

Hiroshima 40th anniversary observed in Aug.

By KAYE MACPHEE

(Note: 1 kiloton is equivalent to 1,000 tons of TNT; 1 megaton is equivalent to 1,000 tons of TNT)

On August 6th of this year, people around the world will be observing the 40th anniversary of the US bombing of Hiroshima. It is a time for many to restate their concern regarding the future of the planet and to further commit themselves to the pursuit of world peace.

The bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima was about 12.5 kilotons; small by today's standards of weapons. The Hiroshima bomb destroyed an area of three square miles and resulted in the death of 142,000 people. At this point in time the US and the USSR possess over 50,000 nuclear weapons. To put it in some perspective, the total destructive power of these weapons is equal to 1 1/4 million Hiroshimas.

These figures can be translated in another way. The entire firepower of World War II was 3 megatons; the existing firepower of nuclear weapons is 18,000 megatons; equal to 6,000 World War II's.

Those who once developed nuclear weapons and at one time elaborated the nuclear doctrines, now call into question the concepts of deterrence, of balance of terror and nuclear strategies and tell us enough is enough, that we have to reconsider and change course.

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The author of a study Ruth Leger Sivard, writes, "under its heavy military burden, the global economy has suffered. The diversion of resources from civilian needs is a silent killer, curbing productivity and development, and adding more millions to the hundreds of millions of people who lack the most basic necessities for life." The study based its statistics on information supplied by the Pentagon, the CIA, United Nations organizations and several international organizations, including Project Ploughshares. The study claims that "world military costs have risen to \$600 billion a year, well over \$1 million a minute."

Plans for WORD's (World Disarmament) observance of the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima are currently underway. Anyone who wishes further information concerning the event may con-

tact Mike MacKinnon at 453-4993 or 472-1099.

WORD leaves you with this thought written by a member of the Physicians for Social Responsibility:

"I entertain the hope that

we can save the frail beauty of this world; I believe that we who are desperately worried and afraid, are part of the majority of humankind. I believe that the future lies with us...or there is none."

Standard displeases reader

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The *Standard's* premier edition has displeased at least one student reader.

Desmond Ang reported to the *Brunswickan* that a letter to the editor on the *Opinion* page of the *Standard* concerning differential fees was not written by him though he was credited as the author.

The *Brunswickan* asked Ang, even though he didn't write the letter, if he approved the contents. Ang said that he did not. The *Brunswickan* then asked if he at least approved the use of his name. Ang said he did not give approval for anything. "I had nothing to do with it," he said.

Ang pointed out that he was grateful to the Canadian government for allowing him to come to this country to

study. "I do not have any quarrels with the Canadian government," Ang said.

According to Ang, Cynthia Lim, the Layout and Design Editor of the *Standard*, had written the letter. "The morning the paper came out, she (Lim) called me and told me that she had read the paper and saw that my name had been used. She did not know that they were going to use my name."

Ang later spoke to Oliver Koncz, the Managing Editor,

and was told by Koncz that "I did not know your name was going to be used."

Ang also spoke to John Bosnitch, Editor-in-Chief. "Bosnitch told me that they put my name in because they

though it would be alright." "Bosnitch did not apologize" Ang said. He said that he was speaking to both Koncz and Bosnitch at a local club, "but it

was so noisy I couldn't hear everything that was said. I think one of them said something about a typing error."

As Editor-in-Chief, Bosnitch is ultimately responsible for the contents of the *Standard*.

The *Brunswickan* tried to reach him but unfortunately were unable to do so by press time. It is hoped that Bosnitch will clarify this matter in the next edition of the *Standard*.

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