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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Date 11/30/87
SCHE I L G
November 21, 1987

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: REBECCA RANGE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

Rebecca Range
EP

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MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD

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PROJECT OFFICER: Linas Kojelis, x6573

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MEMORANDUM OF CALL

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TO: MZ

YOU WERE CALLED BY- YOU WERE VISITED BY-

Eliz. Kepley
OF (Organization)

PLEASE PHONE ▶ FTS AUTOVON

628-394

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT MESSAGE

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TO: *Linias*

YOU WERE CALLED BY- YOU WERE VISITED BY-

Lady Olga Martland
OF (Organization)

PLEASE PHONE ▶ FTS AUTOVON

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WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT MESSAGE

" Could you please give an indication one way or another, about Dec. 16th.?"

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WASHINGTON

Date: 12/2/87

TO:

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FROM:

LINAS KOJELIS *LK*
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
Room 196 OEOP, Ext. 6573

The attached is for your:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Signature |
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Comments:

*It is important
NSC push very hard
at long range today on
this one.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 1, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS C. GRISCOM
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND
PLANNING

FROM: REBECCA RANGE
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Elizabeth Kepley

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

- SDI
- Women's groups.
- pro S.D.I.
- 20 groups.

→ 7 leaders.

- DAR
- Schecty
- La Hange

Lady Olga Maitland

- W. Gremmy
- Nina May
- Joan Hunter

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1987

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

November 4, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR MARY BELL BATTER

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR,
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: *Lina Kojelis* MARI MASENG, DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: *Frank Carlucci*
REQUEST: For President Reagan to meet with the
leadership of Concerned Women for America and
accept petitions in support of SDI

Marybell
BACKGROUND: This past summer, Concerned Women for America
delivered 250,000 petitions to members of
Congress supporting the Strategic Defense
Initiative. This fall, they would like to
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pro-defense, education and legal defense
foundation which stands for the
Judeo-Christian ethic in the public arena.
It was founded in 1979 and has over 540,000
members representing women from diverse
backgrounds in American society.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None
DATE: Fall, 1986
LOCATION: Open
PARTICIPANTS: Representatives of Concerned Women for
America and President Reagan
OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Members of Concerned Women for America will
arrive at the Northwest Gate and will then be
escorted to the designated area for the
meeting.
PRESS PLAN: Open
RECOMMENDED BY: Mari Maseng
PROJECT OFFICER: Linda Arey



Concerned Women for America

122 "C" ST. NW, SUITE 800 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001 (202) 628-3014

Beverly LaHaye
President

June 5, 1987

Matt -
Cats discuss
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The Honorable Linos Koyelis
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Koyelis,

Please pardon my delay in thanking you for meeting with Elizabeth Kepley and me last month. May was one of my busiest months ever, and Washington was more of a stopping point than home.

I visited the Nicaraguan refugee camps in Costa Rica again. Speaking with the refugees reiterated to me the tremendous needs of those fleeing Nicaragua. We are continuing our "Love, Hope and Apples" project, delivering supplies to the refugee camps. Thank you for providing the information we requested. I know it will be put to good use.

I am anxious to hear the decision regarding delivery of our S.D.I. petitions to National Security Council Chairman Frank Carlucci. It seems these could be of great support to the President and the S.D.I. initiative.

Thank you again for meeting with us. We appreciate your efforts and stand promoting the President's policies and vision.

Sincerely,

Beverly LaHaye
Beverly LaHaye
President

BJL:sl

are sending
copy of
petition

Carol-

Call CWA. we
probably won't do
RR event, but
maybe with
Carlucci

→
ARE MEETING W LK
MAY 9

Linas,

4-3

Carolyn didn't have the
petition.

Apparently @ a staff
meeting - Mari felt that it
shouldn't be brought to RR's
attention, b/c it's "too
old"

Concerned Women for America

February 18, 1987

TO: Linas Kojelis

FROM: Steve Steiner

3700 ST. NW, SUITE 800 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001 (202) 628-3014

February 13, 1987

Linas, how do you want to handle this? Sounds good to me, but I feel it is your call. Steve

Linhard
President
Control

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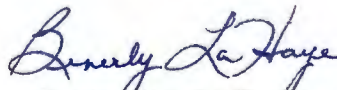
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Concerned Women for America presently numbers almost 600,000 members. As the President of CWA we have secured over half a million signed petitions in support of the Strategic Defense Initiative. It occurred to me that these petitions could be used in a presentation to the President that could have a positive affect on the media. Should you agree, I think it would be appropriate to invite key members of the House and Senate who endorse SDI to attend the presentation and perhaps even join in signing the petitions.

I would be pleased to discuss this project with you further and offer our services in any way that could contribute toward the progress of SDI.

Thank you for your interest and leadership in behalf of our country.

Sincerely,


Beverly LaHaye
President

BJL/kf

cc: Mr. Will Tobey



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President

February 13, 1987

The Honorable Robert E. Linhard
Special Assistant to the President
National Security Affairs
Senior Director of Arms Control
Room #386, OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Linhard,


For many years I have supported the SDI and remain hopeful that we can continue in this program. I was part of a delegation that travelled last November to the Geneva Summit meetings called "Americans for SDI", merely to lend support to the President and to counteract what the liberal press was doing to undermine the truth.

