and friends, and to keep bishops, church press, and others informed of organizational activities and objectives. The Episcopal Church has been an active peace and anti-nuclear weapons advocate for some time; Episcopalians seeking connections with other Church members will find this newsletter helpful.

*Ground Zero* (see figure 5). Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370. Quarterly. Donation.

The root of *Ground Zero's* orientation is secured in the tradition of Christian nonviolence, but, as the "Dear Gandhi" letters column suggests, the point of view is anything but narrowly sectarian, and not without a sense of humor. The 12-page tabloid dwells on peace issues at large, from testimonies to the power of prayer to sustain the peace activist to analysis of current U.S. military projects and protests around the nation. It includes the regular feature "Voices from Prison," in which peace activists jailed for their actions reflect on their situations and the meanings implicit in them. As in most grassroots publications, there is a strong sense of community evoked by *Ground Zero*, in this case a spiritual community. Recommended as a good example of its kind.

*The Other Side.* Edited by Mark Olson, Doug Davidson, and Dee Dee Risher. 300 W. Apsley St., Philadelphia, PA 19144. Bi-monthly. $29.50. 1965-. ISSN 0145-7675. Circ. 14,500.

This is an independent, ecumenical Christian magazine tending to the broad issues of peace and social justice. It addresses war, racism, nationalism, and the oppression of the disenfranchised. The magazine has published such writers as Daniel Berrigan, Mary Lou Kownacki, bell hooks, Margaret Drabble, William O'Brien, and many others; it maintains a very selective approach to its submissions. It includes poetry and fiction in addition to non-fiction pieces. "We abhor political rationalizing and the social posturing of the right and left," say the editors. "We welcome critical thinking about ourselves and those 'movements' of which we sometimes are a part." Good illustrations; a nice title for public libraries.

This organizational communication tool serves persons with training and interest in pastoral psychology and issues related to peace with justice and the "integrity of creation." The 16-page newsletter informs members of the network and other interested persons about important related events, issues, resources, and concerns. The strong antiwar theme is accompanied by discussion of such social justice issues as adequate housing. It includes numerous notes from foreign readers and resource notes.

Pax Christi USA. Edited by Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB. National Catholic Peace Movement, 348 East Tenth St., Erie, PA 16503. Quarterly. $20 (membership). 1985-. ISSN 0897-9545. Circ. 10,000.

The primary goal of Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace movement, is "to work with all people for peace for all humankind, always witnessing to the peace of Christ. Its priorities are a Christian vision of disarmament, a just world order, primacy of conscience, education for peace and alternatives to violence." Pax Christi USA covers the Catholic peace movement in depth, with articles by and about activists, actions, and events, from analysis of the Persian Gulf War to campaigning for a Comprehensive Test Ban treaty. Each 38-page issue contains a variety of feature articles, columns, two or three book reviews, news of Pax Christi organizational matters, and "Network," a resources listing. Essential reading for Catholic peace activists and a desirable item for libraries that wish to make Catholic peace perspectives more readily available to their users.

Peace Office Newsletter. Mennonite Central Committee, International Peace Section, 21 S. 12th St., Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. 6/year. $10.

The Mennonite Central Committee is "the cooperative relief and service agency of North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ conferences. It carries on community development, peacemaking and material aid 'in the name of Christ,' in response to His command to teach all nations the way of discipleship, love and peace." The 12-page newsletter features biblical perspectives on war and peace, examination of psychological issues, peace activism among different groups ("Seniors for Peace" is a current project), and reflections on the meaning of peacemaking.


This Christian, non-denominational newsletter emphasizes the importance of following the teachings of Christ in working for a peaceful world. The newsletter reflects editor Price's statement, drawn from his book Seasons of Faith and Conscience: Kairos, Confession, & Liturgy (Orbis, 1991), that "Every act of worship, every occasion where the sovereignty of the Word of God is celebrated, every instance where the realm of God is acknowledged, is always and everywhere expressly political." Church and state may be separate, but World Peacemakers is a group that approaches politics informed by religious conviction. The 20-page newsletter contains essays and notes concerning the spiritual motivations and rationales for turning away from war as a "solution" to international problems.

