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EIGHT WEEKS OF PEACE

Before I start this story, let me make it quite clear, I have never before in my life, written anything, about anything, until this moment, and I expect before you finish reading this, you will be convinced this is true.

The first issue of PEACE BY PEACE is, for me, a very important milestone in the Peace Movement's history. Papers all over the world have written things about what is happening in Northern Ireland, but God grant none of them will be as widely read as PEACE BY PEACE. By our own people especially, because this paper is ours, conceived in the Peace People's office, grown only for a few short weeks and given birth to today. May the child grow up straight as an oak tree and brave as a lion, may it have courage, truthfulness and good sound common sense in every line written, may it have the tenacity to admit the faults, apologise for the wrongs and live to be a ripe old age. May we never print what suits us, or propaganda of any kind!

Now to try and explain exactly what eight weeks of peace have done for Northern Ireland. So far it hasn't stopped the killings or bombings, very soon it will. Our self-respect is returning day by day. Our faces look happier, our smiles are wider, our backs have straightened and our courage is right out there for all the world to see. Carrying a gun is easy, not carrying a gun is brave, and in eight short weeks the thousands of people on the streets of Northern Ireland have shown the world they are heroes, not Betty Williams, or Mairead Corrigan, but every one who took part in those rallies. God bless you all.

My own personal world has been turned upside down. I used to work eight hours a day, I now work on average 18 hours a day, but it's worth it. I say I'm tired (and I am) then the phone rings in the office, a call for help, from deep within the person on the other end of the line, and the tiredness passes. The person who phones is 'important' and I happen to care, so religion, colour or political belief mean nothing. The very fact that that one person is starting to ask what is this Peace Movement all about, means they are starting to think peacefully, and that is very important. May the phone ring for ever.

At our first Rally the press picked up the story of the 'wee' woman on the Shankill who came over to me and said her husband would stick a hatchet in her head for attending the Rally. I told her she should go home as her life was in danger, etc. etc. etc., to which she replied she had sharpened the hatchet before she left the house. I am happy to report her husband now accompanies her on the rallies. Maybe somehow we have achieved a breakthrough to a few hard liners. We don't fault anyone for their belief, that is their own personal affair, but no one has any right to maim or kill, no matter how strong that belief may be.

Protestant and Catholic people of Northern Ireland have shown these past few weeks that they can live together, and that they want to live together. The religious divide has been crossed umpteen times, the barriers erected to keep the two communities apart will be taken down by the people themselves. No army, no matter what it professes to be, or whoever it is said to act for, will be able to stop this. People on the move will not be stopped, especially when that move is Peace.

There really isn't much more I can say, except I pray for you each night. The Northern Irish people are the best in the world. Keep it up, we are winning. The despair is lifting off the face of the land like the morning mist and we are going into the sunny dawn of the day of peace.

Betty Williams

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO !

When asked to write an article for the PEACE BY PEACE magazine my first reaction was 'I can't do that!' I have always found that when it comes to talking I am very seldom stuck for words (like most women!) but actually I find it very difficult to put my thoughts to paper. However, since the Movement of the Peace People began I have learned that really there is very little one cannot do if you put your mind and heart into it. So with my mind (at least some of it, as it's 2 am in the morning !) on it, and all of my heart in it, I am about to make an attempt to communicate some of my thoughts to you.

If anyone were to ask me what was the most important thing that has happened since the Peace People Movement has begun I would say 'YOU.' By 'YOU' I mean the wonderful people of Northern Ireland who have come out in their thousands during the last six weeks to Rally for Peace, to shake hands and hug us, to cry openly and to say with great gentleness and sincerity 'thank you—please keep up the work for peace.' Among the nicest things that have happened to me was the little girl who presented me with a single white rose and an old age pensioner on the Shankill who quietly tucked 50p into my hand with the words "God bless you lu". It makes me feel very humble in the face of such kindness and love to be given the privilege of working with and for the "extraordinary" people of Northern Ireland whom I love.

Many ask "What will happen when the Rallies stop?" Do you really think that the ordinary people will dedicate themselves to working for peace both individually and in groups, surely they will lose interest!" We all know that the Peace Movement's life depends on the 'individual' getting involved in Peace, but I honestly believe that if the 'individuals' I have met in the last six weeks are anything to go by, then I know that you will show the world that not only will You find your peace—indeed you will prove there's NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO!

Mairead Corrigan



Betty Williams und Mairead Corrigan (r.) führen die Frauen

EDITORIAL

Ciaran McKeown

The policy of PEACE BY PEACE will be the policy of the Declaration of the Peace People. This magazine will endeavour to communicate the dedication, courage and hard work of the Peace People in their move towards a just and peaceful society, and to assist in that task by putting Peace People in touch with each other.

We will examine the progress of the movement openly and honestly and the only propaganda we will use is the simple truth. We will also try to stimulate pacifist thinking, not because we believe that everyone is or even will be a pacifist, but because that will help the work of peace by showing that there is an alternative to the militaristic thinking that has oppressed us all for so long.

Moreover, there are many people in our community who would not hurt a fly, but who feel helpless in the face of those who are prepared to hurt more than flies to get their way. We want to help such people realise that their very gentleness is the greatest source of strength in our community.

But there is nothing "passive" about this pacifism: it is twice as active as paramilitarism. It will work from morning to night, it will bow to no fear, nor even to grief, although it may feel these things very deeply indeed. All that is fundamentally needed to turn our community round from the Gagarene stampede to the cliff onto the road of creative harmony is for the truly gentle, strong people to step forward, to realise both their numerical and spiritual strength, and in moving forward together, to make it possible for those locked into the mental ghettos of fear and prejudice to slowly see that there is another way, that they need not kill or threaten, that they need not lead lives on the run from reality and from the warmth of friendship.