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"Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action"

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR MARI MASENG, DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: LINDA L. AREY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA

- o Concerned Women for America has been extremely supportive of the President.
- o Beverly LaHaye, President of CWA, attended the Geneva Summit, at her own expense, in support of the President's foreign and defense policies.
- o The petitions represent well over 250,000 women from across the country who stand behind the President on SDI.
- o Presentation of such a large volume of petitions would be an excellent press opportunity.
- o Women's organizations are more frequently thought of as supporting a nuclear freeze. This event provides an opportunity to advance the "SDI as a peace shield" concept, a concept which should find tremendous support among women.
- o CWA has 540,000 members. Parenthetically, according to Ellen Goodman, 7/26/85, NOW has about 140,000 members.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 26, 1987

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FROM: LINAS KOJELIS

SUBJECT: Requested Courtesy Call with Frank Carlucci from
the Concerned Women for America

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Linas -
Let's discuss.
ME

Yes.

Matt -
let's discuss
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WASHINGTON

May 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MARYBELL BATJER

FROM: LINAS KOJELIS
SUBJECT: *Requested Conton call with Frank Calucci from the*
~~Meeting with the leadership of Concerned Women for America and accept petitions in support of SDI.~~

Marybell, last summer Concerned Women for America delivered 250,000 petitions to members of Congress supporting the Strategic Defense Initiative. This summer, they would like to present the Frank Carlucci with 500,000 signatures in praise of his dedication to SDI and a strong U.S. defense.

This event provides an opportunity to advance the "SDI as a peace shield" concept, a concept which should find tremendous support among women. Concerned Women for America is a pro-family, pro-defense, education and legal defense foundation which has been very supportive of the President. It was founded in 1979 and currently has over 540,000 members representing women from diverse backgrounds in American society.

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December 1, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS C. GRISCOM
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND
PLANNING

FROM: REBECCA RANGE
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF
THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: Pre-Summit SDI event

Attached is a copy of a schedule proposal requesting a Presidential meeting with a group of women who are active supporters of the Strategic Defense Initiative. We understand that this event has been turned down by Fred Ryan.

I strongly urge you to consider scheduling this meeting before next Tuesday. This event would show the President's commitment to SDI, which is now especially important in light of General Secretary Gorbachev's statements last night. An event such as this would highlight the support for SDI that exists among the general American public and grassroots organizations, which these women represent.

This event would also draw attention to the support for SDI that exists in Western Europe by including representatives from Great Britain, France, and the Netherlands. Press in Great Britain and here have reported that "peace groups" from Europe will stage events here during the Summit, and this event would help offset those events.

This meeting is an excellent opportunity for us. NSC (Steiner) concurs and strongly recommends that the meeting be held. It is important that it be scheduled as soon as possible, since there are participants traveling from Europe.

Commentary

After the caterwauling, Sen. Denton's point remains

It is acceptable in our politics these days for the wife of a U.S. senator to make common cause with groups notoriously influenced and infiltrated by the communists. It is not acceptable for another senator to call attention to this fact.

Such was the lesson emerging from a Senate donnybrook the other day when Sen. Jeremiah Denton of Alabama rose to protest the passage of a so-called "Peace Day" resolution, designating Oct. 10 as a day for celebrating the apparently innocuous cause of peace. This is the project of a group called "Peace Links," headed by Mrs. Betty Bumpers, wife of the senator from Arkansas.

Keeping things all in the family, the chief promoter of the "Peace

M. Stanton Evans is director of the National Journalism Center and a syndicated columnist.

Day" resolution was Sen. Bumpers himself (he had several dozen co-sponsors). Sen. Denton objected to the fact that his previous protests to this amendment had been ignored. He objected even more to the component organizations involved in "Peace Links" and the rhetorical aid he believed the "Peace Day" motion offered to "the Soviet Union in its campaign to promote unilateral disarmament."

Denton argued that there is a global effort by the Soviets and their agents to anathematize nuclear weapons, bamboozle the United States into a "nuclear freeze" that would lock in advantages for Moscow, and corral non-communist innocents into cooperation with this scheme. He singled out as major operatives in this campaign Women Strike Force for Peace and the Women's International League for Peace and Free-

M. STANTON EVANS

dom — both of which are on Mrs. Bumpers' "advisory council" at "Peace Links."

Whereupon all hell broke loose. Sen. Bumpers arose to defend the patriotism of his wife. Sen. Gary Hart cried "Shame" at Sen. Denton. Sen. Patrick Leahy spoke movingly of his own beloved wife, who is also enmeshed in "Peace Links." Sen. Paul Tsongas was loudly uxorious, boldly asserting that "'Peace Links' is just a group that believes in peace. That may be a radical statement for some, but you're going to have to live with it."

All of this was followed by predictable caterwauling in the media as columnists saw the grim specter

of McCarthyism abroad in the land, while one feature writer in *The Washington Post* offered a winsome-sounding discussion of Mrs. Bumpers' organization. The end result was a detailed review of everything imaginable — except the substantive point that Sen. Denton had sought to raise.

As it happens, the two groups on the "Peace Links" advisory council named by Denton as conduits for Soviet disinformation are well known as being precisely that. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is identified by the U.S. State Department as a "well-known international front" for the Soviet Union and its interests. It is certainly a faithful collaborator with

Soviet causes, most notably the World Peace Council — a group set up, financed and run by Moscow.

Women Strike For Peace is an equally eager cooperator with the World Peace Council. In the early 1960s, a dozen or so of its principal leaders took the Fifth Amendment about alleged communist connections.

