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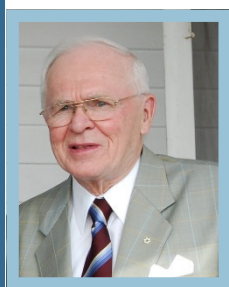
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## OBAMA, CANADA AND PEACE

The world is still abuzz with the results of the election in the United States. Changes have already taken place that will have major effects on the world.

But what do these changes mean for Canada? And what do these changes mean for the broader issue of global peace and security?

Retired Senator and renowned author Douglas Roche, O.C. aims to answer those questions.



Senator Roche is an author, parliamentarian and diplomat, who has specialized throughout his 35-year public career in peace and human security issues. Mr. Roche was a Senator, Member of Parliament, Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, and Visiting Professor at the University of Alberta. He was elected Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Committee at the 43rd General Assembly in 1988.

The author of 19 books, his latest is *Creative Dissent: A Politician's Struggle for Peace* (Novalis, 2008). (Novalis, 2003). He holds seven honorary doctor-

ates from Canadian and American universities and has received numerous awards for his work for peace and non-violence, including the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation for World Peace Award (Canada) and the United Nations Association's Medal of Honour.

On Tuesday, March 31st, the Pugwash Peace Exchange will be hosting a fundraising dinner and silent auction at Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Senator Roche's keynote address, "Obama, Canada and Peace", will examine the new Obama administration, Canada's role, and what it all means in the context of the global quest for peace.



This event starts at 6pm with a reception and silent auction, followed by dinner and Senator Roche's talk. Tickets are \$100/each or \$1000 for a table of ten.

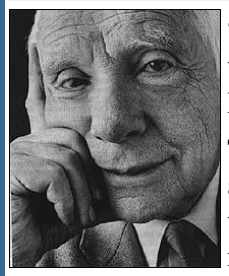
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## DVD Release of *The Strangest Dream*



"The Strangest Dream", the compelling and heart-wrenching documentary about Joseph Rotblat, will be available on DVD at the beginning of March!

This film, directed by Pugwash Peace Exchange member Eric Bednarski and produced by the National Film Board, will be available for sale through the Pugwash Peace Exchange for \$19.95 + S&H. If you've already pre-ordered your DVD at one of our screenings, you will be contacted as soon as they come in, and can then provide payment and shipping information. If you haven't yet ordered your copy, now is the time! This film earned a 10-minute standing ovation from a packed theatre at the Halifax Film Festival, and is not to be missed.

For more information, or to order your copy of "The Strangest Dream" contact us today!

## Be Green!

If you wish to receive this newsletter online instead of by mail, please contact our office.

Thank you!

# *Pugwash Youth Peace Exchange Sends Love to Tanzania*



For just one moment, try to imagine how difficult it would be to remember a math lesson if you couldn't write anything down. Or to fully grasp geography, if you couldn't take any notes.

This is the reality for an alarming number of students in the Third World, whose families cannot afford basic school supplies like notebooks and pencils.

The Pugwash Youth Peace Exchange aims to change that. They will soon be embarking on their fourth annual participation in Project Love. This program, done via CODE Canada, sends basic school supply kits to students in Third World countries. Each kit contains a notebook, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser and a note to the recipient from the PYPE. This year, the kits will be going to students in Tanzania.

The PYPE's record to date is 150 kits assembled and sent, allowing several classrooms worth of students an increased chance in obtaining a better education. They are hoping to break that record this year by sending at least 200 kits.

If you are interested in helping the Pugwash Youth Peace Exchange with this very worthy project, and wish to donate school supplies or to make a financial donation for supplies and postage, please contact Ann Jeffreys of the Pugwash Peace Exchange at (902) 243-2328 or at [mail@pugwashpeaceexchange.org](mailto:mail@pugwashpeaceexchange.org). For more information on Project Love, please visit [www.codecan.org](http://www.codecan.org).

## Some Facts:

- *More than 75,000 students, teachers, parents, professionals, volunteers, businesses and community groups across Canada participate in Project Love each year. Together these groups assist more than 80,000 students and teachers in the developing world.*
- *Tanzania has a 69% literacy rate. Canada's is over 99%.*
- *Primary school enrolment rose from less than 60% in 2000 to 97% in 2007. And this rise has happened while maintaining broadly equal numbers of boys and girls.*

