

# CANDLELIGHT VIGIL WELCOMES WINCON

As in past years WINCON attendees checking into the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel Tuesday evening, February 26, were welcomed with a candlelight procession on the sidewalks outside the hotel, including posters reading "No Arms in the Heavens; Star Peace; Honk for Peace" under the auspices of the Orange County Alliance for Survival. There were about 1200 demonstrators according to police, although some attendees felt there were probably no more than 600 to 800.

In addition there were about 20 "Young Americans for Freedom" with a poster "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!". The police moved them to the other side of the street to avoid altercations between the groups.

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## Peace vigil draws crowd as defense experts arrive

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Nearly 2,000 people stood solemnly along Bristol Street and Anton Boulevard Tuesday night during a candlelight vigil protesting an annual gathering of defense contractors and military officials at nearby Westin South Coast Plaza hotel.

The vigil attracted a broad cross-section of participants, from punk rockersto 60s-era hippies to suit and tie garbed senior citizens.

Costa Mesa police made no arrests and said the demonstration was peaceful. Officers did, however, separate some of those who were protesting the protesters by sending them across the street.

Representing the Young Americans for Freedom, the vociferous group of about 20 argued the best route to peace is through a strong defense.

George Leonard of Long Beach said those opposing the 27th annual Winter Convention on Aerospace and Electronic Systems (WINCON) were apologists for the Soviets.

Arguing the Soviet Union has never honored any treaties, Leonard said the KGB, the Soviet Union's secret service, has infiltrated the American peace movement.

"They're manipulating this, just like in Europe," he said. "When you appease a totalitarian government, the end result is war. I don't want that. The answer is peace through strength."

Hundreds of protesters holding lit candles along the streets felt otherwise.

Posters read, "Build upon peace and love, not military might" and "No more lies, cons, or ignorance — A message to merchants of death; it kills your children, too."

Manion Pack, director of the Orange County Alliance for Survival, said the size of the crowd would help WINCON delegates to see they lacked support for continued weapons research and development.

"The numbers are up. People feel the power to say, 'I can make a difference,'" she said.

Pack said the first vigil four years ago attracted about 500 people. She estimated this year's crowd at 2,000. Costa Mesa police estimated the crowd at about 1,200. But both groups said the crowd was larger than last year.

Inside the hotel, delegates were registering for the three-day conference that includes a series of highly technical and mostly top secret discussions.

The conference is sponsored by the Department of Defense and attracts such defense industry leaders as TRW Inc., Grumman Aerospace Corp. Lockheed, Honeywell, Hughes Aircraft and McDonnell Douglas.

Delegates are bused from the hotel to the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro for the conference sessions.

Sessions will include presentations on the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars), Computing and Integrated Circuits, the Evolving Acquisition Environment and Space Station Information Systems.

William Ennis, public relations manager for TRW, Inc., said, "The conference is strictly a technical assembly. These people are dedicated, highly trained professionals."

"I think they'd agree they're making significant contributions to the defense of the nation."

Although delegates are aware of the protesters that have annually gathered outside the hotel for the past four years, Ennis said it was unlikely they would engage in any philosophical dialogues with the protesters.

"I think the only time they'll get philosophical is when they're on the buses going by the protesters," he said.

Outside, protesters were willingly expressing their philosophical views on the importance of their stand.

Collette Turenne, an 18-year-old from Lexington, Kentucky, who came to California to participate in the Great Peace March that begins Saturday from Los Angeles, said, "This was the best way for me to express my very strong beliefs on the planet. I realize it's very fragile, and I think everyone believes in peace. But we all have to work for it."

Marion Pack said protesters viewed their participation as a way of upholding the constitutional right-to-life.

"We have 4 1/2 tons of TNT for every man, woman and child on the planet," Pack said.

Having just served a jail term for her participation in last year's WINCON protest, Pack said, "You truly see the relationship of poverty to crime."

