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PEACE AND JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM  
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PEACE AND JUSTICE ISSUES SURFACE;  
STUDENT SCHOLARS SELECTED

Marketing infant formula in Third World nations...  
a hungry world...the Middle East link in world  
peace...perspectives on technology and dehumanization.

These are the issues of peace and justice to be discussed during the 1981 Peace and Justice Symposium on May 6.

Four student scholars were selected last week from 15 candidates who submitted papers to the Reading/Ranking Committee of the Symposium. This Wednesday at 7 p.m. in O'Hare Auditorium, these four students will present their views during a panel discussion, hosted by Deborah Eliason, president of the Student Academic Senate.

Patricia Spencer, '84, in "Who's Killing The Babies?" tackles a problem, that, she says, "in the mid-70's shocked and appalled most people." - The issue is the marketing of infant formula in Third World nations by the Nestles Corporation. Nestles has been unaffected by pressures from corporate stockholders. But, she believes, "boycotts have made headway." Still, she notes, "it is a slow and painful process which, at times, seems to be failing." "In a world where the needs of large companies come before the needs of the people, is there any peace and justice?" she asks.

Bonnie Boiani, '84, has written about "The Injustice of People in Poverty." Hunger, she states, exists in a world which could eliminate it as a global problem "within a single generation's life span." Bonnie believes "hunger has less to do with how much land there is to be developed as it does with who controls the land." Also, she writes, "New advancements have turned agriculture not toward feeding the hungry, but into speculative investment for profit."

Linda Tessman, '82, clearly documents that "interdependence among and between the nations of the Middle East is a crucial factor in the promotion of national independence and world peace." Her paper is titled, "Independence and Interdependence in the 1980's: A Crucial Factor in the Promotion of World Peace." The Middle East, she notes, "controls the resources upon which modern technology depends -- petroleum." There are energy alternatives, she states, but global dependence on this oil region will continue at least until the year 2000. The issue of world peace would become realistic if Middle East nations "realized they needed one another for their continued pursuit of prosperity, if not survival," Linda believes.

"A spectre is haunting the world--it is the spectre of technology," writes Mark Gordon '81, in "...With a Human Face: Some Perspectives on Technology and Dehumanization." He notes, in this century we have witnessed the most rapid growth of technological innovation in the history of the world. "Sadly though," he believes, "we have not managed to develop the spiritual and ethical capacity necessary to offset the more dangerous elements involved in technological advance.... technology has brought us both wonders and horrors; new ethical situations and prospects as well as shameful solutions and tortured fears."

One student among these four will be selected as the Peace and Justice Scholar by a panel of five judges (see College Newsbulletin, 4/30/81, page 3).

Plan to attend the Peace and Justice Symposium. It is a time for reflection on important issues of our times. Share your opinions with some of Salve's scholars. May 6. O'Hare Auditorium. 7 p.m.