

## NAIROBI NOTES

### Origins of Peace Tent:

Ellen Diedrich's experience in Prague.

Discussions of Genevieve Vaughan and Edith Ballantyne in Geneva in March 1985.

### Preliminary Efforts:

Trip of Inga Langen and Edith Ballantyne to Nairobi in spring 1985 to arrange housing for Feminist International for Peace and Food (FIPF).

### Heathcote, May 1985:

Intense planning on organization through committee structure for members of FIPF.

### Negotiations with Dame Nita Barrow:

Following guidelines laid out in Edith Ballantyne's cable:

May 22, 1985

To: Steering Group

As explained by phone, could proceed forming steering group for Peace Centre including Ballantyne as Convener of Forum Subcommittee on Peace and representatives of Feminists International, WYWCA (World Young Women's Christian Association), WIDF (Women's International Democratic Federation), IFUW (International Federation of University Women) Kenyan Group. Programme include 11 July opening [of] Centre with special program. [T]hen Centre open over lunch for peaceful encounters and networking each day, time for spontaneous activities, a few planned discussions, and spontaneous discussion following workshops. [I]f wanted, a permanent peacemaking table, etc. [M]uch woman power to help in Centre.

Greetings, Ballantyne.

. . . In Nairobi, additional members of the Subcommittee on Peace were added. Two representatives of FIPF on Steering Committee were Ellen Diedrich and Sissy Farenthold.

. . . Program Committee of FIPF consisted of Ellen Diedrich and Fawzia Hassouna.

*↓ Womens activities to suppress M.E. war (Connie, Zoja, Frit-Lipson, Austria)*

PROGRAMS IN LARGE TENT

Thursday, July 11 10:00 a.m., Opening Ceremony  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., "Peace and Patriarchy"  
4:30 - 5:00 p.m., Kenya Women's Peace Organization

*Angela Davis  
Maria Bustos  
Fawzia  
Serina*

Friday, July 12 10:00 a.m. - 12:30, Middle Eastern Dialogue  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Latin American Women

*Fawzia  
Gina Galon  
Deena Metzger*

Saturday, July 13 10:00 a.m. - 12:00, Program on Hiroshima and Nagasaki  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Hour of Song  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m., opened informally

*Takeko Tatematsu organized*

*Selma James  
Barbara Beck*

Sunday, July 14 10:00 a.m. - 12:00, exhibits being changed  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Asian Women

*H-530 McFara Pacific*

Monday, July 15 Entire day's program planned and executed by Karibu Centre

*with Religion + Peace plays poetry + others*

Tuesday, July 16 10:00 a.m. - 12:30, U.S. - U.S.S.R. Dialogue  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Women of South Africa  
Women and Peace (I have no notes on this.)

*Zoja, Cora  
Bela, Mary Ann  
Connie*

Wednesday, July 17 Women, Peace and Politics  
10:00 a.m. 12:30, participation of Chinese women in this dialogue  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Conflict Resolution

*Frousa - Almatyos Deena  
in small tent*

*12 noon 2 seats on 6 Black Fore poets*

*Denise (see Brown)  
Mary Ann  
Alice*

Thursday, July 18 10:00 a.m. - 12:30, Feminism and Peace  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Latin American Women  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Discussion of problems of censorship surrounding *Lila* and the Wolves. (This was impromptu.)

*South Pacific Women 3-5-30*

Friday, July 19 10:00 a.m. - 12:00, "Where Do We Go After Nairobi?"  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m., closing ceremonies "Sweet Honey and the Rock"  
3:30 - 5:00, Feminism and Racism

Tuesday, July 23 Ceremony, presentation of globe to Ms. Shahanie, Chair of U. N. Conference.

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Additional Programs held in:

1. Small tent had meetings from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. each day on life experience. There were also small group meetings such as "Sisterhood Is Global," preliminary meeting for Radio Workshop, etc. Women also brought their art work here to share.

2. Visual Tent had video and film throughout the week.