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EAST TIMOR CAMPAIGN

The East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign (ETISC) continues to go from strength to strength. They have recently issued a short introductory pamphlet, "East Timor: An international responsibility" (16 pages A5), explaining the situation (available free). They also produce "Maubere" as a quarterly newsletter, and have a selection of videos, and some postcards and car stickers. They are looking for people to participate in their rapid response network - which sends you details of human rights abuses for you to communicate dissatisfaction or concern to the appropriate authorities, and they also need volunteers in general. The annual subscription, including the newsletter is £8 (unwaged £4) which can be returned to any of the following: Head office: 210 Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Phone/fax 623 3148. E-mail: etisc@toppsi.gn.apc.org. Galway: ETISC, 17 Sea Road, Galway. Cork: ETISC, Bloomfield Cottage, Ballyburdenmore, Waterfall, near Cork. Laois: ETISC, Cremorgan, Timahoe, Co Laois. Clare: ETISC, Connie O'Halloran, Doonan, The Burren, Co Clare. Kilkenny: ETISC, Sean Butler, Ballyhendricken, Ballycallan, Co Kilkenny. Carlow: ETISC, SU Office, Carlow RTC, Kilkenny Road, Carlow Town. Northern Ireland: ETISC (NI), 4 Lower Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NR.

DECOMMISSIONING MINDSETS - Glencree summer school

The second Glencree Summer School, on "Decommissioning mindsets", will take place at the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow from 23rd to 25th August. Topics include "Obstacles to Reconciliation in the South" and "Getting to All Party Peace Talks" (input from Geoffrey Corry, Hugh O'Doherty, Brendan McAllister, Nadim Rouhana), "How do we move toward all party peace talks" (dialogue between Unionist voices) and dialogue between other political voices, moving on to "Facilitating Political Dialogue: Process Issues". The residential cost for the full 3 days is IR£70; non-residential cost £15 per day or IR£40 for the full 3 days; a limited number of bursaries are available and the closing date for applications is 12th August. Apply to: The Administrator, Glencree Development Office, 37 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, phone 662 0355.

KILCRANNY: 10 YEARS OLD

Kilcranny House, the Peace People Farm just outside Coleraine, is now 10 years old. Groups of many kinds - prisoners' families, young people, church groups, those interested in nonviolence or the environment - use the Centre. A year ago the new accommodation block opened, and the organic garden continues to thrive (blossom - Ed.) While resources have been found to improve and extend facilities, meeting ongoing running costs has remained a constant problem. Kilcranny House invites people to make a 10th birthday gift to the project or to become a 'Friend of Kilcranny' by taking out a standing order to make a small, monthly contribution (forms available on request); 'Friends' will receive regular information and invitations to special events. Kilcranny House, 21 Cranagh Road, Coleraine BT51 3NN. Phone/fax 01265 - 321816.

HIROSHIMA / NAGASAKI EVENTS

The following events are organised by CND/Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament groups. DUBLIN: Sunday 6th August at 3 pm; annual commemoration for the victims of Hiroshima beside the cherry tree in Merrion Square, Dublin 2; speakers will include Sean Dublin Bay-Rockall Loftus (Lord Mayor of Dublin), John de Courcy Ireland and Adi Roche, plus poetry by Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill, and children will lay a wreath. DUN LAOGHAIRE: Wednesday 9th August at 7 pm in the Peoples Park, Dun Laoghaire; a new plaque will be unveiled at the Cherry Tree; speakers include the Cathaoirleach of DL Council and John de Courcy Ireland, plus music and poetry. CORK: Wednesday 9th August, a commemorative ceremony and rededication to work for a nuclear-free world, 8 pm at the Peace Park, Cork, participation will include the Irish Japanese Society.

NO SPACE in this issue to include information on Sellafield Women's Peace Camp (next dates 22-24 Sept, 24-26 Nov), European Conscientious Objectors Meeting (Greece, 27 Aug - 3 Sept), and WRI/War Resisters International Council meeting near San Sebastian, State of Spain, 9 - 16 September. Details from INNATE.