So we will seek to encourage the gentle and reassure the violent weak—for there are no weaker or more mentally and emotionally vulnerable people than those who feel compelled to hide behind guns and bombs, and who need the noise of war to hide their dumbness.

We are totally convinced that the direction in which the peace movement is heading is absolutely correct. We may make mistakes; we may be sidetracked; we may have setbacks; we may be distressed from time to time; we may quite simply get very tired from the sheer physical effort involved; but we will not be persuaded that the task of building a new Northern Irish community bonded by friendship based on real trust can ever be seen as a betrayal of the best interests or highest aspirations of either the Protestant or Roman Catholic traditions in which we have so far taken separated pride.

Equally, we are certain that if those from either tradition who presume to kill on behalf of their fellows have the courage to reflect calmly on what we are about, they may well see that there is enough to be achieved by the techniques of peace to enable both sets of paramilitary organisations to lay down their arms while retaining, indeed, vastly increasing their self-respect and regaining some respect from those who might in the anger of the earlier phases of the troubles have seen them as true patriots. The emergence of a new Northern Irish identity, in which the common name of Northern Irishman, and Northern Irishwoman, is substituted for the old divisions, has much to offer both the Loyalist and Republican traditions—if they think about it. Of course, they will not have the time of inclination to think about it if they spend their time and energy maintaining the peace movement.

We are told that much of the recent violence is designed to restore political status for those who have been engaged in violence. It is not for us to say whether the British Government is going to be persuaded by even more violence. But what we can say with obvious certainty is that there is no chance of the community being disposed to any kind of amnesty until violence has clearly ended, and a stable peace has been secured. And if those proposing further violence in the name of those in jail are genuinely concerned about their welfare and that of their families, they might consider some of the less violent options.

The men (and women) in jail may have a key role to play in all of this, and there have been instances of real friendships growing up in jail between those of violently opposed traditions. Whatever the chances of this in present circumstances may be, those in prison do at least have the opportunity to observe what is happening on the outside more clearly than when they were themselves involved. They might like to consider that however valid they believed their militarism to be when they were involved, that validity might now have disappeared in the new situation created by the peace movement, with the growing expression of a common will among the people.

Those in prison who see themselves as patriots have perhaps a better perspective to judge what is now happening and we may suggest to them that they note that we in the peace movement also see ourselves as patriots and ask them to consider our unarmed patriotic work alongside the continuing pursuit of conflict by their comrades at large. If they feel that the techniques of peace should be given a chance, then, whatever the arguments about political status, they know that they can communicate their political judgement to their friends outside.

The majority of Peace People do not appear to want more people in jail: but they most emphatically do not want to see any more people blown to bits or riddled; and where persuasion, either from Peace People or from the wiser counsels within paramilitarism proves ineffective in preventing atrocities, some consciences will feel compelled to overcome their distaste for "informing" and further bitterness may seem a lesser evil than further carnage.

The Peace People have too much positive work to do in knitting the community together to be distracted with either condemning violence or calling for ceasefires. As they get on with it, they may however hope that militarists and paramilitarists will at least reflect on the new patriotism; and that more may join the trickle of former "hardliners" already in the peace movement.

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Much of this inaugural edition is given over to reproductions of how the growth of the Movement of the Peace People has been seen by the rest of the world, both in the international media and by ordinary citizens elsewhere. The pages which follow clearly indicate that what we have started not only gives hope to our own people but is a source of deep inspiration throughout the world, and multiplies our determination to ensure the Movement's success. What is presented here is only a tiny sample of the vast international coverage, and it is gratifying to know that in helping ourselves to resolve an ancient conflict, we are giving a light of hope to the whole world. There is in this no excuse, however, for resting on these initial laurels, but a command not to let down war-weary people all over this troubled globe.

When the Peace Movement gets thoroughly organised, it is hoped to mount an exhibition of these historic documents. In the meantime, we suggest that all those who have relatives abroad, especially those who have left during, or because of the recent troubles, should send copies of PEACE BY PEACE to our emigrant brothers and sisters.

CANBERRA CITY ACT

THE WOMEN OF IRELAND HAVE SHOWN A WAY TO PEACE STOP THE PEACE MARCH
OFFERS A NEW HOPE AND INSPIRATION FOR ALL IRISH PEOPLE AND IS AN
EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD STOP ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN
PEOPLE I EXTEND MY SUPPORT SYMPATHY AND GOOD WISHES STOP
... MALCOLM FRASER

Malcolm Fraser is the Australian Prime Minister.

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MINUTE OF SUPPORT

The members of the Friends Peace Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Quakers) wish to express their gratitude and support for the strength, beauty, and moral courage of the participants of recent peace marches in Northern Ireland. In a situation where these qualities seem to be sadly lacking or altogether absent, your recent actions have been an inspiration to all of us working for peaceful change around the world. We hope and pray that the spirit which was the basis of your actions may touch everyone in Northern Ireland to overcome the present enmity and conflict.

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NORTHERN IRELAND.

Dear Irishmen and Irishwomen,

The letter addressed "Dear Fellow Australians", signed by Dalry Jones, was read to a meeting of our Council on Thursday, 9th September. At the same time, a large gathering of women in Sydney Town Hall heard speakers make pleas for support for the women of Ireland in their bid for Peace.

