

Diary Events

Friday 5 April - Sunday 28 April
Atomic Mirror Pilgrimage 1996.

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 April
Women Speak Out - against the nuclear-military chain. A weekend in Lancaster with workshops, speakers, videos, local actions and a trip to Sellafield. Tickets £5/£3. Organised by Sellafield Womens Peace Camp.

☎ **Contact:** Women Speak Out, 21 DeVitre Street, Lancaster LA1 1QU.

Monday 22 - Friday 26 April
Five days of events leading up to Chernobyl day with a film evening, actions and happenings.
☎ **Contact:** Faslane Peace Camp 01436-820901

Wednesday 24 -Thursday 25 April
6.00pm - 6.00pm 24 hour protest camp by the Hither Green railway sidings where trucks carrying nuclear waste park on Thursdays.
☎ **Contact:** London Region CND, 0171 607 2302

Friday 26 - Saturday 27 April
Chernobyl Anniversary. Local group actions at nuclear sites and routes.

Saturday 27 April
10.30am-5.00pm: Medical Action for Global Security Conference "Understanding Violence at Individual and Global Level" at Tavistock Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3. Cost:£35/£10. Price includes lunch.
☎ **Contact:** MEDACT 0171 272 2020.

Friday 3 May
7.00pm: Greater Manchester CND and Musicians Against Nuclear Arms (MANA) present A Spring Concert for Peace by members of the Royal Northern College of Music at Friends' Meeting House, Man-

chester. Proceeds to GMCND, Chernobyl Children's Project and MANA.

☎ **Contact:** 0161 834 8176.

Saturday 4 May
11.00am-4.00pm: National Nuke-watch meeting at Leeds Civic Hall.
☎ **Contact:** 01274 730795.

Sunday 5 May
6.30pm: World Disarmament Campaign and MANA present The Ornati Quartet (programme includes Haydn, Mozart and Dvorak) at The Old Meeting House, Bessels Green, near Sevenoaks, Kent.
☎ **Contact:** 01732 457292.

Wednesday 8 May
7.30pm: Children of Chernobyl - Ten Years On. Talk and film with Linda Walker (Chernobyl Children's Project UK) at Stoke Film Theatre.
☎ **Contact:** 01782 280998.

Saturday 15 June
Trash Trident demonstration at Faslane

Regular events

First Tuesday of the month
7.30am-9.30am: Vigil outside AWE Burghfield.
☎ **Contact:** Wokingham Peace Group 01734 341069.

First Saturday of the month
Quaker mixed gathering for peace at Menwith Hill.
☎ **Contact:** Anni 01943 466 405.

Last weekend of every other month
Sellafield Women's Peace Camp, outside Visitor's Centre.
☎ **Contact:** 01706 371 387. Dates: 24-26 May, 26-28 July and 27-29 Sept.

Constant
Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp, Kettlesing Lay-By, A59 Harrogate-Skipton Road, seven miles west of Harrogate.
☎ **Contact:** Helen 01943 468593.

Conference 1996

This year's Annual Conference will be at the University of London Union, Malet Street, London on 23-24 November. Deadlines to remember are:

Resolutions
Wednesday 17 July, 5pm
Nominations
Monday 5 August, 5pm
Amendments
Friday 30 August, 5pm

CND also produces:

CND TODAY -
The Membership Magazine of CND
LOBBY -
The Parliamentary Newsletter of CND
Both are published three times per year.

Sail on

In the last issue we published the wrong telephone number for Sea Action. It should have been 01273-620125. Sorry!

Appeal

Can you help Sarajevo's International Peace Centre rebuild the Sarajevo National Library? Offers of peace books, magazine subscriptions and donations to Anna Rehin, c/o 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ. Or phone: 01273 476358.

Next Issue

The latest on
● who's testing what (and how)
● the World Court Project.
● plus street poll insert

Don't forget - buy Adi's book!

Children of Chernobyl by Adi Roche (Harper and Collins) Price £7.99

Membership lists

CND groups requiring membership lists for your area, contact Justine: 0171 700 2393.

