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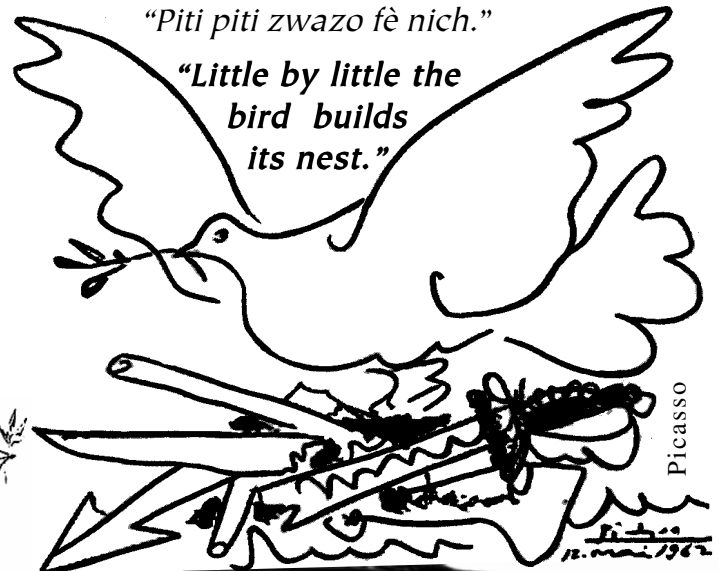
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Haitian Proverb:

"Piti piti zwazo fè nich."

"Little by little the
bird builds
its nest."



Remembering Sylvia Sanders

For 50 years, Sylvia worked tirelessly, helping to organize countless events and campaigns to oppose war and injustice. Since the early days of building solidarity with the U.S. civil rights movement, opposing the Vietnam War and nuclear weapons tests, she was active in numerous peace groups, including the Voice of Women and the Canadian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

In 1967-1968, she was at the centre of a controversial effort, by the Ottawa Committee for Medical Aid for Vietnam Citizens, to raise awareness and money for civilian victims of the U.S. war in South and North Vietnam.

A longtime socialist and feminist, Sylvia was a "Waffle delegate" to the NDP's 1969 convention in Winnipeg.

Between 1984-1989, Sylvia took part in non-violent civil disobedience sit-ins to oppose NATO tests flights, Canada's role in Star Wars and the ARMX weapons show in Ottawa.

From its founding in 1988, Sylvia was a driving force in the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT). As one of COAT's most ardent supporters, she charmed and inspired volunteers, led by example, and challenged activists and politicians alike.

Sylvia continually strove to motivate others. Until the end, she was still trying to contribute, still offering to help. Moments before her recent stroke, she was planning with her husband Roy to distribute leaflets and signs.

Sylvia passed away on October 5, 2007, just days after the mailing of *Press for Conversion!* She is fondly remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 61 years, and their children Heather, Richard and Wendy.



To learn more about Sylvia's life and activism, to read or sign her memorial guest book, or to view hundreds of photos, please visit:

sylviasanders.ca