The Good Neighbour Council of New South Wales, and the Sydney Town Hall gathering, fully support the actions of the women of Ireland in seeking peace, and express admiration for the courage the women of Ireland have so ably demonstrated.

It is very difficult for Australians to understand the violence in Ireland, particularly as we have never known such violence, but each new outbreak in Ireland, each new crime, each new murder, makes us sad.

The Good Neighbour Council has, as its task, the responsibility of aiding newly arrived migrants, from all over the world, and I am very glad to be able to say that we have never known migrants from Ireland to continue their conflict or disputes in Australia. In fact, the opposite has happened - people who were enemies in Northern Ireland, have become friends. This, of course, is good for Australia, but it makes us wonder why they had to come to Australia to discover peace.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Fairbairn
STATE SECRETARY

MATCH

●● En Irlande la révolte des femmes contre la haine et le sang ●● I

BETTY L'IRLANDAISE MÈNE LA RÉVOLTE DES FEMMES CONTRE LA HAINE ET LA GUERRE

● « Trop, c'est trop ! Nous en avons assez de cette tuerie inutile, assez de voir mourir nos enfants innocents. Assez de guerre ! Nous voulons la paix ! » En tapant du poing sur la table, Betty Williams, belle, grande et brune mère de famille de trente-deux ans a décidé de stopper l'hémorragie qui, depuis sept ans, saigne les deux Irlandes. Ce n'est pas le chiffre déjà impressionnant de 20 000 victimes qui a poussé Betty Williams à réagir mais un triple massacre — un de plus — de cette Saint-Barthélémy qui n'en finit pas. C'était il y a un mois. Trois enfants, les petits Maguire, jouaient dans une rue de Belfast. Soudain, dans un long crissement de pneus couvrant des rafales de pistolets mitrailleurs, surgit une voiture en fuite poursuivie par une patrouille anglaise. Le véhicule dérape et fauche les enfants. Pour Betty Williams, l'odieuse tragédie est insupportable. « Ce n'est plus possible de voir des pères apprendre à leurs gamins à déposer des bombes ou à se servir d'un fusil, crie-t-elle. La violence n'a rien obtenu. Alors, la violence

Betty Williams. Elle a lancé la croisade de la Paix, suivie par 150 000 femmes.





somnifères. Loin, très loin, au milieu de l'Océan, son mari a appris la nouvelle sur son pétrolier. Ralph Williams, officier de marine au long cours, géant de cent kilos et à la barbe rouss qui semble sorti du film

« l'Homme tranquille », a envoyé ce télégramme à sa femme :

« Par la B.b.c., j'apprends la campagne pour la paix. Je suis à côté de toi pour ce combat. Je pense à toi. Je t'aime. »

Comme un coup de fouet, le câble a secoué Betty qui n'attendait que ces mots pour ne pas s'écrouler, épuisée.

Alors, dans sa villa à toit d'ardoise et aux larges baies vitrées, semblable à toutes celles du quartier bourgeois de Malone Road à Belfast, Betty a embrassé ses enfants, Deborah, cinq ans, et Paul, onze ans, qui repartaient jouer dans le jardin. L'instant d'après, le téléphone sonnait avec son cortège de félicitations d'encouragements et aussi d'injures. Non loin, sur un bahut, près d'un bouquet de fleurs artificielles, le regard s'attarde sur la photo d'un adolescent. Le cadre est barré d'un crêpe noir.

« C'était mon jeune cousin Demy nous dit Betty. Il a été tué il y a trois mois devant ma porte. Il ne faisait pas de politique.

Il ne savait pas ce que cela était. Il venait à peine de commencer sa vie. Il n'avait que seize ans...

La bataille pour la paix sauvera peut-être l'Irlande du Nord et toute l'Irlande. L'Ulster, qui, avant 1968, était plus prospère que la Grande-Bretagne, est au bord de la faillite. Les usines qui tourment encore produisent peu, les vitrines des magasins s'encrassent... Un panneau, toujours le même, est apparu à des milliers d'exemplaires : « For sale » (à vendre). En vérité, il faudrait lire « A brader » car tout est au dixième de sa valeur. L'émigration, bien que contrôlée soigne le pays : chaque mois, 2 500 personnes quittent l'Irlande du Nord pour ne plus y revenir. Pour beaucoup, l'Australie est un nouvelle terre promise. A moins

Mrs. Betty Williams,
Women's Peace People,
Andersonstown,
BELFAST, Ireland,

The Brisbane Y.W.C.A.
426 Ann Street,
BRISBANE, Q'LD. 4000

16th September, 1976

Dear Mrs. Williams,

We were very moved and encouraged to read of the Women's Peace people in our weekend newspapers.

Please be assured that the women and girls in the YWCA of Brisbane are standing and praying for peace in Ireland.

We believe that what you are doing takes great courage and we pray that God will honour you.

With prayerful wishes.

Angela Simmons
(Miss) Angela Simmons.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

the story so far....

BY MAIREAD CORRIGAN

On Wednesday, August 11, I tried to console my brother-in-law, Jackie Maguire, on the death of his three children, and said, "Perhaps God has taken them for a purpose and some good will come out of their deaths."

Jackie replied that too many had died—"like all the rest, their deaths will probably be a seven-day wonder."

Jackie was right that too many innocent people had died—and for what? I promised myself that I would do all in my power to try to prevent even one more death and perhaps in some way Anne and Jackie might find a reason for the deaths of their three little children.

Jackie Maguire gave me the opportunity when he condemned the IRA and all the violence to the press on Wednesday, and then I did the same on TV. Where to go from there, I did not know...

