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'It's a dangerous world, but there are solutions'

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"We live in a dangerous world so we mustn't be complacent.

"However, it's important that we have hope. There are some solutions that can be implemented now — if there are enough concerned and active people," says Dr. Norman Alcock, president of the World Federalists of Canada.

The World Federalists of Canada is a peace activist group that would like to see the United Nations become stronger and closer to world government.

"The two super powers are engaged in dangerous adventurism. It's a world of anarchy where the most powerful nations feel they can do as they wish.

"For example, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, a poor and defenceless country, and the American invasion of Grenada, a sovereign country. The U.S. and Soviets are doing just what the Imperialist nations did 100 years ago, but it's more dangerous because the cruise missiles are not like the cruisers of 40 years ago."

He went on to say that we need a paradigm (a simplified model of reality).

"Once slavery was legitimate, men could dominate women and if they had their honor impugned they would challenge their opponent to a duel. Those concepts changed suddenly and it became indecent and immoral to own slaves and absurd to duel when there was a difference.

"Today it's legitimate for nations to fight over bits of territory, tomorrow it may be absurd to settle differences by who has the greater number of Exocet missiles or for big nations to bully little nations because they have a government with a different ideology."

Alcock says both conventional and nuclear weapons are too dangerous to risk the chance of a Third World War. What is needed is new institutions, which means a smaller role for the defence department and a greater role for international machinery.

"We need permanent peace keeping forces set up on a regional basis and operating under the UN. The super powers should not be a part of these peace keeping forces.

"The Balkans (Greece, Yugoslavia etc.,) are already talking of a nuclear free zone and it would be an easy extension to have their own Balkan peace keeping force to guarantee peace keeping treaties on the borders.

"Central Europe is another area where a nuclear free zone and peace keeping force from both East and West Europe could be set up at sensitive border positions."

Alcock is encouraged that a number of clear cut middle power initiatives are being explored. The Contadora Group (Columbia, Panama, Venezuela and Mexico) are already suggesting a Central American peace keeping force to monitor armed shipments at sensitive borders.

He added that it has cautiously been suggested that a neutralized denuclearized free zone in central Europe may be a possible step taken in the future.

He feels Trudeau's peace initiative of a negotiating role for Canadians deserves the support of Canadians.

"A lot of leaders, like a lot of people, are just plain scared. Even people in Medicine Hat cannot hide with Suffield just up the road and American silos within 100 miles of the city. We live in a dangerous world and there are no simple answers to war."

Dr. Norman Alcock says there are no simple answers to war.
—News photo Robin Schlaht

Miss Rodeo Canada

Hargrave vies for crown

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Susan Hargrave, Medicine Hat's 1982 Stampede Queen has set her sights on the Miss Rodeo Canada crown.

The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association's pageant starts Saturday evening in Edmonton and Miss Rodeo Canada will be crowned Nov. 11 following a full week of activities.

Hargrave, who is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Doug Hargrave of Brooks, and the granddaughter of Mrs. O.C. Watson of Medicine Hat, is being sponsored by the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede.

"She's only the second girl from the Medicine Hat competition to take part in the pageant," says Laurie Sharland. "The 1980 first princess, Sheri Saville was the other girl."

Sharland, who has co-ordinated the queen contest in Medicine Hat for the past 13 years, says she is excited that Susan has entered the pageant, but is disappointed that her heavy work schedule won't allow her to go to Edmonton to give her moral support.

"It's quite a schedule they've got lined up for the competitors, but Susan has had a taste of some of it when she took part down here."

The contestants will be judged on public speaking, personality and poise, horsemanship, rodeo knowledge and off-stage presentation. They will also have to write a rodeo examination and take part in a fashion show.

The horsmanship section, in which the girls will be asked to ride two different mounts plus complete a variety of tasks, will be held at Lakeland College in Vermillion.

