Local peace activist Joan Pence admits there have been times she has felt "nobodys listening". nobody gives a hoot for what we're doing."

Those feelings would wash over her as she manned her office in the Peace

Resource Center near the Schoolcraft College campus.

"I'd sit in my office, and it felt like was in a vacuum," said Pence, a 27-year-old high school biology teacher from Plymouth Township, who directs the local center.

so, to replace her nervous energy she took some colored threads and a swatch of muslin and began stitching a panel to illustrate her love of life and fear of nuclear disaster.

A SIMILAR sense of despair motivated a Denver grandmother to A SIMILAR sense of despair notivated a Denver grandmother to stitch the first panel that would con-nect into a 10-mile "ribbon" or collec-tion of panels Sunday in Washington, D.C. Called "the Ribbon Project," it was

founded by Justine Merritt, a retired teacher, and some of her friends. It caught the attention of Joan Pence and peace groups across the country.

Last weekend thousands of Americans traveled to the nation's capital and some participants were reported on Japan, Germany and other countries to begin commemorating the 40th analysers of the first use of the nuclear bomb.

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The demonstrators' plan was to encircle the Pentagon building. But when they found they had so many panels, they included the Lincoin Memorial, the Washington Monument and the Capitol building, Pence said.

FROM MICHIGAN, some 100 participants left at midnight Friday on a 10-hour bus trip. On board were Pence and four cloth panels made by herself and others from the Schoolcraft center.

Each carried the same theme-mes-

sage: What would you miss if the world were destroyed in a nuclear holocaus? Merriti's original silk-embroldered panel carried the names of her family members and friends. Those made by local members included simple nature scenes and personal pleasures — birthday cakes and garden herbs.

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AND IN the Deirolt metropolitan area this week, other activities to commemorate the bombings are planned:

• In the early morning hours this Tuesday, peace activists here and across the country will take part in an art protest called the 'Shadow Project.' Drawing shadows of human forms into city streets and sidewalks, they plan to recreate the inages of victims vaportaed by the intense heat of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

A Farmington Hills mother of two who plans to take part said she will use

landscape.

Detroit's Greektown, a rally will start at 7 p.m. Thursday featuring Georgia State Sea. Julian Bond, a civil rights leader, in Second Baptist Church on Monroe at Beaubien. The rally will be followed by a 9 p.m. candlelight march to Hart Plaza. Founder of a non-violent student protest movement against the Vietnam War in his youth, Bond hosts America's Black Forum, a syndicated television program.

ment dead, and even peace organizers themselves are concerned with waning memberships.

Pence, who has been active in the movement for the past two years, said substantially local congressioned, and the movement for the past two years, said substantially local problem lies in the inherent nature of grassroots movements; they eventually local popular support. In this case, she says, some fear bringing down the military build-up with the cocomy and employment. Organizers argue, however, that more private-sector jobs would be created by non-defense spending than by military spending.

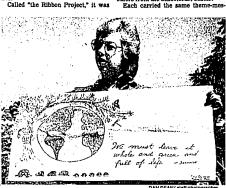
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Another problem she cited was control. After all, we're back to Geometric we're fighing a tremendous infras-

tructure. We have no access to places (the Pentagon) where strategic deci-tions are being made. She disregarded contact through local congressmen, saying only a few sit on influential mil-itary-related committees.



Joan Pence, director of the Peace Resource Center, displays an embroidered panel she took to the Washington, D.C., protest last

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