



Young organizers of the Children's Peace March get ready to sign a letter to President Reagan, voicing their concerns about the threat of nuclear war.

Kids Plan a March for Nuclear Disarmament

Not too young to notice, as many adults may think, many children too are worried about the arms buildup and the threat of nuclear war. This weekend a group of Eugene children plan a peace march from Saturday Market to the fountain on the Mall to show their support for a freeze on nuclear weapons. A show will follow the march.

The march is being organized by the Eugene chapter of Children's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Josh O'Brien, 10, and his 8-year-old brother Zeke started the group after participating in a letter-writing campaign sponsored by the New Hampshire chapter of CCND. One of the requirements of CCND is that the kids must plan their groups, meetings, and activities themselves; no parents or other adults can participate. Josh thinks the kids can set a good example for the adults: "Lots of adults listen to kids. They think well if we're active, they should do something too. We need to show them it's not only them, that kids care about it."

Star Belote, 12, says she thinks it's important for kids to have a place where they can learn about the arms race: "Some of the adults really don't think we know what's going on, and maybe we don't know everything, but we want to know everything. . . it's not fair for people to say, you can't do anything, you're just children."

These kids have strong thoughts and feelings about the nuclear threat. Some of them spoke of nightmares, or of crying themselves to sleep when they think about it. "It's not just for ourselves. We're thinking of other people too," Star said. "It makes me so sad when I think of humanity and all we've gone through in this world, and it might be ruined by a bomb they build to threaten people." Mischa DuPont (age 11) agrees:

"The thing that makes me so mad is, they're not doing it because they're in danger, they're doing it for power, for their ego," Zeke says, "It's a blind waste."

It's the threat to their future that has mobilized these children. Josh feels that "kids could do a better job stopping it than adults—because we're younger and have a much greater chance of having a bomb drop in our lifetime." "You can't think of the future now without thinking well, if we ever live that long," Mischa says. "Any minute now it could be dropping on us." Josh was mentioning 1984 when Star broke in, "Yeah, but who says there's going to be a 1984?"

Despite these anxieties, Josh feels, "It's good for [kids] to worry about it" because then

they might act. Mischa: "It's really important for us to stop it, if it's children, adults, Martians, whoever, the important thing is to stop it." "We should get rid of them," Star said, "freeze them or something, and then talk about peace, about what brought it about, because you won't have a chance to talk if they drop the bomb."

The children's peace march will gather at Saturday Market this Saturday at 12. Anyone can join in, and costumes, signs, musical instruments are encouraged. When the marchers arrive at the fountain on the Mall there will be a show the kids are putting on featuring speeches, music, a short play, dancing and singing. The kids plan to reach a lot of people with their good energy.

—Pamela Seaworthy

Chinese Circus Here

The Chinese Magic Circus of Taiwan will bring their fabulous acts to the Hult Center for an exciting evening of family entertainment on Saturday, May 21st at 8 pm.

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Tickets are \$6.25 for upper balcony; \$7.25 lower balcony; \$8.25 mezzanine and rear orchestra; \$9.25 front orchestra and box. Call the Hult Center Box Office at 687-5000.



This Week's Highlights

The 13th annual Willamette Valley Folk Festival is on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 20, 21 and 22. It takes place on the UO campus and is free and open to the public. A complete schedule of events is on the music page next to Music This Week.

The Rhododendron Festival in Florence begins on Thursday and continues through the weekend. There will be a carnival, lots of good food, art exhibit, gymnastics competition, street theatre, run, rhododendron show, a Jr. Parade on Saturday and a Grande Parade on Sunday, plus much more. The theme this year is *Through the Eyes of a Child*. Call the Chamber of Commerce there for more information.

One of the largest Native American pow-wows in Western Oregon will take place Friday-Sunday, May 20-22 at the University of Oregon McArthur Court. Indian royalty and respected elders will be among the celebrants. Activities begin at 8 pm Friday at McArthur Court with the Grand Entry. There will be competitive Indian dancing, traditional drumming, authentic arts and crafts, and good food will be available all weekend.

The Pacific Northwest Labor History Association will hold its 1983 Conference on May 20-22 at the University of Oregon. The theme is *Economic Depression: Then and Now*. Labor historian Philip Foner of Lincoln University, Philadelphia, will compare anti-crisis activity during the Great Depression with today. Jimmy Herman, International Longshoreman's and Warehouseman's Union president of San Francisco, will talk about the challenge for labor today. \$12/members, \$15/non-members, \$8/students, seniors and unemployed. Call 686-5054 for information.

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