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East meets West in Hills peace conference

By LISA AWREY

Despite their ideological conflicts, international scholars gathered last week in Farmlington Hills for a peace conference to discuss the possibilities of nuclear disarmament.

Last week's conference at Mercy Center was one of a series of dialogues between Christian theologians and Marxists which have "been going on in Europe for a few years now," said Lillian Genser, associate director of the peace conference.

The Detroit area was chosen as the host of this year's meetings because "it is an everyday city. It is not an international center - it's not a Vienna or a Moscow," explained Al Saperstein, a member of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Wayne State University, co-sponsor of the conference.

"It is a good thing to see the conference take place in the U.S. especially in these times," said Peter Stania, a professor at the International Institute for Peace, Vienna, another conference sponsor.

During the week of dialogues, scholars from both Western and Eastern bloc countries offered their moralistic and pragmatic approaches to the question of disarmament. Participants who had attended past conferences, how-

ever, observed that representation from Eastern Europe was less than in previous years.

It was pointed out by Retired Vice Admiral John Lee that complete or general disarmament is "unrealistic."

"At least he was frank," commented Mr. Saperstein later. "Arms control in general cannot insure peace, but it would be a progression towards a safer situation," the Admiral explained in his paper. Without nuclear arms control, "we are headed for even a more dangerous situation," he added.

As an advocate of SALT II, Admiral Lee said that when the presidential election is over, immediate ratification of the treaty would be a must.

Other participants at the conference felt that there were problems with priorities in the treaty. Presidential Directive 59, for example, a provision of SALT II which proposes a change in the nuclear warhead target from major cities to defense bases, was criticized.

SUCH DETAILS would not change the outcome of nuclear warfare and the result would be disastrous in any event, according to Professor Vladimir Gantmann, Institute for World Economics and International Relations, Moscow. "We shouldn't play such games,"

Gantmann said. "There is not an acceptable limited nuclear war." It is a threat in any form, he explained.

The Soviet participants at the conference were objective in their criticisms of U.S. defense policies, but they were not critical of their own government, said one observer.

When asked about governmental bias, one Viennese said, "We come as representatives; we don't speak with the big man behind us."

The final discussions of the conference centered on the subject of the unreality of the ideal pacifism because of the reality of political differences in the world.

"There will always be tension in political ideologies," said Professor Rudolph Weiler of Vienna. "But it is a

shame to carry out our political dogmas militarily."

Conflicting politics seemed a determining factor in the progress made at the peace conference, said Saperstein.

"I am not a Marxist or a Christian, I am an intellectual. I don't care about all this political crap," he said.

"We must realize," he added, "that we are a group of people who are in moral pain and that we could all be destroyed (by nuclear weapons) in a moment."

Feelings on the overall progress of the conference were varied.

"The good news is that the conference took place," said a professor from Wayne State. "The bad is that I'm not sure how much was accomplished; but I believe it's a beginning."



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From birthdays to bubblegum

Delegates enjoy cultural diversity

By LISA AWREY

While the world's attention is focused on the war between Iran and Iraq, a group of international peacekeepers met last week in Farmlington Hills to chart their course.

Although there were participants from the Eastern and Western Bloc countries, the Mercy Center conference room was permeated with an air of camaraderie.

Language was not a barrier. Each of the delegates was provided with earphones, through which Russian, German and English, the three primary

languages at the conference, were given.

While great attention was given to such weighty matters as the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) and the possibility of nuclear war, many participants reveled in cultural differences.

DURING ONE of the sessions, a participant interrupted a serious discussion to wish one of the East German translators a happy birthday. Something taken aback, other participants nevertheless suspended the dialogue long enough to applaud the occasion.

Vladimir Gantmann of the Institute for World Economics and International

Relations, Moscow, was so intrigued with a motorized scooter used by the Mercy nuns that he insisted on trying it himself, said Sister Edwina Menten, the center's director.

At times the discussions were moving at such a rate that translators had difficulty keeping up. A Soviet translator, at one point in a fit of frustration, stopped and muttered "Oh, God!"

Momentarily the room went silent. But it was comic relief, and gradually a wave of laughter swept through the hall. Patiently, the delegates waited for the translator to regain his composure.

Courtesy and patience were shown

by the participants through out the week, as was tact. The red tape and irrelevant questions that are characteristic of meetings were warded off by a new chairperson each day of the conference. When an impertinent point was brought up, the chairperson would say "thank you for your comment" and go on.

As for their stay in the U.S., many of the delegates said they were impressed with Detroit and especially with their hosts.

"For a woman who has a family, it is nice to be taken care of for once," commented Italian Senator Giglia TeDESCO.

Nurse tackles cancer's myth by counseling

By LISA AWREY

Even the most simple physical movements, such as reaching for the glass in the cupboard, can be a trying experience for a post-operative cancer patient.

The readjustment period that accompanies a mastectomy, for example, is often easier said than done.

"After any kind of cancer treatment, 'a patient has emotional as well as physical needs that must be met,'" says Mary Connell, a nurse at the Michigan Cancer Foundation who left her position as head nurse at Mt. Sinai Hospital for a program where, she says, "patient contact is emphasized."