"Most of the women were in there for small crimes, writing bad checks for groceries for their children, failing to pay traffic tickets."

"And the president has asked for a 12 percent defense increase at the expense of social programs."

On Wednesday morning the demonstrators stood in front of the busses that were to take the attendees to the DoD sponsored classified sessions that were held at the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro in conjunction with WINCON. It was very orderly and after arresting about a dozen demonstrators the police escorted the busses to the San Diego Freeway for the El Toro trip. A similar procedure was followed on Thursday morning.

There were about 30 demonstrators with their posters still on the sidewalks on Friday afternoon after WINCON was over and most of the attendees had left.

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Peace advocates hold candlelight vigil on Bristol Avenue in front of Westin South Coast Plaza hotel, where delegates to a

major defense conference are staying. At right near the American flag, a group is protesting the vigil.

## Weapons consultant joins fight to stop SDI

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Dr. Carol Rosin was a respected member of the military industrial complex. The first female corporate manager of Fairchild Industries Aerospace, and later a space weapons consultant for TRW, her future was assured in the industry.

But, like a number of her colleagues today, she grew uneasy about the spiraling weapons race that has produced 55,000 nuclear bombs in the American arsenal and that is increasing at the rate of about five each day. The movement toward placing weapons in space only increased her concern.

Unable to justify her participation in what she believes is a headlong escalation toward nuclear war, Rosin gave up her promising future and helped found a Washington, D.C. think tank that is dedicated to stopping the arms race before it gains irreversible momentum into space.

At the same time, the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space (ISCOS) is creating alternatives for the industry that has soaked up billions of tax dollars over the last four decades in pursuit of superior weaponry.

Rosin came to Orange County this week to talk about those alternatives and to join the Alliance for Survival at a candlelight vigil in front of the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel Tuesday as delegates arrived for the Winter Conference on Aerospace and Electronic Systems (WINCON).

Protesters are focusing on stopping development of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), popularly known as Star Wars, and Rosin planned to talk to WINCON delegates as well as protesters about the alternatives to space weapons.

"I'm helping to create a movement to develop positive options, and space holds a unique key," she said. "It's a special place in which we can stop the arms race and create technologies and a consciousness to heal this planet and evolve ourselves in inner space and outer space."

Rosin, 41, said the movement must stop SDI funding before its own momentum makes it unstoppable.

"SDI proponents are trying to make SDI irreversible before the next presidential election," she said. "Many say the research and development is so far down the road we might as well proceed."

But Rosin said the momentum is swinging toward SDI opponents, and the military industrial complex will have to start thinking about alternatives to weapons research and development.

"I'm not a protester. But I came because one of the themes is conversion and cooperation," she said.

Alliance for Survival participants have been educating themselves about SDI and research alternatives so they can talk to WINCON del-

egates, Rosin said.

"I'm going to talk to a lot of people on both sides, because I am a part of both. I'm a space and missile consultant because I believe in a strong military and I believe in peace — but not in the old way, in a new way."

"They're already pitching the notion that space weapons are a household word. It's not. The alternatives will become a household word because they will benefit the household," she said.

Alternatives, including medical research in space, colonization, intercontinental teleconferencing, improved weather predictions and disaster warning, solar energy and food production, will not only benefit mankind but will produce jobs and stimulate the economy rather than drain it, Rosin said.

Because the Russians have offered on-site inspection, cooperative lab work and other initiatives aimed at ending the arms race, Rosin said the time is right to change the course of history.

"We're at peace with the Soviet Union now. We have over 200 companies working with them."

"Whether we trust them or not, they've made verifiable, feasible, realistic proposals, and at a minimum we should call them on it," she said.

Rosin has taken her message around the world, supporting herself on speaker's fees and with some help through ISCOS.

She has also co-authored a book, "Space Careers," with Dr. Charles Sheffield, which further outlines the options for jobs on earth and in space of a non-weapons nature.