Professional Periodicals

This useful if, for all but major research facilities, prohibitively costly looseleaf service provides up-to-date information on the status of arms control negotiations, the positions of governments, the record of events leading to the current situation, and an update on weapons involved in negotiations. Each supplement contains 100-160 pages. The binder arranges material by topic; the 1991 cumulation, for instance, covers close to 40 arms negotiation areas, including short-range nuclear forces, nuclear-weapon-free zones, the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and missile proliferation. Although full of valuable information, the title's cost will inevitably keep it out of the hands of many researchers.


The Arms Control Association, a national membership organization, "seeks to create broad public appreciation of the need for positive steps toward the limitation of armaments and the implementation of other measures to reduce international tensions and promote world peace." Its journal is essential for any serious collection on peace, nuclear weapons, and strategic issues in general; *ACT's* typical 40-page issue contains interviews with influential figures and informed articles on such topics as nuclear proliferation, verification, movement toward a comprehensive test ban, and strategic defense. The regular departments, "News Briefs" and "Factfile," afford quick access to developments in or affecting arms control. One of the most valuable points for the researcher is "Arms Control in Print," a timely, two-page bibliography identifying books, pamphlets, government documents, and articles in various categories. One or two long book reviews per issue allow reviewers to address the topic at hand as well as the books under consideration. Contributors are prominent and varied in their viewpoints.

*Barometer.* Edited by Tariq Rauf. Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament, 151 Slater, Suite 710, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 5H3. Quarterly. $30/$45. 1990-. ISSN 0825-1894. Circ. 3,000.

The Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament was established in 1983 to encourage informed debate and to provide independent, non-partisan research and information on arms control and disarmament. *Barometer,* although subsidized to some extent by the government, maintains an independent editorial position. An 8-page tabloid printed on quality paper, its emphasis is on Canadian involvement in global issues of arms control and disarmament. 1990 issues contained articles on nuclear testing in the Arctic, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards, trends in the arms trade, and Canadian-Soviet cooperation initiatives, among other topics, plus occasional book reviews.

*Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.* Edited by Len Ackland. Educational Foundation for Nuclear Science, 6042 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, IL 60637. 10/year. $30. 1945-. OCLC 1242732. ISSN 0096-3402. Circ. 20,000. A.B.C. Pol. Sci.; Academic Index; American Bibliography of Slavic & East European Studies; America: History & Life; Bibliography & Index of Geology; Biography Index; Biol. Dig.; Biological Abstracts; Book Review Index; Book Review Digest; Chemical Abstracts; Current Advances in Ecological and Environmental Sciences; Current Contents; Current Index to Journals in Education; Energy Review; Environmental Periodicals Bibliography; Excerpta Medica; Future Survey; General Science Index, Historical Abstracts; Index to Scientific Reviews; INIS Atomindex; Magazine Index; Media Review Digest; Metals Abstracts; Middle East: Abstracts & Index; Pollution Abstracts; Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature; Social Science Citation Index; Sociological Abstracts; Risk Abstracts; South Pacific Periodicals Index; World Aluminum Abstracts.

The *BAS* debuted in December 1945. Home of the famous "Doomsday Clock" logo indicating its editors' estimation of humanity's proximity to nuclear annihilation, the magazine is rather more optimistic about the future than it was a few years ago, or even at its inception when it warned of atomic catastrophe being "inevitable if we do not succeed in banishing war from the world." In its 45th anniversary issue, editor Ackland wrote, "The race to nuclear destruction between the world's two military behemoths has been reversed and the opportunity exists to dismantle the dangerous Cold War arsenals and superstructures."

If that reversal has taken place, *BAS* can claim as much credit as any periodical. Throughout its history it has been at the forefront of "responsible" (i.e., professional, expert) forums for addressing the many and intricate aspects of the nuclear threat. Proliferation, testing, the arms race, nuclear weapon facility problems, and many other nuclear issues come into its scope. With articles by recognized authorities, a lively format with good illustrations and good book reviews, *BAS* is a must for all libraries.

