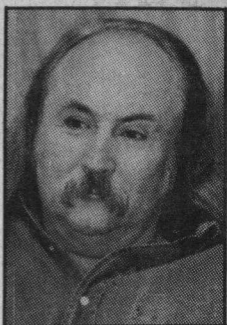




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# 'No nukes' rally grows into an event

Events

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SANTA CRUZ — What started as the dedication of a peace sculpture to mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki has evolved into an anti-nuclear rally that a city councilman thinks could draw about 10,000 people to San Lorenzo Park.

The rally was approved by the City Council Tuesday, even though Police Chief Steve Belcher said there may not be enough police officers available for the event.

The "no nukes" rally is planned for Saturday, Aug. 5, to follow the unveiling and dedication of the sculpture "Collateral Damage: A Reality of War," to be located in a small park near the Town Clock.

City Councilman Scott Kennedy said the dedication of the sculpture and the rally may very well become the largest anti-nuclear event to mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing.

Between 5,000 to 10,000 people are expected to attend, he said.

The rally will feature speeches and short musical performances by Bonnie Raitt, Graham Nash and David Crosby, according to Tom Campbell of Avocado Productions, which is coordinating the event.

The rally is sponsored by Veterans and Friends of Collateral Damage, the VFW Bill Motto Post 5888 and the Resource Center for Nonviolence, of which Kennedy is a cofounder.

Campbell assured City Council members that, despite the short schedule, they will be able to put together a 100-person volunteer force to act as monitors and peace keepers at the event. The volunteers will be supervised by professional staff and a security firm also will be employed, he said.

Campbell noted he has 22 years of experience in benefit concerts and rallies all over the world, including two recent benefit concerts in Santa Cruz with Bonnie Raitt, Graham Nash and Mary McCaslin, which benefited Salud Para La Gente and 1995 flood victims.

While the council members approved the rally, Belcher expressed doubts, noting it will be the same day as the Cuervo Gold Crown beach volleyball competition and police will be stretched to cover both events.