Then I heard that this lady, Betty Williams, had started collecting signatures and was going to organise a rally for the Saturday (August 14). I phoned to thank her and met her on Friday 13th just before the funerals of Joanne, John and baby Andrew.

That evening, Betty and I went to the BBC to appear on a programme, but we were late and missed it. However, it was there that we were introduced for the first time to Ciaran McKeown, a journalist, who offered to help us in any way he could.

The next day was the occasion of the first rally, with 10,000 or more joining to demonstrate for peace, with banners from Twinbrook and buses from the Shankill.

Then on Sunday, August 15, we began to get inundated with requests from TV and radio, and reporters from all over the world. We decided to take Ciaran up on his offer of help and guidance and he came over to see us immediately.

In the meeting that followed, we discovered that we shared a great love for Northern Ireland and our people and the same conviction that Peace was the only way to solve our problems which, up to now, many had tried to solve violently. We decided to join together and dedicate ourselves to work for Peace and to trust each other completely.

It was on Wednesday, August 18, when we met again to discuss future rallies that Ciaran wrote the Peace Declaration, and we decided to call ourselves the Peace People. To give it its full title, it is the Movement of the Peace People, based on the Declaration of the Peace People.

Things began to move so fast after that we found ourselves using a 10p notebook as a diary for appointments that looked like a day in the life of an American president, with the world's press tripping in and out of Betty's house. More important than that, helpers began to arrive to assist us and Maureen Joyce was a tower of strength from the start. Patricia Know walked in to help and found herself assisting Celia Collins as treasurer. Margaret Watson wrote in with some constructive criticism, came down and found herself manning the phone as she has so often since, as well as becoming the expert on hiring buses.

Margaret Doherty in Derry, Joyce Kelly in Londonderry, Ann Deery in Ladybrook, Muriel Campbell in Highfield,

Florence McCormack, Jean Fortune, Winnie Nelson on the Shankill, Attracta Murphy in Newry, Winnie Jordan, June Campion and Fiona Doherty in East Belfast, Pat Morrow in Ballynafeigh, Jean Martin in Larne... it frightens me as I think of all the people who have helped and whose names wouldn't all fit in five pages let alone a few lines. How can I mention any at all without making sure of Anne Campbell who is in every morning, or Alice who keeps the office spick and span—only to watch it get trampled over again, or Sheena or Jackie, or... please, all you others, don't feel left out because I must stop. And of course the men in this "women's" movement as Ciaran's press friends insist on calling it. Ralph Williams arrived home from sea after a fortnight to find his home was more like a TV studio—and immediately he too dedicated himself to working for peace, sharing with Betty the dedication that whatever happened to either of them the work would go on. Dougie Ennis, Billy Mitchell, Liam Doherty, Tom Conaty, Dessie Baker... here we go again with a list of names, I'd better stop.

Literally hundreds of people have helped over and above the 150,000 plus who have now marched, from Pat Dobbin and Florence McKernon in Antrim to Chris and Muriel Young in Liverpool; David Graham in Glasgow to Mike Hubbard in Birmingham: it's just impossible to mention or thank them all—but like us, they get their thanks from the fantastic turnout of people for peace.

Now that the Movement is here to stay, we have been going to meeting after meeting in area after area, for the real ground work for peace is in the wee meetings and in the street groups.

In the middle of it all (and in the middle of writing this!) we're getting ready to go to the States to bring our peace message there and later we'll be doing the same in Germany from where we have great support—and looks as if we might have to go to Norway for a peace prize in the name of the Peace People.

But as we fly through the clouds to all these places, our feet are firmly on the Northern Irish ground for the roots of the Peace Movement are in the peace groups, as all of you know.

The work is to create a new society where the violence we have known, such as that which so seriously wounded one of our key workers in Oldpark, Brigid McKenna, is replaced by trust and joy among friends.

Ciaran McKeown has written a book called *The Price of Peace* in which he makes some suggestions for the way forward. It ends: "It is entirely up to me. It is entirely up to you. Am I, are you, prepared to pay the price of peace?"

I believe the Peace People are prepared to pay the price, I trust in them to go from here...

Mairead

Corrigan

WOMEN by Gandhi

I am firmly of opinion that India's salvation depends on the sacrifice and enlightenment of her women.

Ahimsa means infinite love, which again means infinite capacity for suffering. Who but woman, the mother of man, shows this capacity in the largest measure? She shows it as she carries the infant and feeds it during nine months and derives joy in the suffering involved. What can beat the suffering caused by the pangs of labour? But she forgets them in the joy of creation. Who again suffers daily so that her babe may wax from day to day? Let her transfer that love to the whole of humanity, let her forget that she ever was or can be the object of man's lust. And she will occupy her proud position by the side of man as his mother, maker and silent leader. It is given to her to teach the art of peace to the warring world thirsting for that nectar.

SILENT SUFFERING

Of all the evils for which man has made himself responsible, none is so degrading, so shocking or so brutal as his abuse of the better half of humanity—the female sex. It is the nobler of the two, for it is even today the embodiment of sacrifice, silent suffering, humility, faith and knowledge.

Woman must cease to consider herself the object of man's lust. The remedy is more in her hands than man's.

Chastity is not a hot-house growth. It cannot be protected by the surrounding wall of the Purdah. It must grow from within, and to be worth anything it must be capable of withstanding every unsought temptation.

INDIVIDUAL SELF-EFFORT

And why is there all this morbid anxiety about female purity? Have women any say in the matter of male purity? We hear nothing of women's anxiety about men's chastity. Why should men arrogate themselves the right to regulate female purity? It cannot be super-imposed from without. It is a matter of evolution from within and therefore of individual self-effort.