*CEASE News.* Edited by Peggy Schirmer. Concerned Educators Allied for a Safe Environment, 17 Gerry St., Cambridge, MA 02138. 3/year. $5. Circ. 700. 1982-.
CEASE is a national network of parents, teachers, and other young children's advocates concerned about the dangers of violence, pollution, nuclear power, nuclear war, and a global military budget that drains resources from programs designed to help children and their families. **CEASE News** is a modest but neatly-produced little newsletter reporting organizational activities and featuring brief articles on various facets of the peace movement. Recent issues have offered articles on the children of Hiroshima, war toys in the classroom, and the Middle East crisis, with some book and audiovisual reviews of materials intended either for children or for their adult teachers and guides.

**Council for a Livable World Newsletter.** Council for a Livable World, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002. Irreg.; free. 1987-.

Although in the words of Council office manager Chris Peterson, "This newsletter is published with no regularity whatsoever," it remains of interest when it does appear. The Council works in behalf of establishing a majority in the U.S. Senate supporting nuclear disarmament and "a big cut in the military budget." The 4-page newsletter contains updates on the current state of that budget, the status of weapons programs, arms control agreements, and other topics. The Council also publishes irregular "Fact Sheets," also free, on specific weapons and military issues, and operates a "Nuclear Arms Control Hotline" (202-543-0006), a 3-minute taped message.


This desktop-published 30-page newsletter turns its attention generally to the socially responsible uses of computers, and has recently covered such issues as telephone privacy and how computers contribute to the ecological crisis. It has also published many articles in its history on nuclear war and related topics, including nuclear education, strategy, computer unreliability and nuclear war, SDI, and other topics. Articles contain references, but the style is accessible to the average educated reader; one need not be a computer scientist—or even use a computer—to make sense of it. Recently CPSR called for an end to the "Star Wars" program, and published a response to that call by the Strategic Defense Information Office. Given the importance of computers in contemporary weaponry and defense systems, this newsletter is worth the attention of anyone concerned about the relationship of high technology to war and peace.


**ESR Journal** devotes itself to new ideas on educating students for their involvement in the world. It includes both theoretical and practical essays by ESR leaders and other experts in education. "Skilled, courageous, and creative teachers are essential for our country to survive and thrive," states a journal representative. "ESR exists to enable such teachers to work together to develop and share ideas." The 120-page 1990 issue, in the format of a typical scholarly journal, featured articles on human rights education, conflict management for students, the role of education for social responsibility in American culture, and other topics. Many of the articles contain footnotes and bibliographies. One hopes this welcome addition to educational literature will be able to evolve to a more frequent publication status.


The Federation of American Scientists was founded in 1945 by Manhattan Project scientists to promote the peaceful and humane uses of science and technology. Its journal describes itself "as a means to disseminate the research and analysis produced by various projects of the F.A.S. Fund (educational and research arm of the Federation) which deal primarily in the areas of nuclear proliferation, chemical/biological weapons, international scientific exchange, disarmament verification and the environmental and political implications of the U.S. space policy." Occasional book reviews are included.

**LAWS Quarterly.** Edited by Laura McGough. Lawyers Alliance for World Security, 1120 19th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Quarterly. $20. 1982-.

Recently revamped from a 4-page newsletter to a more substantial 20-page magazine, **LAWS Quarterly** is designed to assist its parent organization in providing a forum for the analysis and exchange of ideas concerning reduction of the threat of nuclear war, advancing non-proliferation, and enhancing movement towards the rule of law in the Soviet Union. In addition to organizational news, the most recent issue featured essays by a scholar from the Center for International Security and Arms Control of Stanford University and by a former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Previously published as the newsletter of the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control. **LAWS Quarterly** is a desirable addition to law libraries.
The Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute is active on a variety of fronts; a commitment to peace and social justice is one of them. The PeaceNet Bulletin is a four- to six-page newsletter devoted to single-issue analysis of "crucial current events and the central issues of peace law" regarding such topics as the U.S. invasion of Panama, the Persian Gulf War, and nuclear deterrence. The organization's goal is to fulfill our responsibilities in the nuclear age by helping inform U.S. public discussion and debate on these events and to support appropriate action by U.S. policymakers, organizations, and also specifically by lawyers and lawmakers. Contributors are legal authorities. Chiefly of interest to those in the legal profession who want to explore the opportunities for pursuing peace and justice afforded by their professional expertise.