Later, its major spokesperson (now active in the "Peace" crusade) hobnobbed with the North Vietnamese. Congressional investigators found the group to be "a pro-Hanoi organization" which "enjoyed the complete support of the Communist Party."

According to reams of data put in the record by Denton, a phoney campaign for "peace" and "nuclear freeze" is the major goal of the World Peace Council, under the direction of the Kremlin. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Women Strike for Peace

are active participants in this effort. Both have official representation on the WPC board. Both are affiliates of the Communist influenced Mobilization for Survival serving in that capacity with Communist Party USA and the Peace Council, which recruited veteran functionaries of the Communist party.

And both, of course, were on Mrs. Bumpers' advisory council — a fact nowhere addressed by Sen. Denton's critics in the Senate or *The Post*, so what amazingly, admitting the problem. Maybe these critics have an interest in what the Soviet Union, the World Peace Council, and its collaborating groups are up to. If so, we have here a senatorial couple whose wife serves on a committee of this sort, possibly to notify

Women of both political hues bid for summit media forum

By Peter Almond
THE WASHINGTON TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE

GENEVA — It was easy to make the mistake.

Salon B, Noga Hilton Hotel 5 p.m. — a group of American women talking about nuclear weapons. Phyllis Schlafly's Women For Peace Through a Real Defense, right?

Well, not exactly. Here was Bella Abzug, former New York Democratic congresswoman, hat and all ... and the political editor of Ms. Magazine ... and the president of Mothers Embracing Nuclear Disarmament ... and the Founder of Grandmothers for Peace. And some of the women were in casual slacks, sitting on the floor.

"No, honey, Schlafly's next door — in another world," said Ms. Abzug, getting in a few licks against "star wars" while the reporter tried to fig-

ure out where he had taken a wrong turn.

Perhaps amazingly, and perhaps not, in Salon A of the Noga Hilton Hotel, Geneva, at 5 p.m., same hotel, same time, different women, Mrs. Schlafly and the Women for Peace Through a Real Defense were holding their own press conference.

Except here the ladies were far better manicured and stylish; they sat on chairs, not the floor, and the titles they sported included president general, Daughters of the American Revolution; president, National Association of Pro America; president, the Eagle Forum; and education chairman, the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan.

"The 40 women in our group represent the great majority of women in America, and who support President Reagan's Strategic Defense

Initiative," said Mrs. Schlafly, lawyer, author, commentator and president of the conservative organization Eagle Forum. She and other members of the group hustled around the reporter, just as the liberal women in Salon B had done a few minutes earlier.

Someone handed out a leaflet with the words: "You are invited to hear Phyllis Schlafly speak out! — The Third Most Admired Woman in America," at the American Church across the street the next night (First Most Admired Woman was listed as Nancy Reagan and second was Mother Teresa of Calcutta).

"How can they say they represent the majority of American woman?" countered Cheryl Craig, national president of Women for Racial and Economic Equality, back in Salon B. "They don't have a black, or an Indian or a Mexican among them."

Both groups had about 40 representatives from hundreds of women's organizations in the United States, and both are competing hard for the attention of the press, President Reagan and Secretary General Mikhail Gorbachev — though the press is almost certainly their only real chance of a forum.

But who represents who about what is the name of the game here in Geneva this week, and all across the city individuals and groups of people from various parts of the world have been trying to get their points across.

The Swiss police have banned demonstrations and major outward direct appeals to the leaders of the two superpowers. But some expressions of concern are getting through.

In one hotel there is the Rev. Jesse

Jackson, who planned to hold a press conference today; in another will be the wife of imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky, trying to talk to as many of the 3,000-plus journalists as will listen.

So far, the opposing groups have held their fire against each other. Everyone has been civil. Ms. Abzug and Mrs. Schlafly haven't exactly talked to each other much, but neither have they sought out each other for a rip-roaring argument.

That could change this morning, however.

"Shh, don't tell anybody," said Lady Olga Maitland, conservative leader of the British Women and Families for Defense group, "but I and a few others plan to attend a meeting of Bruce Kent [leader of Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament] and ask him a few 'questions.' It should be interesting!"



Bella Abzug

women's groups to announce their own alternatives to war.

WHO ARE THE PEACE LINKS WOMEN?

Since Peace Links has become a national effort, plans based upon the Arkansas success are being developed for organizing Peace Links campaigns in 15 states in the coming months, i.e., Arkansas, West Virginia, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Iowa, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, Utah, Missouri, Wisconsin, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and the Washington Metropolitan Area. By the end of 1983 Peace Links plans to be organized in all 50 states.

Prominent women in those states will take active roles in organizing Peace Links activities. Plans at the national level have benefited from the experience and advice of a working National Advisory Council whose members are affiliated with the organizations listed below:

American Association of University Women, Committee for National Security, Educators for Social Responsibility, Forum Institute, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Ground Zero, Women Strike for Peace, National Peace Academy Campaign, Peace Corps Institute, Rural American Women, United States Student Association, Women's Economic Roundtable, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Federation of American Scientists.

The Advisory Council assists in the organizational development of Peace Links, assists in the selection of target states, explores opportunities for international activities, and provides support to the state Peace Links campaigns.

YOUR ROLE IN PEACE LINKS

Learn as much as you can about nuclear weapons and the arms build-up, including how public funds are expended upon weapons, and to understand that concern about nuclear weapons is a global issue.