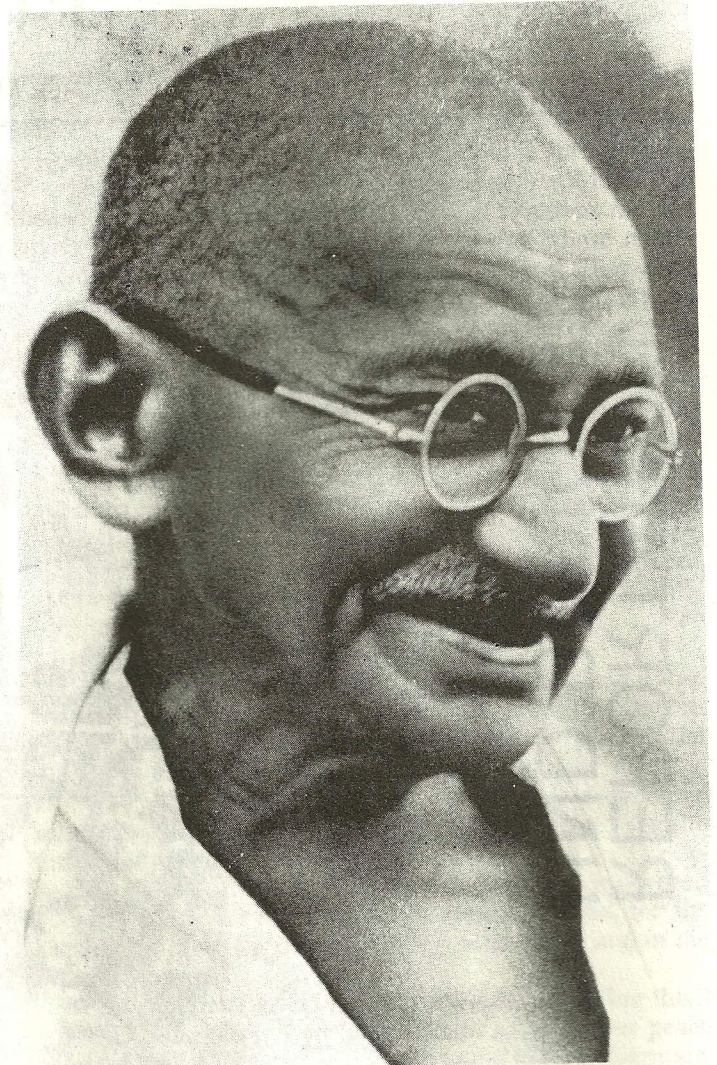
Woman, I hold, is the personification of self-sacrifice, but unfortunately today she does not realise what a tremendous advantage she has over man. As Tolstoy used to say, they are labouring under the hypnotic influence of man. If they would realise the strength of non-violence they would not consent to be called the weaker sex.

INTUITION

To call woman the weaker sex is a libel; it is man's injustice to woman. If by strength is meant brute strength, then, indeed, is woman less brute than man. If by strength is meant moral power, then woman is immeasurably man's superior. Has she not greater intuition, is she not more self-sacrificing, has she not greater powers of endurance, has she not greater courage? Without her man could not be. If non-violence is the law of our being, the future is with woman . . . Who can make a more effective appeal to the heart than woman?

Women are special custodians of all that is pure and religious in life. Conservative by nature, if they are slow to shed superstitious habits, they are also slow to give up all that is pure and noble in life.

I believe in the proper education of women. But I do believe that woman will not make her contribution to the world by mimicking or running a race with men. She can



GANDHI

run the race, but she will not rise to the great heights she is capable of by mimicking man. She has to be the complement of man.

COMPANION

Woman is the companion of man gifted with equal mental capacities. She has the right to participate in the minutest detail of the activities of man, and she has the same right of freedom and liberty as he. She is entitled to a supreme place in her own sphere of activity as man is in his. This ought to be the natural conditions of things. By sheer force of a vicious custom, even the most ignorant and worthless men have been enjoying a superiority over women which they do not deserve and ought not to have.

If only women will forget that they belong to the weaker sex, I have no doubt that they can do infinitely more than men against war. Answer for yourselves what your great soldiers and generals would do, if their wives and daughters and mothers refused to countenance their participation in militarism in any shape or form.

PEACE BY PEACE

*Long before anyone burned a bra,
the great Indian peace leader, Mahatma
Gandhi, wrote the following essay*

MARRIAGE

It is no doubt an excellent thing for girls to remain unmarried for the sake of service, but the fact is that only one in a million is able to do so. Marriage is a natural thing in life and to consider it derogatory in any sense is wholly wrong. The ideal is to look upon marriage as a sacrament and therefore to lead a life of self-restraint in the married estate.

Passive resistance is regarded as the weapon of the weak, but the resistance for which I had to coin a new name altogether is the weapon of the strongest. Its matchless beauty lies in the fact that, though it is the weapon of the strongest, it can be wielded by the weak in body, by the aged, and even by children if they have stout hearts. And since resistance in "Saryagraha" is offered through self-suffering, it is a weapon pre-eminently open to women. We found that women in India, in many instances, surpassed their brothers in sufferings and the two played a noble part in the campaign. For the ideal of self-suffering became contagious and they embarked upon amazing acts of self-denial. Supposing that the women and the children of Europe became fired with the love of humanity, they would take the men by storm and reduce militarism to nothingness in an incredibly short time.