Nucleus. Edited by Steven Krauss. Union of Concerned Scientists, 26 Church St., Cambridge, MA 02238. Quarterly. Donation. 1978-. ISSN 0888-5729. Circ. 130,000.

Nucleus covers arms control, national security and energy policy issues, and nuclear power safety. The oversize 8-page tabloid contains news and analysis of all these issues, and benefits from good graphs, charts, and other illustrations. The Union of Concerned Scientists is dedicated to environmental health, renewable energy, and "a world without the threat of nuclear war." The organization also publishes books and brochures on these issues, along with its 4- to 6-page "Briefing Papers" on such topics as nuclear proliferation, antisatellite weapons, and other aspects of nuclear war and peace.

The PSR Quarterly: A Journal of Medicine and Global Survival. Edited by Jennifer Leaning, M.D. Williams & Wilkins, PO Box 23921, Baltimore, MD 21203. (Editorial offices: 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02146). Quarterly. $48/$85. 1991-.

This most welcome new journal began in the thirtieth anniversary year of Physicians for Social Responsibility, a national organization of 25,000 health professionals and supporters working to prevent nuclear war and other environmental catastrophes. PSR is the U.S. affiliate of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. The journal provides the first peer-reviewed periodical coverage of the medical, scientific, public health, and bioethical problems related to the nuclear age. It features editorials, debate and rebuttal, news notes, letters, and book and journal reviews. The 65-page debut issue of March 1991 contained scholarly articles on the neutron bomb, health effects of radioactive fallout on Marshall Islanders, and other significant contributions to an informed understanding of medical issues in the context of a world bristling with weapons of mass destruction. Any library serving a clientele with an interest in medicine and allied health fields will want to give this title serious consideration.


The official membership newsletter for Physicians for Social Responsibility, this 8-page tabloid informs readers of the organization's campaigns against nuclear weapons testing and production, federal budget priorities, and environmental protection and restoration. Some book reviews are included.


This 12-page newsletter in addition to covering activities of Psychologists for Social Responsibility, focuses on projects in which professional psychologists are involved concerning peace, war, conflict resolution, and related topics. The newsletter also features articles on such topics as the psychological case for a comprehensive test ban, profiles of antiwar psychologists, and commentary on current international crises. The organization defines its mission as using psychological principles and tools "to promote conversion from a war system to a world dedicated to peace and social justice." An annotated resource list is a regular feature; occasional book reviews are included. Psychologists who want to stay abreast of professional developments regarding war and peace will find this title useful; so would lay readers interested in psychology.


The Council on Economic Priorities is an independent, public interest research organization. A focus on arms control, military spending, and national security has long been one of the Council's interests. Recent issues of the 6-page Research Report have dealt with the economic effects of the Cold War's decline, particularly the need for conversion from military to
civilian industry in both the U.S.S.R. and the United States. Succinct but informative.

**RESEARCH REPORT**

**BEATING SWORDS INTO WASHING MACHINES**

By Peter Mathiassen, Martin Anderson, Peter Thody, and Jim Mulholland

Soviet depopulation, production and use of weapons for political purposes, promoting the development of a society with a high efficiency of military forces, and the role of military industry in society are some of the topics covered in this article. The authors note that the Soviet military industry is a crucial component of the country's economy and that it plays a significant role in maintaining the nation's security.

**SCHOLARLY JOURNALS**


Recent issues of this scholarly journal have addressed such topics as religion and armed conflict, the alleged obsolescence of major war between developed countries, international environmental cooperation, current change in Europe, and the arms industry, technology, and democracy in Brazil. It includes the occasional article on nuclear and related issues, such as Sven Hellman's "The Risks of Accidental Nuclear War" in the March 1990 issue. Authors are an international lot, including those from the U.S., Western and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa, Canada, and elsewhere. The journal's motto is "To motivate research, to inspire future oriented thinking, to promote activities for peace." It concentrates on international policy in the light of general peace research theory. Perhaps a bit intimidating for undergraduates and the public at large.