PROTESTING NUCLEAR TESTS

Finglas Human Rights Group is organising an overnight vigil at the American Embassy in Ballsbridge, Dublin starting on Saturday evening, 5th August, from 8 pm; after staying overnight outside there they will walk (at 8.15 am) to the French embassy to hand in a letter of protest about French nuclear testing in the Pacific. Support welcome. On Saturday 12th August the Campaign Against Nuclear Testing is organising a 'March against nuclear madness', meeting at 3.30 pm at the Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square, Dublin; speakers include ones from SWP/Socialist Workers Party, CND and Green Party. Meanwhile various people have invited Irish action against the French tests, including IFOR, the French group STOP ASSAIS (copies of their petition available on request from INNATE) and Pax Christi Sydney (Australia). People can write their views directly to: M. Jacques Chirac, President of France, Palais de l'Elysée, 75008 Paris, France. Fax +33 47 42 24 65.

AVP / ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT WORKSHOPS

AVP is an organisation of volunteers who, through running workshops, enable people to develop effective ways of dealing with conflict creatively and without violence. They have two basic workshops taking place shortly in Dublin - accommodation can be arranged overnight in Dublin if needed. The dates are: 8pm Friday 18th August to Sunday 20th August, and 6 pm Friday 25th August to Sunday 27th August. Fee: £12. These basic workshops focus on self-esteem, communication, cooperation and creative conflict resolution. Details from bookings to: Sheila Reapin Reynolds, 80 Woodland Park Drive, Firhouse, Dublin 24. Phone 451 2583.

NORTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINARS

Northern Ireland Environment Link is organising a series of public seminars on their recently published environmental strategy (copies available on request) and on the environment in general: Tuesday 8th August at 7pm in Downpatrick Library; Wednesday 16th August at 7pm in Enniskillen Library; Tuesday 22nd August at 7 pm in Armagh Library headquarters; Thursday 24th August at 7 pm in Ballykeel Youth Centre, Ballymena and Tuesday 29th August at 7 pm in Londonderry library. Contact: NI Environment Link, 47a Botanic Avenue, Belfast BT7 1JL. Phone 01232 - 314944. Fax 01232 - 311558.

MEDIATION NETWORK

The Mediation Network for Northern Ireland (as seen on TV! Their profile was upped by brokering a compromise at Drumcree, Portadown, coming up to the Twelfth - Ed.) have a new introductory leaflet available on their different programmes. Staff now include: Brendan McAllister, director, political affairs and neighbourhood programmes; Clare Morrison, administrator; Joe Campbell, training officer; Martin McAnallen, justice programme; John M Lederach, churches programme; Naomi K Lederach, family and child care programme. 74 Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HP. phone 01232 - 438814, fax 01232 - 314430.

WOMEN TOGETHER TALKING / LISTENING CIRCLES

Following the first series, Women Together for Peace are organising more meetings to bring together a wide range of women, some new ('Talking circles') and some as follow up ('Listening circles'). The first series looked at issues of equality, traditions and sectarianism. Lisburn, Monday 11 September; Bangor, Monday 2nd October; Newcastle, Wednesday 18th October; Banbridge, Monday 13th November; Ballymena, Monday 22nd January 1998; Craigavon, Monday 12th February 1998; East Belfast, Thursday 7th March 1998; Downpatrick, Monday 25th March 1998; Carrickfergus, Monday 22nd April 1998; Antrim, Monday 13th May 1998; South Belfast, Monday 3rd June 1998. Details from: Women Together for Peace, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE. Phone 01232 - 662753. Fax 01232 - 865355.

ACTION COMMITTEE OF JAHALIN TRIBE (ACJT)

Ma'aleh Adumim is the largest Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank, expanding at the expense of its Palestinian neighbours. Most of those directly affected are Bedouin, members of the Jahalin tribe who have been there since the early 'fifties after being expelled from Israeli territory; after Israeli occupation of the West Bank in '67 things deteriorated again and they have been severely affected and involved in a protracted legal battle. The ACJT campaign has been working since 1993; ACJT, PO Box 32213, Jerusalem, Phone 972-2-244833 or Fax 972-2-286339 (further information also available from INNATE).

NONVIOLENT NEWS SUMMER SALE!!! For just 50 pence (that's right folks, 50 pence!) INNATE will send you, or the person of your choice, the last 11 issues of Nonviolent News (September '94 - August '95) including 132 news items about 88 different groups, institutions etc (87 Irish based, 21 abroad). It's an instant check list of who's been doing what. * And for £5 we'll put you on the mailing list for the next year so you're up to date with things as they happen, including any leaflets which go in mailings. INNATE, 16 Ravensdene Park, Belfast BT6 0DA. * Groups and individuals in Ireland receiving this as a mailing will get two questionnaires herewith; one about developing INNATE's work, the other about a proposed workshop for nonviolence trainers and educators; anyone wanting copies please ask.

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