FORGIVENESS

When a woman is assaulted, she may not stop to think in terms of "himsa" or "ahimsa". Her primary duty is self-protection. She is at liberty to employ every method or means that comes to her mind, in order to defend her honour. She must use all her strength and, if need be, die in the effort. The man or woman who has shed all fear of death will be able not only to protect himself or herself but others also through laying down his or her life. In truth, we fear death most, and hence we ultimately submit to superior physical force. Some will bend the knee to the invader, some will resort to bribery, some will crawl on their bellies or submit to other forms of humiliation, and some women will even give their bodies rather than die. I have not written this in a carping spirit. I am only illustrating human nature. Whether we crawl on our bellies, or whether a woman yields to the lust of man, is symbolic of that same love of life which makes us stoop to anything. Therefore, only he who loses his life shall save it. To enjoy life one should give up the lure of life. That should be part of our nature.

It is for American women to show what power women can be in this world. But that can only be when you cease to be the toys of men's idle hours. You have got freedom. You can become a power for peace by refusing to be carried away by the flood-tide of pseudo-science glorifying self-indulgence that is engulfing the West today and apply your minds instead to the science of non-violence; for forgiveness is your nature. By aping men, you neither become men nor can you function as your real selves and develop your special talent that God has given you. God has vouchsafed to women to power of non-violence more than to man. It is all the more effective because it is mute. Women are the natural messengers of the gospel of non-violence if only they will realise their high estate.

In each issue we will be publishing a key article from the thoughts of the world's great thinkers on the ancient subject of peace.

LETTERS to the editor

This section will be for letters about the Peace by Peace Magazine content, and matters arising from it, rather than the Peace Movement as such. The purpose of this is to start a debate on the great issue

In this letters section, we wish to start the great debate on the issue of violence versus non-violence as a means of solving political differences. Space considerations and the basic requirements of the rule of law and standards of good taste will be the criteris for editorial selection, and the case claimed by those who favout military and paramilitary solutions will be treated in the same way as those who favour the techniques of peace.

No letter will be published unless the editor is satisfied as the authenticity of the writer. All letters published will have the writer's name appended, preferably with the exact address, but at least with the general address, e.g., John Citizen, Ormeau area.

The practice of Belfast papers in allowing letters to be published anonymously with such pseudonyms as "Worried" or "Disgusted", will not be followed. We know and understand but do not accept the reasons behind this unusual journalistic practice: at a time when members of the Peace Movement are putting their lives and livelihoods at risk and are standing up to be counted, we could not countenance giving correspondents this liberty; and we respectfully suggest to Belfast editors that now might be the time to reconsider whether only letters from named writers should be published.



Die Waffen nieder!

Zwei Frauen sind in Irland die Helden der Stunde. Sie fordern „Schluß mit der Gewalt!“ – und Zehntausende jubeln ihnen zu. Seite 12



Irlands Frauen wollen endlich Frieden

Die von protestantischen und katholischen Frauen gegründete Friedensbewegung breitet sich aus. Unser Bild zeigt die Gründer der Bewegung, Betty Williams (links) und Mairead Corrigan, beim Verlesen des Friedenseides.

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62 Bank St.,
Dunedin -
New Zealand
14th September, 1978

Dear People,
Please accept the deepest
thanks and heartfelt prayers from myself
and several of my student friends. I
hope that I can represent many more
of us at Otago University when I
say that I hold you all in the deepest
respect and reverence. Although not alot
can be done here we think of you
often and joyfully offer our thanks to
the Supreme Person for your
courage and strength. May you flourish
in your achievements, with much love
from all over the world being with you.
We love you.

David Simpson

WOMAN

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Mrs. Betty Williams
Organization "We want peace"

Belfast

Dear Mrs. Williams!

With great Admiration we observe your courageous demonstration "We want peace" and we wish you with our whole heart, that you will achieve your aim! With horror and great sympathy and compassion we are hearing almost daily of the cruel altercations which have no limits in their ferocity and which you have to endure now already since years.

The WOMAN World Organization of Mothers of all Nations e.V. feels itself bound up with you. The WOMAN was founded in 1948 in America by Dorothy Thompson under the impression of the terrible consequences of the 2nd World War, fixing its aim in the words "If all mothers would be willing". This was intended to be an outcry, an appeal to all women of the whole world to unite and to work for the peace, in order to prevent further wars, an object which was never achieved!

May you now be successful in restoring the peace so sincerely longed for in your country!

In affectionate cordiality

WOMAN

Deutschland-Zentrale e.V.

Carola v. Hake

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NEUE REVUE



Im weißen Kleid
das Friedensbanner in
der Hand und die
Trillerpfeife um den Hals
führt Betty Williams (links)
den Marsch der 30.000 Frauen
durch die Shankill Road

Die Waffen nieder

In Irland kämpfen
Männer einen unsinnigen Krieg.
Jetzt gehen die
Frauen auf die Straße

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It has taken women from Belfast's most terrorised districts to show that, while politicians may argue, the Northern Irish people can act themselves to end the violence.

All the slogans, gunplay, bombings, and polemics of recent years may not in the end be as important as the courage and desperation that have driven ordinary wives and mothers of Belfast into public demonstrations of their yearning for peace.

Without an ending of hostilities, they recognise, there can be no worthwhile future for their families. And the nation is a family writ large. Sometimes the price of peace can be too high, but the cost of the present conflict is unbearable. Protestants and Catholics alike share that view, which is why the demonstrations for peace have a message for thugs and gunmen of both sides.

Denied the help and succour of ordinary

No hiding place

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people, urban terrorism can wither very quickly. The provision of "safe" houses, hiding places, and technical assistance, is essential in the

struggle against authorised and professional military power. Once, such help was given to the gunmen out of misplaced sympathy, and fear. But the women of Belfast are no longer to be frightened — and they have given a lead to their menfolk. The terrorists' only weapon is intimidation and that, now, has been braved and conquered.

Mr Merlyn Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has been patiently maintaining an official policy aimed at reducing sectarian bitterness. That policy may still fail, as so many others have done in Northern Ireland. But at least the peace marches prove that the willingness to achieve peace exists. It is possible to glimpse a future situation when the men of violence will find no hiding place in Northern Ireland. That belief must not be abandoned, no matter what happens in the immediate future.

The torch of peace lights Ulster hopes



From
ANNE SIMPSON:
Belfast, Sunday

Twenty-four hours after Belfast's momentous Peace March ended gunmen burst into a house in the New Lodge district and wounded a man visiting his mother-in-law.

The gunmen escaped and their victim, aged 25, is tonight in hospital.

Then a bomb exploded at the rear of a working men's club in Merville Garden Village, North Belfast, injuring five people. They were taken to hospital suffering chiefly from shock.

Twenty-six people were injured earlier in a bomb explosion at Glengormley, just outside the city.

Nevertheless it would be a sad mistake to think that the torch of peace had already fallen. There are at least 35,000 people in the province who are

In any other city of the Western world such sentiments are accepted simply as the standard courtesies of the day. In Belfast such gratitude, expressed last Saturday in tears, spontaneous hugs, and laughter, was like a huge emotional relief after the long bitter years of trouble.

Many of those at this, the third and largest rally of the province's new peace movement, have suffered personally since violence overtook Ulster in 1969. The daughter of a woman walking next to me is now maimed as the result of a car bomb.

Another from the Protestant area of the Springfield Road had been threatened that very morning with physical abuse if she turned up for the march. "They just came round and told me they'd smash my face if I didn't watch things," she



Mrs Betty Williams (left) and Mrs Mairead Corrigan in Belfast yesterday during the reading of the declaration of peace.

International Liga for Fred og Frihed,
dansk afdeling af Women's International League
for Peace and Freedom,
Købmagergade 69, 1150 Kbh. K.

September 1976.

Til de irske kvinders fredsmarch.

International Liga for Fred og Frihed, dansk afdeling af Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, samlet til landsmøde d. 5. september 1976, sender en hilsen til de irske kvinder, der demonstrerer for en fredelig løsning af stridighederne i deres land.

Vi ønsker dem styrke til at fortsætte deres kamp og forener os med dem i håbet om en snarlig bedring af forholdene i Nord-Irland.

På Internal Liga for Fred og Frihed's vegne

Ollis Klem
Landsformand.

To the Irish Women's Peace-March.

The International League for Peace and Freedom, the Danish section of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, assembled at a national congress on the 5 September 1976, send their regards to the Irish women demonstrating for a peaceful solution of the conflict in their country.

We wish them strength to continue their action and associate ourselves with their hope of an early improvement of the conditions in Northern Ireland.

On behalf of International League for Peace and Freedom,

Ollis Klem
National President

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26th August, 1976.

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Mrs. Betty Williams,
"Women's Peace Movement,"
Andersonstown,
BELFAST.

Dear Mrs. Williams,

We as a committee wish to let you know that we are in full support of your 'Peace movement' in Belfast, and wish to let you know that we have contacted a great number of members of local churches on Merseyside who will be reciting The Lord's Prayer with you at the Rally next Saturday at 3 p.m.

We have contacted the Archbishop of Canterbury and Westminster, and the President of the Methodist Conference; so far they have not put forth a statement on the media but prayers were said at 3 p.m. last Saturday at Methodist House in London.

We will continue to pray with you and for you.

God's blessing be with you.

Yours sincerely,



M. P. REID, Secretary.

The work ahead

The rally programme reaches its climax on the green grassy slopes of the Boyne on December 4, then we will embark on the Christmas peace programme, details of which will be published in the next issue of PEACE BY PEACE. In early January, it is hoped that peace leaders will have an opportunity to lock themselves away for about three days to assess the progress to that date and to plan future development.

Already, considerable strides have been made in basic organisation but there is a long way to go to ensure the enduring success of the movement. A detailed statement of how the Peace Movement is being run, including staffing and financing, will be made in the next issue of PEACE BY PEACE.

The second issue will also begin to publish names and, where possible, telephone numbers of peace workers in all the areas where we are organised: but this will be done carefully and only after individual workers have agreed to it—for we all know the risks and the burdens of the work of peace, and it is up to each individual to set his or her own limit on dedication.

Already also, Betty Williams, Mairead Corrigan and Ciaran McKeown have attended many of the "small" meetings and all three are in total agreement that, after individual dedication, these small groups are the key to building our new society. Building up trust, respect and friendship steadily after all the years of mutual fear, suspicion and violence, we will begin to tackle with the same steady determination the crippling problems of unemployment, housing, and recreational limitations: and we'll do it together in a way and with an enthusiasm that will make those in more affluent, but inflation-depressed societies sit up and take notice at what these Northern Irish people can achieve. And we'll do it with a smile because we'll be happy in a way that we had almost forgotten was possible.

But it will not be done without those three basic ingredients—dedication, hard work and courage. PEACE BY PEACE will delight in watching it being done and reporting it honestly, tempering the certain successes with the inevitable wee mistakes, occasional failures and setbacks.