Organize within your civic groups, senior citizens, professional and social organizations, garden clubs, PTA's churches and synagogues to talk about nuclear issues and anxieties, and invite public policymakers to participate in your forums.

Affiliate with organizations which have developed expertise and materials on nuclear issues for the general public.

Link up with at least one human being from Europe, the Soviet Union, Asia, Africa, Canada, or Latin America to better understand that nuclear war affects all people in all countries.

Vote. The United States led the way into the nuclear age with the atom bomb. With the unique access to political decision-making which democracy affords, U.S. citizens are empowered to help lead the world out of the nuclear age.

MEDIA REPORTS ON THE PEACE LINKS PROCESS

"The disarmament campaign is directed toward women, Mrs. Bumpers said, because it is the ultimate parenting issue."—New York Times, May 28, 1982.

"Now the considerable talents of Mrs. Betty Bumpers have been turned toward what is surely the number one concern today: the threat of nuclear war and the pressing need for disarmament negotiations. She is spearheading a new movement known as 'Peace Links' . . . not just another big bureau with a hierarchy of authority and command . . . Instead, this is a grassroots network for women committed to the disarmament point of view and wanting to know how they might take part in it."—Senator David Pryor, Congressional Record, May 27, 1982.

"She said that because of their responsibilities as wives and mothers, women have

assumed a nurturing role and are more willing to admit that war in today's world is 'obsolete.' And, it is obsolete because any outbreak—however small, in whatever corner of the world—carries the double-edge threat of escalating into a worldwide nuclear catastrophe."—Northwest Arkansas Morning News, May 19, 1982.

ISSUES WOMEN ARE RAISING

How we spend our public money.—This country and others are rapidly converting precious resources needed to meet human problems and develop our civilian economies into arms that we dare not use. People in responsible decision-making roles must be asked how and why the money is being spent.

The risks of getting into nuclear war.—Since our government and others are using public money to fuel the arms race, we are creating a climate in which nuclear war can occur. The possibilities of such a war starting by accident alone are staggering. Hard questions must be asked about contributing further to a propulsion toward extinction.

The Soviet threat.—Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union responses to the highly complex arena of world politics have contributed to nuclear war threats.

How do Russian women feel?—We hope that the women of the Soviet Union, just as all women of the world, share our concern for the future of our children.

Bringing our values to bear upon political leaders.—As mothers and teachers, can we not work together to influence politicians and technical experts to find alternatives to nuclear war?

PEACE LINKS—WOMEN AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR HOW TO CELEBRATE PEACEDAY 1982

Individuals.—Read a book on the subject of nuclear weaponry or peace.

Have a Peace party and invite your friends over to talk about current issues and what can be done.

Write a letter to the editor, or to your governmental representatives expressing your opinions.

Organize a study group to discuss disarmament issues.

Propose that your club or church put nuclear war on its agenda.

Encourage your family to become involved in this issue.

Clubs and Churches.—Invite community, religious and government leaders to speak about disarmament issues and proposals.

Sponsor speech, writing, art or music competitions for young people, with peace as the theme.

Encourage other organizations to band together to celebrate Peaceday.

Sponsor out-of-town speakers' or celebrities' travel to your town for Peaceday.

Publish facts and figures about national security for community-wide dissemination.

Communities.—Designate a gathering place for a Peaceday picnic and parade.

Request that all church bells be rung at a specific time.

Have County or City Council proclaim October 10th Peaceday.

Have local, state and national flags presented at the beginning of the celebration.

Involve school and college bands and choruses in providing patriotic music.

WHAT IS PEACE LINKS?

Founded in early 1982 by Betty Bumpers, Peace Links is an organizing effort aimed at stimulating interest in national security issues among traditional women's organizations. Peaceday is an opportunity for families and communities to come together to celebrate peace and security.

PEACEDAY FESTIVAL

Join Us—You could make all the difference!—Oct. 10, 1982. This is the day selected in S.J. Res. 251.

Activities include: Clowns and mimes, strolling musicians, folk singers, dancers, puppet show, bands, jousting tournament, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Constitution Gardens. Enter at 18th or 19th Streets, or Constitution Ave. Bring your picnic—rain or shine, or hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks can be purchased.

At 3 o'clock, churches of all denominations will ring their bells for PEACE.

Speakers: Mayors, Members of Congress, national officials, prominent citizens.

Sponsored by: Peace Links—Women Against Nuclear War.

(From the New York Times, May 28, 1982)

POLITICIANS' WIVES AND "PEACE LINKS"

(By Barbara Gamarekian)

WASHINGTON, May 25.—When Betty Bumpers sat down with friends to put together an organization that would encourage women to get involved in the nuclear arms debate, they puzzled over what to call themselves.

"One woman said, 'We can't use the word peace because it has a bad connotation,'" Mrs. Bumpers recalled. "And I sort of dumbly agreed, 'Yeah, that's right.' And then it hit me, to think that we had reached the point of thinking in this country that the word peace was unacceptable. What the heck, we said, we'll use it anyway."

Mrs. Bumpers, whose husband, Dale, used to be Governor of Arkansas and is now a Democratic Senator from that state, has been on the stump in behalf of disarmament and is an organizer of "Peace Links," a fledgling Washington-based operation that hopes to act as a grass-roots clearing-house for women, putting them in touch with organizations already working on disarmament.