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Crossed fingers won't help you in the nuclear lottery

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Carol Naughton, Vice Chair

No one who heard Adi Roche of Chernobyl Children's Project (CCP) speak on her recent tour could have failed to have been moved by her testimony to those who have been victims of nuclear violence. Support groups for the CCP being set up in many new areas to expand Adi's excellent work.

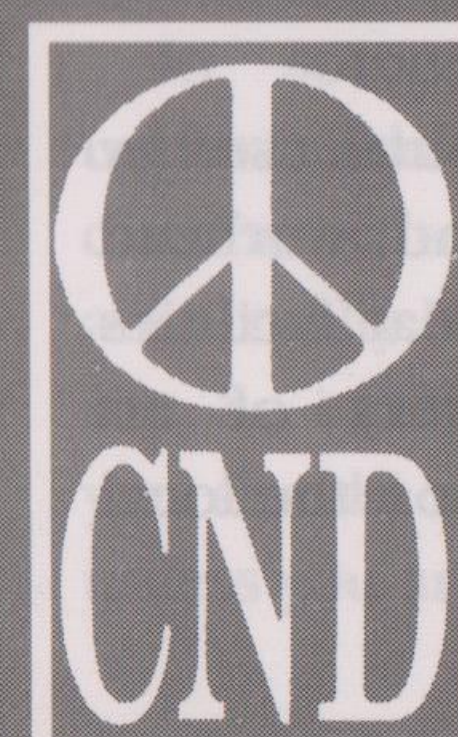
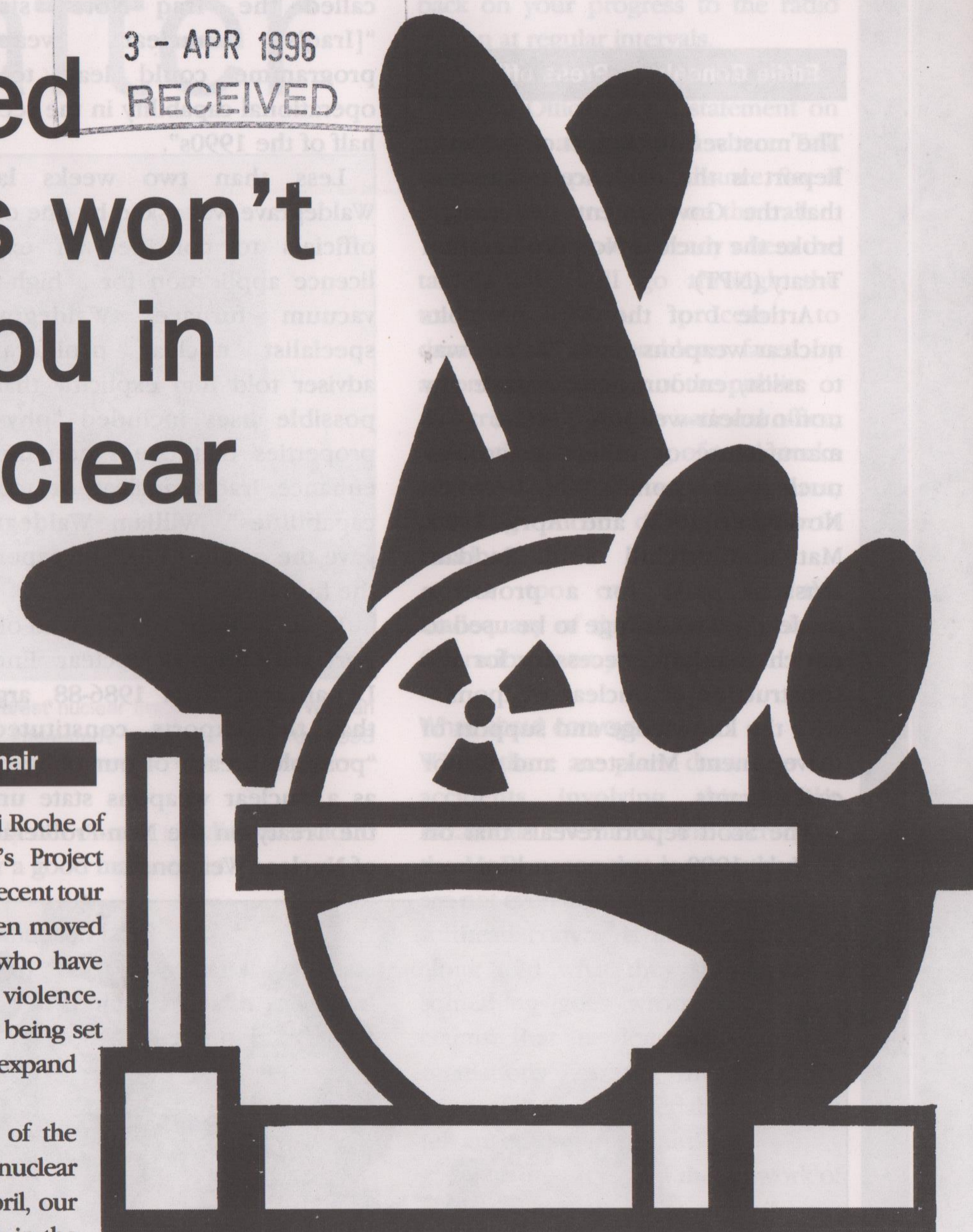
As the tenth anniversary of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant looms on 26 April, our challenge is to create the link in the public mind between all nuclear