The speeches will also be held at the college. In this section knowledge of rodeo current events and the Western way of life is needed, plus a three minute speech presentation on the Monday evening has to include information about the contestant herself. At a mother-daughter brunch on the Tuesday, they will also be required to give a two minute speech on the good and bad points of rodeo, following which the six finalists will be announced.

For these girls a two minute speech on careers must be presented at a luncheon on the Wednesday, plus another one on "Is rodeo cruel to animals" at breakfast the following day.

In poise and personality, a sense of humor, maturity, morality, self-projection and sincerity will be judged. As will posture, carriage, dress, grooming and photogenic quality.

Contestants' knowledge of rodeo must be extensive for it includes the history, terminology, events, horse care, livestock, world rodeo and personalities.

The girl who is crowned Miss Rodeo Canada on Nov. 11 will attend the rodeo the following day; a Christian Fellowship breakfast, the rodeo and a banquet on the Sunday and be interviewed on the Monday.

Miss Rodeo Canada will represent the sport and the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association throughout the coming year.

Susan Hargrave, Medicine Hat's 1982 Stampede Queen, has been accepted as a contestant in the Miss Rodeo Canada pageant.
—News photo Ian Scott

Ann Landers

'Is she or isn't she?'

Dear Ann Landers: I am a middle-aged woman who recently joined a club and struck up a lovely friendship with Miss X. She's an intelligent person and very amusing. We go to lunch together twice a week.

After the second lunch she started to kiss me "hello" and "goodbye." I don't like it. I have a strange feeling that she might be one of those funny ones.

If this kissing continues, our friendship must come to an end. But how does one find out for certain if she is — uh — different? I can't come right out and ask her. I would feel terrible if I ended our friendship on a hunch and later learned I was wrong. Please tell me what to do. — Is She Or Isn't She In Indy.

Dear Indy: The "evidence" you have cited is far from conclusive. Many straight women kiss hello and goodbye. Time is your best ally. Until you have something more specific to go on, don't jump to any hasty conclusions.

Dear Ann Landers: You have made frequent references in your column to the deterioration of education in the U.S. public schools. Granted, not all teachers are well trained and caring, but the big problem is not the teachers — it's the children.

I have taught school for 27 years. We spend at least 40 per cent of our classroom time disciplining students. You would not believe how many come to school regularly stoned, drunk, high on pot and pills. We must deal daily with sullen, foul-mouthed, disrespectful children as early as the first grade. Some of them come from upper-middle class families.

When I first started to teach, I was assigned to a very tough neighborhood. I know that at least seven of my former students are now in prison. But I never had any trouble with those kids in the classroom because they respected teachers.

Do tell those parents if their children aren't learning anything in school, it's because they were not taught at home to be respectful, nor were they brought up with the concept that to be educated is to be civilized. — Brockton, Mass.

Dear Brockton: Thanks for writing. I hope you educated some adults today.

Tip of the Hat

Dutton honored

The Redcliff Lions Club will be presenting **Alf Dutton** with the **Redcliff Citizen Appreciation Award** Nov. 5 at the club's annual charter night.

Dutton was a trustee with the Redcliff School District for two years and has served the town for 20 consecutive years, one year as a councillor and 19 years as mayor.

Executive elected

At the recent annual general meeting of **Unisphere** the following executive and board of directors were elected.

Agnes Wiley was elected as chairperson, **Nancy Tripp** as vice-chairperson, **Derrick Ironside** as treasurer and **Joan Wanner** as secretary.

Luis Donoso, Myrna Ironside, Muriel Luca, Margaret Blanchard, David Durning, Kim Snell and Frances Ost were all elected as Directors.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 1983 FOR SINGLE ADULTS IN MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT

Invitations to apply, are extended to all single adults in Medicine Hat to attend a Christmas Day Dinner. This will be a family-type function designed and programmed to make a friendly gathering for those who cannot share Christmas Day with their own family or friends.

Applications and information may be obtained by telephoning **526-1070 (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.)** or by writing to **Christmas Dinner, Box 664, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 7G6.** All applications must be submitted by December 1, 1983.

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