**Conflict Management and Peace Science.** Edited by Walter Isard. Peace Science Society (International), Dept. of Political Science, SUNY Binghamton, Binghamton NY 13901. Irreg. $20. 1974-. OCLC 8055590. ISSN 0738-8942. Circ. 1,000. A.B.C. Pol. Sci.; America: History & Life; Current Contents; Historical Abstracts; Middle East; Abstracts & Index; PAIS; Social Science Citation Index.

It may not publish more than one issue in a year, but this journal nevertheless contributes some worthwhile points of view on peace issues. This scholarly title has featured articles on long-term effects of nuclear weapons, the high-technology arms race, and the relationship between trade and conflict. For advanced students and scholars; others will be frequently stymied by mathematical formulae in the articles. Contributors are almost exclusively U.S. scholars.

**Current Research on Peace and Violence.** Edited by Pertti Joenniemi. Tampere Peace Research Institute, Hameenkatu 13 b A, PO Box 447, SF-33101, Tampere, Finland. Quarterly. $40. 1971-. ISSN 0356-7893. Circ. 600. Abstracts of Military Bibliography; Current Contents; International Political Science Abstracts; Middle East: Abstracts & Index; Sociological Abstracts, Social Science Citation Index.

An interdisciplinary scholarly journal that publishes articles on a wide variety of topics in its 60 to 70 pages. Recent issues have featured articles on the U.N. and nuclear disarmament, Soviet military doctrine, "peace research as critical research," and other issues. A diversity of viewpoints and contributors, from Scandinavia, North America, Great Britain, and elsewhere, gives the journal appeal to peace activists, scholars, and students.


Disarmament is intended to serve as a source of information and a forum for ideas concerning the activities of the United Nations and the wider international community with regard to arms limitation and disarmament issues. The periodical is issued in English, French, Russian, and Spanish editions. As one might expect, the breadth of subjects covered is extensive and its contributors are international. Recent issues have offered articles on economic conversion in the
U.S.S.R., coverage of the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference that took place in the fall of 1990, tactical nuclear weapons, international arms transfers, and other significant topics. Contributors come to their tasks with well-informed backgrounds in the issues. The majority of the articles contain references to other literature. From 20 to 30 brief book reviews, a list of publications received, recent documents on disarmament, and a chronology of disarmament activities round out each issue. At the price, Disarmament is an economical and desirable addition to most libraries.

International Journal on World Peace. Edited by Panos D. Bardis. Professors World Peace Academy, GPO Box 1311, New York, NY 10116. Quarterly. $15/$30. 1984-. ISSN 0742-3640. Circ. 10,000. Current Contents; Psychological Abstracts; Social Science Citation Index; Social Work Research & Abstracts; Sociology of Education Abstracts; Geographical Abstracts; International Political Science Abstracts; Key to Economic Science; LLBA Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts; PAIS; Peace Research Abstracts; Sociological Abstracts.

This is another title ranging widely over the world of peace issues. A typical number contains two or three major articles; recent issues have focused on national self-determination, the link between Locke and Kant and ecological theories, the historical paradox of religious sects' lip-service to peace while engaging in war, apartheid, and wars of development in Latin America. A brief "News" section takes an equally broad approach to current political developments, such as the independence movements in the Soviet Union. It includes notes on new books and journals. Book reviews are lengthy, if not plentiful (8 to 10 per issue). Some of the books chosen for review are curious entries in a journal devoted to peace (e.g., E.D. Hirsch's Cultural Literacy) but the reviews also turn up some interesting and generally overlooked titles. Clearly a reflection of its editor's worldview, even to the inclusion of his long "Miscellany" column, in which he may offer anything from his own reflections on global affairs to poems sent in by readers to his "Pandebars," brief poetic musings on whatever catches his fancy.