## *DID YOU KNOW???*

### **50 FACTS ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS (PART 2 OF 5)**

11. Largest and smallest nuclear bombs ever deployed: B17/B24 (~42,000 lbs., 10-15 megatons); W54 (51 lbs., .01 kilotons, .02 kilotons-1 kiloton)
12. Peak number of operating domestic uranium mines (1955): 925
13. Fissile material produced: 104 metric tons of plutonium and 994 metric tons of highly-enriched uranium
14. Amount of plutonium still in weapons: 43 metric tons
15. Number of thermometers which could be filled with mercury used to produce lithium-6 at the Oak Ridge Reservation: 11 billion
16. Number of dismantled plutonium "pits" stored at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas: 12,067 (as of May 6, 1999)
17. States with the largest number of nuclear weapons (in 1999): New Mexico (2,450), Georgia (2,000), Washington(1,685), Nevada (1,350), and North Dakota (1,140)
18. Total known land area occupied by U.S. nuclear weapons bases and facilities: 15,654 square miles
19. Total land area of the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and New Jersey: 15,357 square miles
20. Legal fees paid by the Department of Energy to fight lawsuits from workers and private citizens concerning nuclear weapons production and testing activities, from October 1990 through March 1995: \$97,000,000

Sources: Natural Resources Defense Council, Nuclear Weapons Databook Project; *Nineteenth Semiannual Report of the Atomic Energy Commission*, January 1956, p. 31; U.S. Department of Energy; Natural Resources Defense Council, Nuclear Weapons Databook Project; William M. Arkin, Robert S. Norris, and Joshua Handler, *Taking Stock: Worldwide Nuclear Deployments 1998* (Washington, D.C.: Natural Resources Defense Council, March 1998); U.S. Nuclear Weapons Cost Study Project; *Rand McNally Road Atlas and Travel Guide*, 1992.

# Thank You!!!



The Pugwash Peace Exchange has now wrapped up its annual operating campaign. This campaign's goal was to raise the funds that will be used towards the day-to-day expenses of running our office and continuing the work that we have done towards establishing a facility that will foster learning and passion for peace, while contributing towards economic development in our province.

**This year, you donated \$34,400 to help our organization meet its goals.**

We truly appreciate the overwhelming level of support that we have received from you, our members. Your donations will allow us to continue working towards the construction of a world-class interpretive, educational and research facility where all visitors, from student, to diplomat, to activist, can learn more about peace and how to cultivate it.

We also want to thank our many anonymous donors for their generosity. We apologize if anybody has been omitted from (or included on) this list in error.

## **Our supporters (from Aug 28/08 to Dec 31/08):**

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THANK YOU!

## We've Moved!!!

The Pugwash Peace Exchange office is now in a new location!

Our new home is at 236 Water Street, at the corner of King and Water. We're located in the same building as the Eaton-Webb guest house — right across from the legendary Thinkers' Lodge.

We encourage you to come and pay us a visit in our new location, whether it's to ask us questions about the PPE project, to peruse our many gift shop items, or even just to stop by and say hello.

The Pugwash Peace Exchange would like to express its most sincere appreciation to the Pugwash Village Commission for the long-time use of our former office in the Train Station, and would like to thank our new landlords, Paolo and Sandy Brenciaglia for the very warm welcome that has been extended to us.

## 2009 Conference Preview

This July, the Pugwash Peace Exchange is planning to host an international workshop of youth leaders. This energy-packed and highly relevant workshop will assemble youth leaders from across the world who are involved in peace and global-issue initiatives. The outcome of this workshop will be the framework for a major youth conference in 2010, which will build a sustainable, youth-directed international network, helping youth strategize ways to maximize their efforts to have their voices heard and to effect change in the world.

This conference will culminate on July 11th with our fourth annual Dinner of Peace. At this event, the workshop delegates, Pugwash Peace Exchange members and guests will be presented with an enlightening and informative talk by keynote speaker Talatbek Masadykov, Chief of the Political Affairs Unit for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA). The dinner will be preceded by a reception and silent auction, at which our guests and supporters will be able to meet Mr. Masadykov, the workshop delegates, and other prominent figures from the field of nuclear disarmament.



Talatbek Masadykov



### Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Pugwash Peace Exchange will be held at the St. Thomas More

Church Hall, 79 Church St., Pugwash, Nova Scotia, on **Monday, the 27th day of April, 2009, at 7:00pm** to:

- A) review and consider the Annual Report;
- B) Receive and consider the reports of the directors;
- C) Elect directors and officers;
- D) Transact such business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Pugwash, the 9th day of February, 2009.

Our guest speaker for this event will be Peter Walker. Walker served in the Canadian Foreign Service from 1964-2001. His last assignment was as Canadian High Commissioner to India (as well as Canadian Ambassador to Nepal and Bhutan) from 1997-2000. He then served as Ambassador in Residence at Acadia University from 2000-2001 and for five years as Director of the Peace Operations Summer Institute, a joint venture of Acadia, RMC and the Pearson Peacekeeping Institute. He is a member of the Canadian Pugwash Group.

Walker's presentation "South Asia - the Decade Ahead", will discuss the fragile and often volatile relationship between India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and will also discuss the nuclear dimension of this part of the world.

Refreshments will be served at this event. For more information, call 243-2328.

Special thanks go out to our members at Contributing level and above:

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