The Cancer Foundation's post-operative cancer program is designed to help patients readjust after they leave the hospital.

"There are just so many questions a patient wants to ask about things doctors just take for granted," explains Ms. Connell, a Farmlington Hills resident.

People have associated many fears and myths with cancer that are unjustified, according to Ms. Connell. At it was not until Betty Ford's and Happy Rockefeller's experiences with cancer that "the disease came out of the closet," she says.

"I was drawn to this program particularly," she says, "because it deals with the emotional aspects of cancer."

The foundation's rehabilitative program offers discussion group meetings, the next of which begins Sept. 30, as well as physical care and information. All are available at the Oakland Service Center in Royal Oak and at the Detroit Service Center, on Greenfield in Detroit.

Information is one of the simplest and most important of the foundation's services. Finding out where to buy a prosthesis, for example, can help a woman in what would otherwise be "a



MARY CONNELL

very embarrassing situation," explains Connell.

The discussion groups are helpful to patients having trouble "coping" after their surgery, according to the nurse. "It is important that the person knows they are not alone," she says. "Support and encouragement from a woman who, for example, had a breast removed five years ago is invaluable for a woman who has just had the experience."

As a nurse, Mary Connell feels she is in a position to answer patient questions about physical problems. And as a sensitive human being, she says, she can offer "objectivity" during the emotional rehabilitation of the patient.

"This is the most important part of any readjustment period," she says. Inquiries about the Cancer Foundation's program at the patient center can be taken at 833-0710, ext. 301.

Chinese student forges new life after surviving cultural revolt

By MARY GNIEWEK

Yu Liu saunters around the kitchen at Oakland Community College, comfortable with the food he prepares in the culinary arts program but shy with other students.

"My English is not too good," he says apologetically.

When he's relaxed, Liu speaks at a good clip but interjects an occasional Chinese word for which there is no direct translation.

The 35-year-old student is happy to be pursuing his dream at last for an education beyond high school. That was denied him at the time other students make the natural progression to college.

When Liu graduated from high school in Shanghai in 1962, the communist regime was on the brink of a cultural revolution and college education was restricted to precious few applicants.

Even Liu's family background — a father with a master's degree earned at the University of Michigan in 1938, a mother who taught music and English, and an older brother and sister who were college educated — didn't help. Neither did his strong desire for education influence the Chinese government.

Liu was destined to spend 10 years of his life working in a government-assigned job repairing bicycles in a factory. He compounded the problem by casually criticizing Mao Tse Tung's wife, Chang Ching, leader of the ruling Gang of Four.

NOT A POLITICAL ACTIVIST, Liu was dealt with harshly for making anti-Gang of Four comments to friends during a spring festival in 1968. He was publicly chastised in a ceremony he tried to translate into American terms.

"I stood on stage before 1,000 people at a meeting, bowed my head and said I was wrong for talking about the government," he said. He was detained by officials one week, put in a lower class, and given a more menial job at the bicycle shop. After Mao's death in 1976, Liu's record was cleared and he was publicly pardoned in a similar ceremony.

Despite that treatment, Liu isn't bitter. He speaks of his homeland in glowing terms. He carries photographs of his family, of himself walking the Great Wall, of mountains and of festivals where women dress in bright satin clothes.

With U.S. relations open with mainland China, Liu's Detroit relatives visited Shanghai last year and plans were made for Liu to study in America.

P.E. Liu, the uncle who sponsored his nephew's trip last October, is a retired



Preparing one of the menu items in the Orchard Ridge campus kitchen, Chinese Yu Liu expresses satisfaction with his new life in the United States.

dean at Detroit Institute of Technology. He lives in Orchard Lake.

"I came to learn a living for my future," Liu says. "I want very much to study. In China, I didn't know what was my future."

LIU IS GRATEFUL to his uncle for housing, sponsorship and career guidance.

Sylvia Burtrum, admissions director at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus, also has taken a special interest in the Chinese student who she met last year during a general campus orientation meeting.

Liu is unable to work as regulated by his student visa, but Mrs. Burtrum offered him volunteer work in the admissions office in exchange for his learning to speak and write English more fluently.

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Historical Commission is awarded memorial

The Farmlington Hills Historical Commission has received a memorial of \$100 in honor of Mrs. Antonio Kupsky, who lived at 35571 Howard Road.

The memorial was given by daughters Georgia Young of Hale, Michigan; Eugenie Nabony, 13 Mile Road; and Bess Gaffney of Novi; as well as Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palacky of 12 Mile Road.

The home of Mrs. Kupsky is one of 40 properties which will become part of the proposed Farmlington Hills Historical

District following a public hearing in November.

The Howard Road home was built in 1825 by Eri Prince, an early Farmlington missionary who established churches throughout the area. At one time, both a grist mill and saw mill were on the property.

The funds are to be used for historical research or publication, according to terms of the gift. The Historical Commission is empowered to receive gifts for historical purposes, according to Kay Briggs, new chairwoman of the commission.

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FINDING A FOUNDER
That was the mission of the folks over at Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance after the statue of the company's namesake was stolen last week. After some over-the-phone negotiations the bust of the founding father was returned. To read more about it, turn to Page 3A.