

Dear Friend,

A lot has happened **over the past few months**. This summer has seen as increased level of anti-war activity in Staten Island and throughout New York. Here is a partial breakdown of what has been going on:

The Staten Island Disarmament Campaign, which we were influential in creating, has been selected to sit on the executive committee of the citywide New York Disarmament Campaign (which brought you the June 12 th demonstration) This is the first time in our menories that a S.I. organization has been directly involued in making policy within the Peace movement.

I A Student Peace Alliance, which we helped to create, has been establised at the College of Staten Island and Wagner Collegians For Race & Wagner College.

Some members collected signatures to put on the ballot in N.Y. State a **Redce** party (the Unity Party) whose political platform calls for "Full employment / Stop The Reagan Budget Cuts / Cut Military Spending - Fund Human Needs / End Racism." Other members helped to elect pro-Nuclear Freeze Mario Cuomo ds Gov. of NYS

NYS. We waged a strong attack on the Junior ROTC program which is coming to Curtis High School this year; sending representatives to the citywide NYC Board of Education hearings.

• We actively endorsed and participated in the July 10th protest against the U.S.-Israeli invasion of Lebanon. In the light of recent events this demand to end the war of repression against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples takes on a new imperative.

We joined in the march and rally in Chinatown commemorating the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 7th as a reminder of the real tragedy of nuclear war that must never happen again.

And here are some of the things which we will be doing this fall (as well as continuing the efforts mentioned above):

• We are organizing a comprehensive professional course for Draft Counselors here on Staten Island. Considering Reagan's stationing of U.S. advisors in El Salvador and the sending of U.S. Marines to Lebanon, we feel these skills are vital and their benefits will stay with you for the rest of your life.

We welcome and need your participation in all these activities. We are working to build a positive movement on S.I. but we can't do it without your help. Needless to say say such programs cost money. <u>Money is needed</u>. YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE

