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WHERE LIES THE COMPROMISE?

A one day seminar on how to get consent and agreement takes place on Saturday 20th May in the Staff Common Room of Queen's University, Belfast. The day's proceedings include a look at different voting systems, democratic rights for minorities, workshops (including voting, power-sharing and decision making systems), and actual genuine voting on proposals invited from a wide spectrum. Sponsored by Fortnight Educational Trust, the day will run from 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Admission free; lunch and tea on offer. Contact Fortnight Educational Trust at 01232 - 711795 or fax 232850.

MEDIATION NETWORK

The Mediation Network for Northern Ireland continues to expand. It now has six core staff. They are: Brendan McAllister, director; Clare Morrison, administrator; Joe Campbell, training officer; Martin McAnallen, development officer, justice programme; Naomi Lederach, development officer family and child care programme; John Lederach, development officer, churches programme. The Mediation Network's vision statement expresses its intention to "promote third-party intervention in disputes and to support creative responses to conflict in the community."

THE KNOCKLAYD BACK APPROACH FROM CORRYMEELA

Knocklayd House and Cottage in Glenshesk, one of the former Ulster Army bases, was gifted to the Corrymeela Community by Peter and Valerie Tennant. It is now open as a place of peace, refreshment and renewal where individuals or small groups can take time out; the Cottage has space for one or two people at a time in addition to the resident community members; the Annex can accommodate a maximum of 15 people sharing. The availability of this facility is seen as complementing the Corrymeela Centre outside Ballycastle. Contact: Corrymeela Community Knocklayd, 28 Stroan Road, Glenshesk, Armoy, Ballymoney, BT53 8RY, phone 012857 - 52521.

POSSIBLE LESSONS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

A small group associated with INNATE is publishing a 38-page pamphlet (A4) looking at possible lessons for Northern Ireland from the process of transition in South Africa. Areas covered include: human rights, the Goldstone and Truth Commissions, policing, peace committees, monitoring, reconstruction and development, and the background to transition in South Africa. The purpose is not to make simplistic comparisons but see if learning is possible from a study of detailed subject areas. The pamphlet is available at £1 from INNATE, 16 Ravensdene Park, Belfast BT6 0DA.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Ulster Quaker Service Committee has published a report on its September 1994 'Restorative Justice' conference. This comprehensive report includes background information, the text of the talks given at the conference, plus additional articles and a bibliography. The 101-page (A4) report is available from Ulster Quaker Service Committee, 22 Marlborough Park North, Belfast BT9 6HJ, phone 01232 - 665191.

KEEPING PACE; AGM, RELEASE OF PRISONERS CONFERENCE

Protestant and Catholic Encounter (PACE) have their annual general meeting at a Belfast venue on the morning of Saturday 29th April when Mari Fitzduff will speak on 'Beyond Violence'. They are also organising a conference on 'Perspectives on the Release of Politically Motivated Prisoners in Northern Ireland' on Saturday 8th May from 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast. The fees for the conference are: Members £8, non-members £10, concession £5. Details on both of these events from PACE's new office and address (the phone remains the same); PACE, 174/184 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2ED. Phone 01232 - 232864.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH ON CONFLICT

Academic research on conflict has two main centres in Ireland, Coleraine and Limerick. On the other hand of the academic spectrum, peace studies courses exist at Magee College in Derry at both undergraduate and post-graduate level, and at postgraduate level at the Irish School of Ecumenics in Dublin. Here's a quick run down on the academic research bodies:

Centre for the Study of Conflict

Part of the University of Ulster at Coleraine, this has been established since the late 1970s. Much of its work has focussed on the conflict in Northern Ireland; it has carried on research on institutions such as the educational system, the churches, sport, local government, housing and the police, and on social groups such as children, women etc. It has had action research projects based there and organised a variety of seminars and conferences, as well as publishing a range of material. The director of the Centre is Prof Seamus Dunn. Centre for the Study of Conflict, University of Ulster, Coleraine BT52 1SA. Phone 01265 - 44141 ext 4666, or fax 01265 - 324917.

Ethnic Studies Network

This is a world-wide network of people involved in ethnic conflict research, with over three hundred members. It publishes a bulletin twice a year. Ethnic Studies Network, University of Ulster, Coleraine BT52 1SA. Phone 01265 - 44141 ext 4649, or fax 01265 - 324937. Contact: Lyn Moffett.

INCORE - Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity

This recently evolved project has a United Nations University connection; its research focus will be on ethnic conflict and the concerns of the United Nations, regional organisations and NGOs. It is already involved in training for UN military and civilian peacekeepers and is setting up a meta database on conflict and ethnicity which is up and running. It will be involved in other researches. The director of INCORE is John Darby and the research director Valerie Morgen. INCORE, University of Ulster, Coleraine BT52 1SA. Phone 01265 - 44141 ext 4649, fax 01265 - 324937.

Irish Peace Institute Research Centre

This has the aim to contribute to the process of peace-building through programmes of education and research directed to the development of mutual understanding and cooperation. The director is Prof Dominic Murray. Irish Peace Institute, University of Limerick, Limerick. Phone 061 - 333644; fax 061 - 330316.

WOMEN AS PEACEMAKERS: Cork

This is the title of the Irish Council of Churches (ICC) Women's Link annual fellowship day taking place at the Ardfallen Centre, Cork on Saturday 29 April; speakers include Rosemary Wass and Pam Stotter. The programme runs from 10.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. and there is a fee of £3 (bring a packed lunch). Enquiries to: ICC Women's Desk, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ. Phone Belfast/01232 - 663145 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, or contact Hilary Sloan at 01232 - 682379 re travel and hospitality in Cork.

TOWARDS A GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF PEACE SERVICES

A 20-page booklet has been published reporting on a seminar which took place in Sweden in May 1994; "Global Alliance of Peace Services is a working name for what we hope will become a worldwide partnership of voluntary organisations with different ideological bases, that are nonviolently working with conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding." The report is available from: the Peace Service of the Churches, Christian Council of Sweden, Box 1764, 111 87 Stockholm, Sweden (or INNATE will be ordering copies or can photocopy; INNATE also has copies of the report of the Global Peace Service Consultation of November 1993).

PEACE PEOPLE

The final public meeting on the Spring series of People's Peace Talks takes place on Tuesday 11th April at 7 pm in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast when the topic will be the political way forward. Meanwhile a Special Assembly, scheduled for Saturday 29 April, will decide on a new PP constitution. Details: Belfast 663465.

IFOR SEEKS NONVIOLENCE COORDINATOR AND GENERAL SECRETARY

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation will be appointing a new coordinator for its Nonviolence Education and Training Project from this December, to replace Jill Sternberg. They're also looking for a new general secretary to replace David Atwood. Job details from: IFOR, Spoorstraat 38, 1815 BK Alkmaar, Netherlands or phone +31-72 123 014, fax +31-72 151 102.

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