hazards, whether in the production of energy, reprocessing or the manufacture and transport of nuclear weapons.

This disaster was an accident - the next one could be deliberate. Chernobyl has shown us that it is the children and older people who suffer most from the horrendous effects of radiation. Yet the British government has two Trident submarines armed and ready to inflict a nuclear holocaust on the world that would cause destruction of life and the environment on a scale never yet seen.

As in the last issue of *Campaign*, this issue contains a whole range of campaigning ideas to commemorate the accident - many actions are being planned around the country and candlelight vigils will be held around the world. We want people to remember the victims of Chernobyl but to think too of the millions who will become nuclear victims unless we convince the British government of the need to end this crazy nuclear nightmare and give a clear commitment to global abolition of all nuclear weapons.

Let us hope that the World Court decides soon to declare nuclear weapons illegal under international law. We would then have not only the moral high ground but the legal right to go to Faslane on 15 June and uphold the law.



Did Britain break the NPT?

Eddie Goncalves, Press officer

The most serious aspect of the Scott Report is the evidence suggesting that the Government deliberately broke the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Article I of the NPT prohibits nuclear weapons states "in any way to assist, encourage or induce any non-nuclear-weapon state to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons". Yet between November 1988 and April 1990, Matrix Churchill sold Saddam Hussein parts for a prototype nuclear gas centrifuge to be used to enrich uranium, necessary for the construction of nuclear weapons – with the knowledge and support of Government Ministers and senior civil servants.

The Scott report reveals that on 19 July 1990 a memorandum was

put before Ministers, including William Waldegrave, which showed that Britain's security services knew Saddam Hussein was trying to build nuclear weapons. This memo, called the 'Iraq Note', states: "[Iraq's] nuclear weapons programme could lead to an operational capability in the second half of the 1990s".

Less than two weeks later, Waldegrave was asked by one of his officials to consider an export licence application for a high-tech vacuum furnace. Waldegrave's specialist nuclear proliferation adviser told him explicitly that its possible uses included "physical properties that could nonetheless enhance Iraq's nuclear or missile capabilities". William Waldegrave gave the go-ahead for the export of the furnaces.

John Gordon, former Head of the Foreign Office's Nuclear Energy Department from 1986-88, argues that the exports constituted a "possible breach of our obligations as a nuclear weapons state under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons".



Comrades in arms - John and Saddam caught in the act outside the Scott Report press conference. Photo: Eddie Goncalves.

