

Appeal to all Women in the World

Sarajevo
29. September 1991

We, women from various parts of Yugoslavia and various countries in Europe, participating in the women's meeting of the European Peace Caravan on September 29 1991 in Sarajevo, call on all women of Yugoslavia, of the other parts of Europe and the world:

1. We are deeply concerned about the ongoing dramatic war situation in the different regions of this country.
2. We insist on human and minority rights, democratization and peaceful round table negotiations to solve conflicts. We condemn this war as a crime against humanity and we insist that it be stopped immediately.
3. We call on all women in Yugoslavia, in other parts of Europe and in the world to disarm all warmakers and to stop any female collaboration with warmakers.
4. The Peace Caravan to Sarajevo has shown that we - women of different cultures, religions, political ideas - can come together and discuss our existential needs.
5. Let us build bridges for peace all over the world!

This appeal was passed by more than 70 women from all the republics of Yugoslavia as well as participants in the final women's plenary session of the 5-day European Peace Caravan, which was organized by the Helsinki Citizens Assembly (HCA).

The Women's peace movement within Yugoslavia - whose approach is non-nationalistic and spanning all of the individual republics - has been consciously isolated by the Yugoslavian media spreading hate and fear and by a war-centered coverage in the rest of Europe. We, the supporters of this appeal, want to contribute to breaking through this isolation.

Within the frame work of the European Peace Caravan, we had the opportunity to meet and talk to representatives of numerous women's peace initiatives in Ljubljana, Zagreb, Belgrade, and Sarajevo. It became apparent that the lack of communication facilities is a major obstacle for networking among themselves and internationally.

In order to improve the working- and communication structures in respect to technical facilities, we want to place at their disposal copying machines, fax machines, and computer modems.

This would provide substantial support to the long-term goals of the women's peace movement in Yugoslavia so that nations, peoples, women, men and children, can live as neighbours again

The equipment would be personally delivered as part of the women's peace actions.

To finance this NETWORKproject we cordially and urgently invite you to make generous donations.

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