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Chapters in books:

Dukzec S 1988. Gender issues. In D Hicks & J Brown (eds). *Education for peace*. London: Routledge.

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Anonymous newspaper references:

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