NUMBERS AREN'T IMPORTANT

"What we want to do is to tap into every woman's organization across the country, from garden clubs to church groups, and have them put nuclear awareness on their agenda," said Mrs. Bumpers, a 57-year-old mother of three. "We want women to know that they shouldn't be put off by the technical vocabulary."

"I don't try to be an expert and remember all the facts and figures myself," she said. "I don't play the numbers game, because the numbers aren't important. All you really have to know is that we already have more than enough nuclear weapons to annihilate each other, that the scientists who developed this weapon say it is a war in which no one wins and that the chance of it happening by accident is increased by every additional warhead that is built."

Mrs. Bumpers, who has recently returned from two months of traveling and speaking on the issue in her home state, said that the comments she received "made me forget to be nervous."

With the help of a grant from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, more than 2,000 women are now involved in the Arkansas pilot program; 32 of the state's 76 counties have coordinators and there is a state headquarters in Little Rock.

The disarmament campaign is directed toward women, Mrs. Bumpers said, because it is the ultimate parenting issue. "Women have been socialized to think about the nurturing aspect. Their young are at jeopardy, they don't want their children to be the last generation."



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Senate

NATIONAL PEACE DAY

Mr. DENTON. Mr. President, on Wednesday, this body passed by unanimous consent Senator BUMPERS' second degree amendment to provide for the proclamation of "National Peace Day," which was appended to a first degree amendment offered by Senator MOYNIHAN and relating to a means test with respect to medicare.

Senator BUMPERS characterized his amendment as innocuous as apple pie and motherhood. In my view, his amendment is entirely unsatisfactory and his characterization is inaccurate. The amendment is not innocent but will give aid and comfort to the enemies of this country.

Mr. President, I placed in the RECORD of Wednesday's proceedings literature issued by Peace Links, which calls itself an organizing effort aimed at stimulating interest in national security issues among traditional women's organizations.

The literature of this organization abounds with leaflets and flyers calling for a "Peace Day Festival" on October 10, 1982. Calls to the office of "Peace Links" by members of my staff have established that it is a self-identified antinuclear group and that the so-called peace theme is ancillary to its true mission.

Mr. President, calls to the office of Senator BUMPERS by members of my staff before the introduction of his amendment calling upon the President to designate October 10 as "National

Peace Day" established that the resolution came about at the suggestion of Peace Links which, of course, is headed by Mrs. Betty Bumpers. I do not criticize the sincerity and well meaning of Senator and Mrs. BUMPERS, or any Senator who supported Senator BUMPERS' amendment, even those who might have known of what it consisted. But I am compelled to offer the facts about Peace Links and its affiliations, as well as to express my own opinions about the efficacy of the BUMPERS' amendment, which was passed without propriety and without information to the members of this Chamber as to the issue being voted upon.

Before doing so, Mr. President, let me assure this body and all those who aspire for peace that I too aspire for peace. And it is in the interest of peace that I am now speaking.

It is not accidental that Peace Links had already been calling for and organizing public demonstrations on October 10 to promote the nuclear freeze movement and, at least implicitly, to condemn American foreign policy. I have absolutely no disagreement with the right of our citizens to demonstrate, but I see no reason for the Congress and the President to appear to endorse demonstrations organized in part by groups that are openly critical of, even hostile to, the principles and policies of our country.

The organization, Peace Links, advocates grassroots action to convince women that war is unhealthy and bad for their children, apparently assuming that people do not already realize that. For example, one brochure urges women to "organize within your civic groups, senior citizens, professional and social organizations, garden clubs, PTA's, churches and synagogues to talk about nuclear issues and anxieties, and invite public policymakers to participate in your forums." Another brochure urges women to "have a Peace party and invite your friends over to talk about current issues and what can be done."

I will talk about some of those parties later, Mr. President.

Peace Links is guided—and this is the key, I say to Senators—Peace Links is guided by a 14-organization advisory board. Four organizations on the Peace Links advisory board are either Soviet controlled or openly sympathetic with and advocates for, Communist foreign policy objectives. These are the Women Strike for Peace, an affiliate of the Soviet-controlled Women's International Democratic Federation which is based in East Germany; the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; the radical United States Student Association.

Mr. JEPSEN. Mr. President, may we have order?

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, we cannot hear the Senator.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senators are absolutely correct. The Senate will be in order and we will not continue until the talking is stopped. The Senator has a right to be heard and the Senators have a right to hear him.

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. DENTON. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Nebraska and the Chair.

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trolled or openly sympathetic with, an advocates for, Communist foreign policy objectives. These are the Women Strike for Peace, an affiliate of the Soviet-controlled Women's International Democratic Federation which is based in East Germany; the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; the radical United States Student Association; and the Committee for National Security, which was established by the radical, left-oriented Institute for Policy Studies.

One danger in this resolution proposed by Peace Links is that it undermines our position in the disarmament negotiations. It seems a paradox that this resolution is carried on a bill which is vital to the continued operation of our Government. Moreover, it requires the President to turn out our Government workers to rally against his own policies and our own national interests.

Mr. President, we in the Congress and among the American people must understand that the peace we all seek is not easily obtained nor easily preserved. It certainly will not be obtained and preserved by the means advocated by those who have organized the demonstrations scheduled for October 10 and by those who instigated the amendment in question.

I understand the appeal that the nuclear freeze and disarmament have to the people of this country and others. They must understand and face the fact that the measures they advocate will not achieve their goal.