Chernobyl – ten years after

What you can do

● **Make links** – talk to Greenpeace, FoE, etc to organise joint meetings, actions and letters and statements to the local press.

● **The Fire Brigade** – contact your local Fire Brigades Union and suggest a joint commemorative event for the 13 firefighters who died fighting the fires at Chernobyl. Many more will have died later but exact figures are hard to obtain.

● **Debate** – suggest to your local Fire and Civil Defence Authority that they set up a meeting between representatives of the nuclear industry, police and fire brigade and members of CND, FoE and Greenpeace.

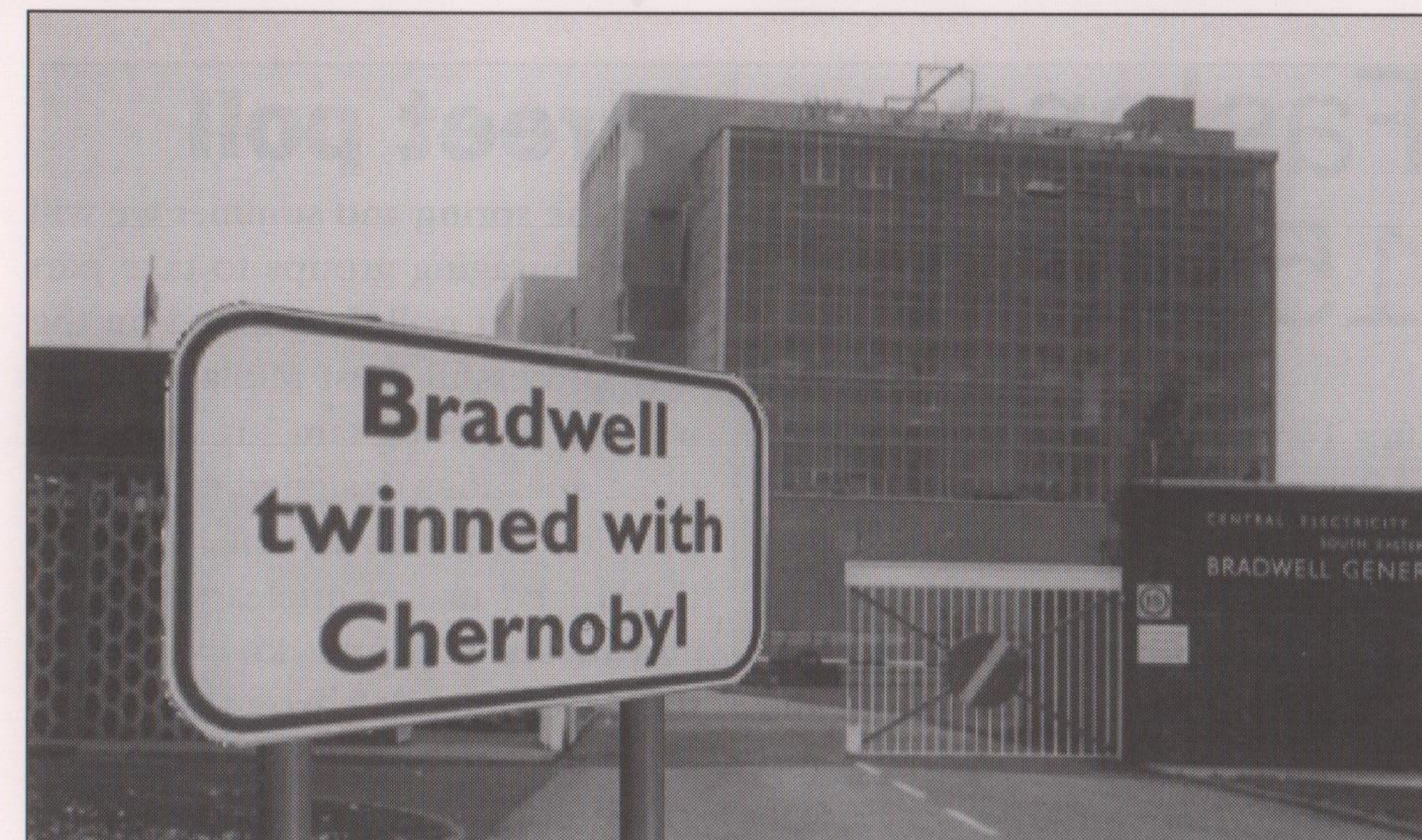
● **Churches** – get local churches and other places of worship to include a prayer for the victims of Chernobyl or of the nuclear age on the weekend of 27-28 April with perhaps a collection for the Chernobyl Children's Project.

