

# INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PEACE MUSEUMS

NEWSLETTER NO 1 - MAY 1993

*Dear Peace Museum Networkers!*

Greetings and many thanks for your letters received since the Bradford conference and containing news for this first newsletter. Particular thanks for your response to our request for slides showing your museum buildings and exhibitions which we can use in Britain for illustrated lectures publicising our planned museum here. We will still be pleased to receive more contributions, it need only be two or three slides, so that we can talk about you; indeed, in time, we may have a "master-set" which any museum worldwide can use.

In this country, the Give Peace A Chance Trust has started visiting potential sites where our museum might be situated and we hope to set up a Project Office with full-time staff in the near future. We will keep you in touch with our progress in subsequent newsletters.

With regard to our international network, Franz Deutsch has sent some interesting logos designed by Hans Schenk. Do you favour any particular one or does it stimulate you to produce your own ideas? Let us know! Of course, they look much better as originals than they do in the reproduction on the back page.

The main objective of this newsletter is to strengthen the links between peace museums worldwide through the exchange of ideas and information. Of course, this information must first come from you, so whether or not you were at the Bradford conference, do

write in regularly to keep us up-to-date. You will receive the next issue in October.

"Bringing Peace To People" is the report of the conference in Bradford in September 1992 which was attended by nearly all of you who will receive this newsletter. So, a copy is enclosed with this newsletter.

We think it is a "good read", being the account of a truly wonderful event. It will remind those who were able to attend of the wide range of topics covered and give those who could not be there in person a thorough idea of the events over the whole three days. Extra copies can be ordered from the Give Peace A Chance Trust at £5 sterling plus air mail costs as follows: Europe £1, Pacific countries £3, rest of world £2. Sterling cheques, endorsable U.S dollar cheques or international money orders please, made out to the Trust.

Enough from me, except to say that it is good to be able to visualise the faces behind the names! On now with your news and PLEASE send more to your newsletter editor:

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## UPDATE ON NEW MUSEUMS

### VERDUN

The World Centre for Peace, Freedom and Human Rights situated in the north-east corner of France expects to open in the Spring or Summer of 1994.

### IRELAND

A Peace and Anti-War Museum is being established. Contact Ken McCue (project co-ordinator) Irish Peace & Anti-War Committee, 12 Henrietta St, Dublin 1, Eire

### LILLEHAMMER

In November 1992 Anne Kjelling from the Norwegian Nobel Institute Library spoke here about existing peace museums and peace parks. It is in central Norway and is where the 1994 winter olympics will be held. There are plans to create a Peace Park.

## NETWORK NEWS

### DETROIT

Jim and Jo Bristah of the Swords Into Plowshares Center and Gallery write that the Kathe Kollwitz exhibition has been postponed until 1995, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of her death. They would welcome ideas and material for both this and for their "Humour and War" exhibition which is in the planning stages. Pictorial humour without words can be understood internationally, so not only can we all contribute, but Jim and Jo may finish up with a "mini-exhibition" from all our contributions, which we can all use and build upon.

### KOCHI

Kazuyo Yamane from Grass Roots House writes that a Monument for Friendship with China has been unveiled. The foundation for friendship between the two countries was further strengthened by a second Peace Trip in August 1992 to China and has resulted in the publication of "A Collection of Reports on a Peace Trip to China".

December 8th 1941 is the day Japan entered the Second World War and its annual remembrance is the occasion for much peace witness in Japan. An Association of Narrators is being formed of people who will talk about war experiences for Peace Education programmes.

### GENEVA

October 23rd 1992 saw the opening of the Violet Oakley Exhibition at the Palais des Nations. Violet Oakley was an American painter, engraver and sculptor and a "self-appointed delegate" to Geneva using her artistic skills to promote the work of the League of Nations.

### NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

The 1992 prize worth 6.5 million Swedish krone was awarded on 10th December 1992 to Rigoberta Menchu Tum from Guatemala for her work in organising the poor to work peacefully for justice.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### LINDAU

The annual opening is in April and this year Dr Ursula-Maria Ruser, chief archivist at the League of Nations Library in Geneva, gave the presentation.

### WOLFSEGG

Congratulations to Franz Deutsch on the official opening of his Peace Museum in Wolfsegg in eastern Austria on 16th May 1993. Another small step for humankind!

### GENEVA

Ursula-Maria Ruser is master-minding yet another exhibition at the Palais des Nations. It is entitled BERTHA VON SUTTNER AND OTHER WOMEN IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE and opens on 9th June 1993. It celebrates the birth of the Austrian pacifist, Bertha von Suttner, who was the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (1905). The exhibition will also feature other women who have dedicated themselves to the search for world peace. The exhibition will be available for travel.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### BERLIN

Peter Ruhe, founder chairman of an extensive archive on Gandhi held at the Gandhi Information Centre in Berlin, writes: "From my point of view, there is a very urgent need for western people and institutions, particularly the peace and human rights museums, to make contact with the Indian Gandhi Museums and similar institutions, in order to enter into a constructive exchange of views, experiences, material, technical equipment etc. Though communication with India is not always easy, with some persistence and patience both sides would definitely benefit a great deal."

### UNESCO

The current issue of the UNESCO quarterly journal, "Museum International", is devoted to "Museums of War and Peace" and features articles on the Chicago Peace Museum and the Caen Memorial. Copies of this issue, no 1, 1993, can be ordered from: Ms P. Scones, Basil Blackwell Publishers, 108 Cowley Rd, Oxford OX4 1JF, United Kingdom.

### NOBEL INSTITUTE

A number of Fellowships for 1993-94 in the programme entitled "Great Powers, World Orders and Interventions" will be awarded. For more information contact Dr Odd Arne Westad, The Norwegian Nobel Institute, Drammensvn 19, N-0255, Norway. (fax 47 22 43 01 68)

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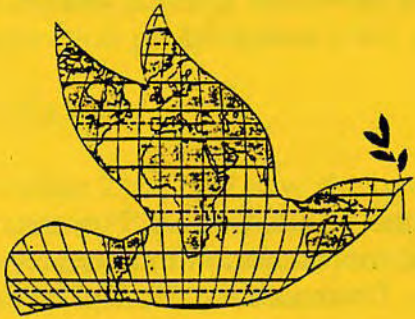
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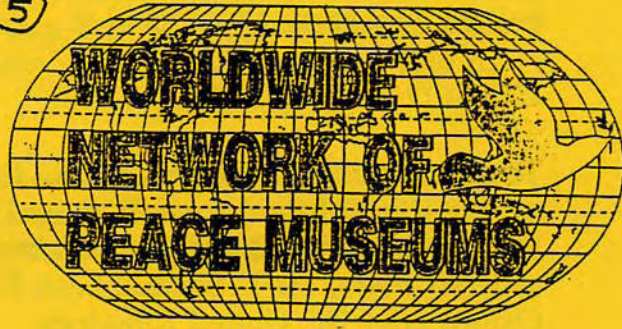
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