I am reminded of a similar time in history in 1939. After Hitler went into Czechoslovakia, Churchill wanted to do one thing which might have prevented World War II; Chamberlain wanted to do another. Appeasement was the mood of the day. Apathy was the underlying attitude for tactics chosen to deal with Hitler's aggression, and what could have been stopped was not stopped peacefully but might have been had we listened to the words of Churchill. And these



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"I COULDN'T JUST SIT AROUND AND WRING MY HANDS"

Betty Bumpers, a 57-year-old housewife and mother from Arkansas, has taken on the biggest and most important job any person could face: helping to prevent nuclear war

BY CRESCENT DRAGONWAGON

In the early summer of 1981, Betty Bumpers, wife of Arkansas Senator Dale Bumpers, was driving back home from Washington, D.C., when her 19-year-old daughter, Brooke, asked a question.

"Mother, if we—this country—had some kind of nuclear disaster, and our family somehow managed to survive it, where would we all meet afterwards?"

My God, Betty thought, but she hid her shock. "Well, honey, I guess back home in Arkansas," she answered.

Her daughter then asked, "But *what if Arkansas isn't there?*"

The question, Betty says, "hit me hard, made me realize how we adults sweep our fear about possible extinction under the rug while our youngsters, who haven't yet developed these skills in concealing or rationalizing, they *live* with it."

The question ultimately led Betty to start Peace Links Worldwide, a nonpartisan, grass-roots group dedicated to finding alternatives to nuclear war through organizations many women already belong to: the PTA, Junior League, Jaycettes, church or garden groups. Peace Links's aim is to alert women to the threat of nuclear war and help them learn about forces that influ-

ence military and diplomatic policy.

Betty believes that women are instinctively concerned about this threat. "It's natural," she says. "We do the nurturing, we bear the babies. When our children are threatened, something instinctive comes out; we want to protect them."

Her belief has paid off. A year after she started Peace Links, it had grown from 12 women to 6,000, with local coordinators in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. With office space donated by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arkansas, a seed grant from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and support from such prominent women as Rosalynn Carter, Peace Links is on its way to becoming a nationwide force.

Even before her daughter asked the question, Betty, 57, had been steadily growing more aware of the dangers of nuclear proliferation. Like many Arkansans, she had been horrified by the near-detonation of a Titan II missile in a silo near the small Arkansas town of Damascus in 1980, when an Air Force maintenance man accidentally dropped a wrench into the silo, puncturing the skin of the missile's pressurized fuel tanks. One man was killed and 21 wounded in the ensuing explosion,

which was not of the missile itself but of its propellant. Still, it was a near miss, and Betty is quick to point out that with as many nuclear weapons as there are now in the world, the capacity for human error is dangerously large. "Do we want our world to end because somebody dropped a wrench?" she asks grimly.

Betty was also aware that Arkansas Nuclear One, a power plant at Russellville, was designed by the same firm that engineered Three Mile Island. After the near-disaster there, Betty began reading up on nuclear issues and, living in Washington, D.C. ("a great place to educate yourself"), she began attending every lecture, seminar and debate she could on nuclear warfare and military policy. The more she learned the more alarmed she became and the more she discovered how many people, especially women, shared her alarm. The subject often surfaced at her quilting class. "Women who work with their hands have their minds free to think about a lot of things. We all knew this was too important for us to sit back complacently and let somebody else make the decisions, but none of us knew what to do. Well, I'm not one of these gloom-and-doom people. I couldn't just sit / turn to page 44

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AND WRING MY HANDS"

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about it. We have to face our own fears; that's the only way we can begin to change them. And please tell your friend that, if her children bring it up again, it is *vital* that she talk to them about it. Our kids know more than we think they do. They need to be able to articulate their fears. If we start *doing* something to change things, then we can communicate that hope to them."

Asked later if her approach isn't simplistic, politically naïve, Betty bristles slightly. "Well, it may be. I don't have the answers and I don't claim to. I'm not an expert in anything but loving my children. I'm not saying there are simple solutions; I know how complex these issues are. All I'm saying is that

this is what we should ask of our leadership: Find a solution. If they can't, let's get somebody in who will. I know this much: If we put as much time, energy and money into peace as we do into war, there's no question but that we'd have peace. And I'm not alone in this hope. I'm just one voice in a great choir that's singing the same song." ■

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WOMEN SUPPORTERS OF SDI

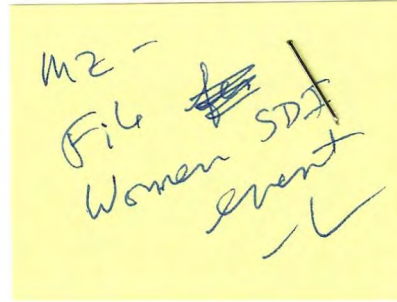
- o SDI opponents are staging major events in Washington and West Europe
- o Soviets will fight SDI at summit. Meeting would be leverage for President to show popular support in U.S. and Western Europe.
- o Meeting would reassure conservatives that RR will not sell out at summit.

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FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPT OF "VREDESOVERLEG KERK EN SAMENLEVING - VOKS"
(Organisation for peace-concerns Church and Society)

Purpose

VOKS wishes to contribute to the efforts to attain peace in freedom and justice.
VOKS wants to serve this purpose specifically by:

- supplying information and commentary on topical issues within the scope of its activities;
- theological and ethical reflection as well as scientific studies;
- educational activities, instructive meetings, providing documentation, and discussions with persons of different or similar opinion.

