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— VOICE —
COUNCIL
— FOR PEACE —

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PEACE COUNCIL TO EVERYONE
HAS SERVED WORKING FOR
THE PEACE PEACE
MOVEMENT TO SUPPORT
SINCE US IN

— 1908 — 1983 —



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75 years of War and Peace

The National Peace Council was founded in 1908 at an international peace congress in Caxton Hall, London. One of our first resolutions was against the spending of £63 million on war preparations.



As Europe prepared for the first world war, we urged co-operation, not conflict ... We campaigned against conscription during that war ... We argued against German re-armament in the Thirties ... We held a peace-aims conference during the second world war and issued a series of pamphlets on that theme ...

We opposed the subsequent cold war and the Suez conflict in the 1950's ... We protested against the military intervention in Vietnam and Czechoslovakia in the 1960's ... And we consistently work to educate people in the ways of peace as the super-powers edge us all towards the final war.

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Great names have been associated with the National Peace Council ... Leonard Woolf, HG Wells, Lord Noel-Baker, J Middleton-Murry, Lord Boyd-Orr, Victor Gollancz, Lord Ritchie-Calder, Lord Soper ...

Why the National Peace Council needs £50,000 in 1983

Our resources are stretched to the limit
— and beyond.

To meet even the most pressing needs of the peace movement,
we must expand. And we must start now.

In January 1983, funds were made available to us
to spend exclusively on raising enough money
to put us on a firm financial footing.

This is a timely opportunity for us
— and for you.

And this is why we are appealing to you for help.
We need £50,000.

And we need it urgently.

1.

To give us financial security

2.

To enable us to employ at least two paid workers

3.

To expand our research

(for example, on ways of achieving peace in Northern Ireland)

4.

To improve our information and advice services

5.

To develop our international links

£50,000 Appeal

Support the National Peace Council
Just this once or right through the year

Make a Donation

We don't ask you to give to us *instead* of to your existing peace commitments. But we do ask you to make an extra donation — to the NPC. If you can't afford to help us in this way, will you organise a collection for us? Or ask your local peace group to hold a fund-raising event for us?

Become a Member Organisation

Yearly fees range from £15 to £145 depending on the size of your membership. Our members receive the monthly mailing, a Newsletter and the Annual Report, as well as news-sheets, leaflets and reports from other organisations.

Become an Individual Member

Individuals as well as organisations join the National Peace Council. Your £10 fee entitles you to receive the Annual Report. If you pay an extra £5, you can receive the monthly Newsletter.

Covenant with the United World Trust

As a registered charity, the Trust can reclaim from the Inland Revenue the tax you have paid on your 4-year covenanted donation — at no extra cost to yourself. This adds 43 pence to every pound you give. Please send for forms.

Donation Form

Please tick

- I enclose £
towards the NPC 75th Anniversary Appeal
- Please send a receipt
- Please send me an application form for
 - individual membership
 - affiliation
- Please send me a form for
covenant/bankers order.

Name

Address

Please return to: The General Secretary
National Peace Council
29 Great James Street London WC1N 3ES
(Telephone 01-242 3228)

How the National Peace Council serves the peace movement

Serving our members

Since the 1960's, single-issue campaigns have come to the fore and the issues themselves have become more complicated. When our members began asking us to provide reliable, regular information, and news about each other's policies and activities, our priorities changed. Now one of our main jobs is to provide that information, to act as a clearing-house, and to build up our links with organisations in related fields. In effect, we are a servicing organisation working behind the scenes.

We help by keeping our members informed; by keeping them up-to-date locally, nationally and internationally; by representing their interests and putting their point of view on issues of mutual concern; and by encouraging new initiatives and new peace groups.

120 national and local organisations are members of the National Peace Council. They include peace groups, trade unions, political groups and churches; environmental, human rights and third world development organisations; women's groups and sections of the co-operative movement.

Information

Every month we issue a mailing that is widely recognised as the best independent source of news and comment about the peace movement and peace issues. The mailing contains our Newsletter; information on new policies and initiatives; and special briefings on current topics that range from Northern Ireland to the Falklands and the Lebanon, from nuclear disarmament and nuclear power to world development and human rights.