MRS R WILLIAMS

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The President,
Irish Womens Peace Movement,
BELFAST
IRELAND

Dear Sister of Peace,

As a fellow dweller on this earth, a woman, a mother and a grandmother I have read in our daily newspapers and watched on television with great interest the growing throngs of your peace movement.

Putting pen to paper is the only means I have of contact with you, however in all sincerity I congratulate and loudly applaud your movement.

Being one of the millions born to live my lifespan on this vast Universe, I never cease to be appalled by the wanton violence, desecration and destruction being experienced in so many countries in this day and age, and strongly feel if all women, (and each country does have its proportionate share) irrespective of creed or colour, would only shed their apathy, let their numbers be shown and voices heard, the fruition of effort must surely be greater peace on earth.

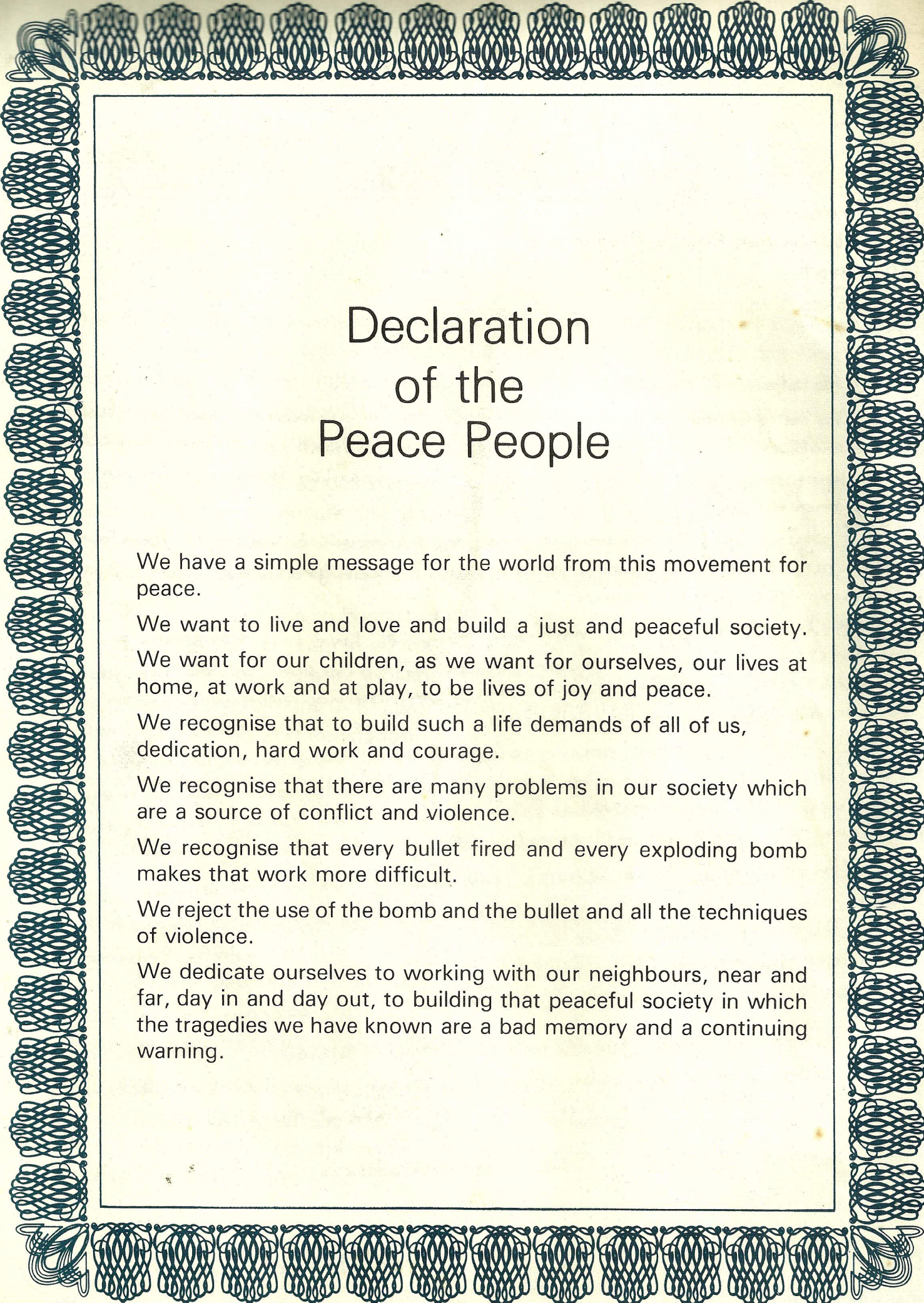
I'm sure I can speak for many Australian women when I say my thoughts are so often with you dear folk, and I pray that God will grant you all strength, courage and guidance in the fulfilment of your cause, and comfort the bereaved in their hours of sorrow.

Keep up the good work dear sister.

God Bless you abundantly, may your cup runneth over with joy in the not too far distant future.

Loving Greetings
from

Ruth Williams



Declaration of the Peace People

We have a simple message for the world from this movement for peace.

We want to live and love and build a just and peaceful society. We want for our children, as we want for ourselves, our lives at home, at work and at play, to be lives of joy and peace.

We recognise that to build such a life demands of all of us, dedication, hard work and courage.

We recognise that there are many problems in our society which are a source of conflict and violence.

We recognise that every bullet fired and every exploding bomb makes that work more difficult.

We reject the use of the bomb and the bullet and all the techniques of violence.

We dedicate ourselves to working with our neighbours, near and far, day in and day out, to building that peaceful society in which the tragedies we have known are a bad memory and a continuing warning.