Character

In its activities VOKS is guided by the authority of God's Word. Members of VOKS are representative of a variety of churches and respect each other's ideas based on the various theological and religious conceptions.

Standpoints

PEACE

VOKS is aware of the dilemma facing humanity. In our highly developed and industrialised society war is no longer an adequate means of settling conflicts. However in this selfsame world violence, aggression, war and oppression are the order of the day.

A (nuclear) war can annihilate the human race. Yet it is hardly acceptable that we should give up the right to defend our independence from dictatorial systems for the sake of maintaining peace. Under the present circumstances deterrence based on a balance of strength may still be regarded as acceptable, certainly not as an end in itself, but as a first step on the road to gradual disarmament.

From the Bible we know the state of real peace, "Shalom", a state of fulfilment, purity and well-being. This Shalom is a gift of God, a gift of mercy. It does not spring from our broken world, but only from God. In the Bible all who believe in God's Word are called upon to be peace-makers in this world.

CHURCH AND POLITICS

The furtherance of peace in freedom and justice is a task for all, churches, political leaders and society.

But there is a dissimilarity in the task and responsibility of each of them.

It is the task of the churches to give normative guidance to human thought and conduct, to be expressive of the destination of mankind.

The churches have a unique contribution to make towards peace in this world by preaching the Gospel, which speaks of sin, conversion and reconciliation, and of the coming of God's Kingdom of peace and justice.



The message of the Bible has consequences for the conceptions and the conduct of man with regard to social and political problems and consequently also in the matter of peace. In their pronouncements concerning peace, freedom and justice, however, the churches should keep within the scope of their task and do justice to the personal task and responsibility of their members as well as to legitimate differences in political views.

In politics and in society the point is how to realise steps towards peace, freedom and liberty here and now. The point is how to act in concrete situations entailing estimations and considerations as to how to attain the best possible results.

The distinction to be made is in most cases not simply one between good and evil, but between two evils, the lesser of which is to be preferred and the worse to be avoided.

AUTHORITIES

Our parliamentary democracy provides people with every opportunity to express their political views by means of membership of a political party and/or through the vote. The authorities thus elected are charged with the duty to preserve law and order, and to protect their subjects. In exercising its duty the government is responsible to a democratically chosen parliament.

PEACE AND SECURITY

Peace in the form of absence of war between States is a precondition to create a possibility to attain peace in freedom, which is inseparably connected with justice, truth and solidarity. As long as the United Nations function inadequately as an organ of international authority, there is every reason to give shape to our concern for security by means of western co-operative agreements.

By means of negotiations efforts should be made to effectuate a well-balanced, simultaneous and internationally controlled arms reduction with due consideration of international political conditions.

HOW CAN PEACE BE SERVED ?

Apart from measures aimed at the prevention of war and the furtherance of armament control and arms reduction there are a number of elements which, under the present international conditions, may lead to real peace.

VOKS is of the opinion that the final act of Helsinki, which aims at reducing the suspicion between the peoples of East and West, should be effectuated and further extended.

An essential element in this declaration is the promotion of human rights.

For lasting peace it is essential that international law should be strengthened and consolidated with a view to peaceful co-existence of peoples, peaceful settlement of mutual disputes and the promotion of human rights in the most comprehensive sense of the word.

Part of this is the establishment of just economic relations in the world. Aid to underdeveloped countries aimed at narrowing the gap between rich and poor should contribute to this end.

LITERATURE:

We provide a growing variety of booklets, briefing notes and pamphlets on defence, education and the churches. Our most popular titles include 'A Layman's Guide to Defence', 'Peace Studies in our Schools - Propaganda for the Defencelessness' and 'Facts & Questions about Britain's and NATO's Defence Policy'.

SPEAKER'S PANEL

We have an authoritative panel of speakers many with specialist subjects (e.g. 'Peace Studies' in our Schools; Soviet Propaganda; The Case for Trident etc.) and we will always try to accommodate requests for speakers from groups (whether they be social, political, universities, womens, etc.) no matter how small.

There is no fee, but we do ask for speaker's travel expenses to be refunded.



PATRON'S CLUB

The Patron's Club was founded in the autumn of 1985 to provide a forum in which members could hear a guest speaker of ministerial rank at a dinner at the House of Commons and join in a subsequent discussion.

We have an impressive programme of speakers lined up for the coming year (3 dinners a year) and other arrangements will be announced in due course.

It is intended that the P's Club will make a major financial contribution towards the needs of FFD which depends entirely on its own fund raising activities and donations.

A subscription to the Club is £100 per annum and the dinners are priced individually. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr J. Bletchly c/o FFD, 45 Bloomsbury Sq, WC1A 2RA. Telephone: 01-831 0180.

YOUTH SECTION

We now have an active 'Youth' section which arranges a variety of functions including receptions, trips to NATO, rallies, meetings and social events.

Membership of the 'Youth' section is automatic to anyone under 25 who joins Families for Defence.

For further information please contact Mr Andrew Rosindell at 45 Bloomsbury Square WC1A 2RA. Telephone: 01-831 0180.



HOW TO JOIN

Families for Defence is an independent, self-financing organisation. We rely entirely on YOUR support.

If you share our aims and objectives, why not become a member? You will receive regular mailings and be informed about all FFD events, both political and social.