Co-operation & Representation

The National Peace Council is a regular forum where co-operation amongst member organisations can be forged.

Through our representation internationally, the British peace movement is linked to other independent, non-aligned organisations in the fields of peace, disarmament, energy and human rights. We are members of the International Peace Bureau and the Special Non-Governmental Organisations Committee on Disarmament. And we attended the UN Special Sessions on Disarmament in 1978 and 1982.

The National Peace Council does not duplicate the work of its more public member organisations, such as CND. Our job is to help make co-operation and co-ordination amongst them and the rest of the movement easier and more effective. We sponsor the Campaign Against the Arms Trade. And we work closely with the United Nations Association, members of the Human Rights Network, the UK Standing Conference on World Development and a growing number of environmental groups.

Education & Research:

The United World Trust

The United World Trust is the National Peace Council's educational and research body which has legal charitable status. Set up in 1955, the Trust first became known for its annual conferences for diplomats on international issues, and for its weekend conferences for trainee teachers organised with the London University Institute of Education. Trust publications include "Towards Disarmament: the United Nations Second Special Session and Beyond", published in 1981 as a handbook for teachers.

Gifts to the United World Trust can be made by Deed of Covenant.

Bishop Trevor Huddleston asks you to support the National Peace Council

When the National Peace Council was started 75 years ago, the first world war was only six years away. Preparations were already in hand. The arms manufacturers were promoting arms sales. The propaganda machines were busy fanning public hatreds and prejudices.

Today, we live once more with the threat of impending world war. Once again, the politicians and the arms trade fan the flames of violence and the propaganda intensifies. But this time, as you well know, the survival of the world itself is at stake.

Throughout my lifetime, the National Peace Council has consistently argued for the ways of peace. It has been a bedrock of the peace movement. It has offered continuity, guidance, support. And since the new generation of peace organisations has emerged, it has helped to promote new campaigns and develop new areas for action.

At this critical time, the peace movement must be able to rely on the Council to sustain, even extend, its services. We must provide the contact and the information. We must speak up for the collective concerns of the movement.

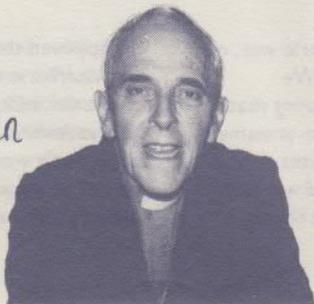
We are well aware of the needs. What we lack is the money to respond adequately. To be precise, we know that we will have to raise £50,000 in 1983 if we are to do our job properly. The need is real. And it is urgent.

That is why I am asking every organisation and every individual who cares about peace to respond to my appeal. You may be able to help us just this once. Or you may want to subscribe regularly as a member. Either way, I do urge you to be as generous as you can. Not by depriving other peace groups of your support. But by giving something extra to the National Peace Council in this our 75th anniversary year.

Thank you.

Trevor Huddleston CR

Trevor Huddleston
President



Member organisations include:

Aberdeen Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
Aberystwyth Peace Group
Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Section)
Anglican Pacifist Fellowship
Architects for Peace
Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen
Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff
Baptist Peace Fellowship
British Humanist Association
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
Civil and Public Services Association
Concord Films Council
Co-operative Women's Guild
European Nuclear Disarmament Fellowship of Reconciliation
Fire Brigades Union
Humanitas (UK)
Inland Revenue Staff Association
International Voluntary Service
Jews Organised for a Nuclear Arms Halt
Labour Action for Peace
London Peace Action
Medical Association for Prevention of War
Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons
Merseyside Peace Council
Methodist Church (Division of Social Responsibility)
National League of the Blind & Disabled of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
National Union of Mineworkers, Yorkshire Area
Northern Friends Peace Board
Pax Christi
Peace Pledge Union
Peace Tax Campaign
Post Office Engineering Union
Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society
Quaker Peace and Service
SCRAM
SOGAT 82
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