

Guns or Bread

by Tricia Forbes

On February 6, a spokesman for Bread for the World, a Christian movement working to end hunger, announced that the "Harvest of Peace" Resolution was introduced in Congress. The resolution, introduced by Senator Hatfield of Oregon, Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Representative Matt McHugh of New York, and Representative Silvio Conte, calls for the United States to recognize the significant changes taking place in Eastern Europe and the improving relations with the Soviet Union and to redirect some of our nation's military funding towards ending world hunger.

Art Simon, president of Bread for the World, claims that the Department of Defense should reduce the billion

dollar contracts it has with over two hundred colleges and universities in America for military research and development. The National Students Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness immediately endorsed the resolution.

"With the funding universities received this year for the research and development of weapons systems, our nation could prevent millions of the world's children from dying of hunger and basic childhood diseases," said Simon in his statement.

The resolution also calls for the US to reduce the amount of military assistance and arms sales to developing countries and to increase assistance to these same nations to help them overcome hunger and poverty, promote human rights, and relieve their debt burdens.

HARVEST OF PEACE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS reduced East - West tensions and renewed efforts for peace by people in the Third World give the United States and other nations an unprecedented opportunity to reverse the \$1 trillion arms race and promote peaceful development;

WHEREAS hunger victimizes about 20 million people in the United States and 1 billion people worldwide; and

WHEREAS common security is based not only on legitimate defense measures but also on all people having an opportunity to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, health care, education and work with dignity; to live in a safe and healthful environment; and to enjoy human rights, including the right to participate in decisions affecting their lives: Now, therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that:

A. It is the sense of the Congress that the United States should help achieve common security by reducing the world's reliance on the military and redirecting resources to peaceful efforts toward overcoming hunger and poverty and meeting basic human needs by:

1. Negotiating agreements with the Soviet Union for substantial and verifiable reductions in overall military forces and spending, and urging other nations to reduce their military forces and spending, with the goal of halving worldwide military spending by the year 2000;
2. Reducing military assistance and arms sales to developing nations and urging other nations to do likewise;
3. Encouraging peaceful settlement of conflicts through regional and international negotiations;
4. Providing increased assistance to developing nations to overcome hunger and poverty, to reduce debt burdens, to promote human rights and people's participation in political decisions affecting them, to ensure sustainable development, and to protect the environment;
5. Increasing support domestically for programs that address human needs;
6. Helping defense industries and their employees convert to productivity non-defense work; and
7. Reducing the federal deficit.

B. It is the further sense of the Congress that the United States should make fostering common security, through the initiatives described in Section A, a primary foreign and domestic policy objective.

Earth Notes: Recycling

"The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives."

Native American Proverb

by Tricia Forbes

This column is the project of a new club at Salem called Salem ECO (Environmental Concerns Organization). Every two weeks we focus on a different environmental issue, and we will have information on that issue available to students in the refectory. We will also sponsor letter writing campaigns addressed to Congress and manufacturing companies to express concern about our planet's growing environmental problems. As today's students and tomorrow's leaders, it is our responsibility to be informed about these issues so that we may take well planned steps to stop the deterioration of the Earth. We will be placing boxes in every dorm to collect glass, aluminum, plastic, and newspaper to be recycled. Our first issue of concern is recycling. We invite every Salem student to join, but even if you don't become a member, there are still some important things you can do to make the earth a better place for future generations.

It is time that we realize the earth's natural resources are limited in supply; they won't last

forever. We wastefully discard many of these resources that could be recycled and used again. We now also face the problem of where to put them when we're through; we're running out of space for our garbage. According to the EPA, every person in America produces an average of 3.5 pounds of trash daily. Our country's landfills are dangerously approaching full capacity, and studies predict that over half of them will have to be closed within the next ten years.

To alleviate this problem, we must do two things. The first is to practice source reduction, which means to produce less trash to begin with. Some small steps that will help are writing on both sides of your notebook paper, buying a few dishrags to replace paper towels, and converting the endless supply of memos you receive in you box daily into scrap paper. When you run to Phar-Mor for a few items, you can use far fewer bags. Try taking a cloth bag with you instead of using paper or plastic. Although paper bags are better than plastic (littered plastic bags are responsible for choking thousands of animals a year) because they are biodegradable, it makes no difference once they reach a landfill. Waste in landfills is not exposed to the elements, so

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Easley Seeks Office

by Kara Hayes

Brunswick County District Attorney, Mike Easley, one of the candidates to run for Jesse Helms' Senate seat in 1990, spoke at Wake Forest University on February 15. Easley won recognition as the sole North Carolinian on *USA Today's* December 27, 1989 honor roll of 50 Americans saluted for their anti-drug efforts, titled "Winners: Making a Difference in the Drug War". Working to combat drug trafficking and drug abuse is one of Mr. Easley's major concerns. The drug problem should be combatted by filling vacant federal judgeships, educating all children against drug abuse (as opposed to the education of only 45%-50% of children today), and increasing rehabilitation facilities. Easley, founder of the first Rape and Sexual Abuse counseling program to be operated out of a District Attorney's office, believes that a

woman's right to choose an abortion is a decision that "should be made between a woman and her doctor - not her Senator." In dealing with the US deficit, Mr. Easley states that the government must "get away from gimmicks like Balanced Budget amendments and the Graham-Rudman Act" and get a commitment from everyone in government starting with the President, to work toward a bi-partisan solution. Running a clean campaign based on decency, honesty and integrity is another of Mike Easley's goals. "Mud-slinging" campaigns, in his opinion are part of the reason voters have stayed away from the polls. He intends to confront the issues that are of concern to the average citizen. He stated that he is a husband, father, and citizen who cares about his state and nation. Mike Easley wants people to be able to say, "This is a Senator who is in touch with me."