Membership runs from the 1st February each year and costs are as follows:

Junior (Full time students and under 21)..... £3.00
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FAMILIES FOR DEFENCE



'...working for peace without pacifism'



What is FAMILIES FOR DEFENCE

By Lady Olga Maitland
Chairman

In late 1979 the British government, as a member of NATO, decided to deploy Cruise and Pershing missiles in response to the alarming build-up of Soviet missiles with the ability to strike Western Europe, including the UK. This Soviet build-up had started two years before, making NATO's decision a purely defensive measure. Yet subsequently the British media were saturated with coverage of groups opposed to NATO's and the British government's decision. These groups tried to establish a monopoly on righteousness by calling themselves the "peace movement".

A stranger visiting the UK could easily have imagined that we, as a country, were about to abandon our defence policy of nuclear deterrence which has been maintained by every government, whether Conservative or Labour, since the Second World War. No one appeared to be supporting this policy – the silent majority remained silent.

So in 1983, I launched FAMILIES FOR DEFENCE (originally Women & Families for Defence) to redress the balance.

Those who campaign for Britain to throw her nuclear deterrent away, without requiring any enforceable pledge by the Soviet Union to do the same, seem to ignore the lesson that common sense and history teach us: inadequate defence does not deter aggressors. It is perilously naive to believe that by unilaterally abandoning our nuclear weapons, thus dangerously weakening NATO, the Soviet Union will follow suit at some unspecified later date. Afghanistan did not ask to be invaded and have a brutal, totalitarian regime imposed on it. But Afghanistan, a country without sophisticated defence and a member of no alliance, seemed weak to the Russians.

The Soviet Union's definition of 'peace' is very different from our own. The Soviet Union still follows Lenin in defining 'peace' as the triumph of world Communism. Even countries already within the Soviet bloc are not always safe from Soviet invasion or the establishment of military rule, e.g. Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc.

It is only by our maintaining defensive strength that the Soviet Union has ever been brought to negotiate seriously, let alone reach arms limitation agreements. And only balanced and verifiable multilateral reductions in nuclear weapons will create a true and lasting peace.

In addition to the open campaign by the "peace movement" to rid this country of its most powerful means of defence, there are currently sustained attempts throughout many areas of our society (including the

church, schools and colleges, environmentalists, local government etc.) to undermine both our will to defend ourselves and our belief in the need for deterrence.

Join us and help us in this crucial struggle to prevent the weakening of our country. We welcome supporters of all party political persuasions and none, provided only that they support our aims.



Families For Defence: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To support the NATO Alliance and NATO policies. To publicise the fact that it is NATO and NATO policies which have successfully deterred Soviet aggression against Western Europe for over 40 years.
2. To support Britain's independent nuclear deterrent.
3. To draw attention to the Soviet arms build-up which made necessary NATO's deployment of Cruise and Pershing missiles in response. To draw attention to the continuing massive military potential of the Soviet Union and to dispel the fallacy that the Soviet Union does not present a threat to Western Europe.
4. To support all genuine efforts to achieve multilateral disarmament between the Soviet bloc and NATO and to explain the vital necessity of verifiable and balanced force reductions.
5. To oppose Britain's one-sided abandonment of nuclear weapons without any guarantees of a reciprocal gesture by the Soviet Union or other potential enemies. To refute the fallacy – which is contrary to all common sense – that such one-sided abandonment would somehow increase our national security.
6. To show that the so-called 'peace movement' does not have the monopoly of concern in seeking peace.
7. To operate completely within the law. To draw attention to the tendency of certain organisations within the 'peace' movement to breach laws which do not happen to suit them – a tendency sometimes enshrined in their official policy.
8. To oppose unilateralist and left-wing propaganda and indoctrination which is increasingly being disseminated through both the Church and through so-called 'Peace Studies' in our schools and colleges.

FFD ACTIVITIES

FFD organises a wide range of events throughout the year. Although primarily political, many are of a pleasant social and convivial nature.

- ★ Debates; Meetings with top speakers, M.P's and visiting overseas politicians; Arranging 'organised opposition' to major "peace movement"/CND events; taking groups over for briefing trips to NATO in Belgium.
- ★ Cocktail parties; receptions with Ministers; Supper parties.



An example of FFD opposition:

This photograph appeared on the front page of the Sunday Telegraph (Jan 86) and shows our banner (which read 'TRY CUTTING THE IRON CURTAIN') in the background whilst Mnsr. Bruce Kent was arrested for trying to cut the wire fence at RAF Sculthorpe.

CAMPAIGNS

We have three standing committees which discuss and campaign on the following subjects: 'DEFENCE', 'EDUCATION' and 'THE CHURCH'. (We are always pleased to welcome new members with special interests in these areas). The latter two are particularly active in monitoring the rise of left wing propaganda in our society.

One major problem that we monitor is **POLITICAL MANIPULATION IN SCHOOLS**. There is increasing concern that political conflicts in society are spilling over into the classroom. Evidence suggests that children from 4-16 are often subjected to bias presentation of political issues. The defence and disarmament issue, because of its emotive nature, has been a favourite to exploit amongst those teachers intent on flaunting professional ethics by imposing their opinions on children.

Since the publication of our first booklet on the subject of 'Peace Studies' (which was acclaimed in both the Times and the Times Educational Supplement), FFD has continued to research into this area and lobbies the government to take effective action. Please write to us for further details.

DETER:

This is the name of our quarterly newspaper which provides all the latest FFD news in addition to articles by leading political figures and lengthy book reviews.