Journal of Conflict Resolution. Edited by Bruce M. Russett. Sage Publications, 2455 Teller Rd., Newbury Park, CA 91320. $130. 1957-. OCLC 1623560. ISSN 0022-0027. A.B.C. Pol. Sci.; America: History & Life; American Bibliography of Slavic & East European Studies; Abstracts of Military Bibliography; Academic Index; Current Contents; EI (Excerpta Indonesica); Educational Administration Abstracts; Historical Abstracts; International Political Science Abstracts; Psychological Abstracts; Middle East: Abstracts & Index; PAIS; Predicasts Overview of Markets and Technologies; Peace Research Abstracts; Psycscan; Social Science Citation Index; Social Sciences Index; Social Work Research & Abstracts; Sociology of Education Abstracts.

Although war and its avoidance is a consistent theme in JCR, the journal is greatly varied in its subjects, and its focus is both historical and contemporary. The March 1991 issue, for example, offered articles on economic causes of a breakdown in military balance, another on Chinese community mediation, and an essay on foreign policy crises, 1929-1985. JCR often includes articles on nuclear deterrence and other facets of strategic arms. Contributors are chiefly U.S. academics, with occasional appearances by foreign scholars. The typical JCR essay is heavily annotated, laden with mathematical formulae, and more-or-less impenetrable to the lay reader. Abstracts precede the articles. Desirable for most academic collections; most public libraries can live without it.


Published under the auspices of the International Peace Research Association, JPR "is committed to theoretical rigour, methodological sophistication, and policy orientation." The journal produces an occasional special theme issue; the February 1991 number is given over to international mediation and contains ten selections on the topic, including an introduction by former President Jimmy Carter. Other contributors to JPR are political scientists, sociologists, and psychologists from the U.S., U.K., Scandinavia, and elsewhere. Articles contain abstracts and end notes. Thematic issues feature an issuewide bibliography listing citations to all the items referred to in the issue in hand. JPR publishes numerous articles on nuclear issues; recent essays have dealt with ICBM trajectories, assumptions of British nuclear weapon decision makers, and factors predisposing individuals to support nuclear disarmament. The "Book Notes" section provides fairly substantial reviews of up to a dozen recent books. A good addition to most peace collections.

Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace and Social Research

Peace and Change publishes scholarly articles on many peace issues, but focuses especially on work concerning the development of a just and humane society. The chronological scope is historical as well as contemporary; the January 1991 issue, for instance, features an assessment of the peace movement in the 1980s and a special section on Bertha von Suttner (1843-1914), author of the famous 1889 antiwar novel Die Waffen nieder! (Lay Down Your Arms). Contributors, both foreign and U.S., to each issue's 6 to 9 articles typically represent a variety of disciplines—anthropology, history, literature, political science, sociology, physics, and others. The journal's openness to work from different spheres gives it a healthy and stimulating eclecticism: few readers at all interested in peace topics will fail to find at least one or two articles per issue that strike sparks for them. Book reviews are few; it is an area the journal could bolster.

Peace and the Sciences: A Journal of Peace and Social Research


This journal reports discussions at international meetings of both Western and Eastern scientists organized by its publisher. It also recently inaugurated a more thorough attention to the research activities of the IIP. Chiefly of interest to those looking for a journal with a strong emphasis on European perspectives on peace issues; contributors are mostly European, although some U.S. scholars find their way into the journal's pages. Recent issues have dealt in depth with the future of Europe, economic conversion following disarmament, and ecological security. Contains a mix of research and reflective pieces.

Survival: A Journal of Pacifist Research and Action


INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS


Subject and author access to articles in close to 250 alternative and radical publications, many of which cover peace issues on a regular basis. Most of the periodicals indexed here are not well represented in other indexes; most of them are not well represented in libraries. The majority of the titles are U.S. publications, but the list includes many from Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and other nations.


A very useful tool for peace professionals, this abstracting journal cites and annotates (frequently at considerable length) over 3,000 documents annually. Coverage includes books, scholarly and semi-popular periodicals representing a large number of disciplines, institutional reports, newspapers, films, and other materials. Access is by author and subject indexes and by a code index that classifies entries by subject. Back issues are available from the publisher. Indispensable for researchers investigating Canada's role in affairs of peace and war because of its strong coverage of Canadian publications, the journal also treats a copious quantity of American and British materials. Some coverage of non-English language documents can also be found.

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