● **Publicity events** – there has been a call for people around the world to hold a candlelight vigil as part of a world day of mourning for the victims of Chernobyl.

● **Organise fundraising events** to raise money for the Chernobyl Children's Project.

● **Petition** people outside electricity shops demanding that your local electricity company does not buy nuclear-generated electricity.

● **Hang banners** along routes used by nuclear waste trains and warhead convoys or outside nuclear facilities highlighting the dangers of an accident and the effects on the local population.



Would your group like one of these signs with your nearest nuclear installation on it? We can provide life size artwork if you can provide the sign board. Interested? - ring Tony: 0171 700 2393

Emergency planning?

Among the potentially lethal elements in any leakage from a nuclear reactor accident is radioactive iodine 131. This attacks the thyroid gland and leads to thyroid cancer.

However there is an effective antidote: potassium iodate tablets, preferably taken within two hours of exposure.

Where are the tablets?

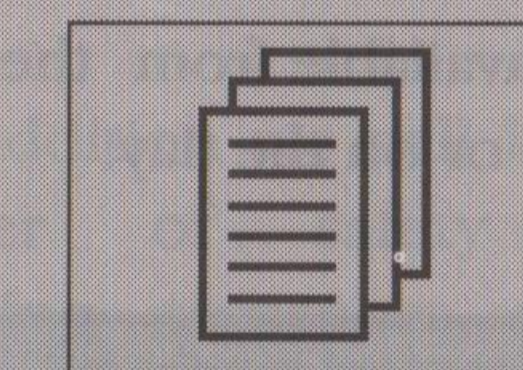
Commercial pharmacies do not stock them. GPs won't prescribe them. Most hospitals don't hold stocks. The main manufacturers are in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Even rushing supplies by Red Star to the nearest mainline station is likely to take a day.

In some isolated areas CND understands that supplies have been distributed to householders but most are actually held on the power station site. So in the event of an emergency you should run towards the accident, unless you are sure that you and your

family can outrun a radioactive cloud over a good many miles.

So what can I do?

Set up 'The Great Potassium Iodate Hunt' in conjunction with your local radio station(s). Get in on a morning



Resources

Chernobyl Children's Project Pack available for £5 from Greater Manchester CND, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS
Tel: 0161 834 8176.

Chernobyl – Ten Years After is an excellent 8-page magazine produced by Scottish CND, 15 Barrland Street, Glasgow G41 1QH
Tel: 0141 423 1222

CND Chernobyl Pack available from 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ
Tel: 0171 700 2393

phone-in programme, explain what you're doing and why, then start your series of calls, tracking down the elusive tablets: ring chemists, medical centres, hospital pharmacies, report back on your progress to the radio station at regular intervals.

Then find your local Emergency Planning Officer, get a statement on what stocks are held and where. Talk to your local paper in advance. See if they will put a reporter on the trail.

Even if you know already where the tablets are, still go through the tracking down process to demonstrate the problems faced by an ordinary member of the public.

A trial run from the national office, led to the pinpointing of total stocks of two bottles in our health area, covering most of central/north London.

You too can publicise the inadequacy of the emergency plans. Chernobyl is on your doorstep...

What about convoys?

Whilst there are plans drawn up for accidents involving things like hazardous chemicals, the secrecy of the MoD means that local authorities are not even informed when a nuclear warhead convoy is in their area let alone told what they should do if something goes wrong. The MoD claims that it does indeed have regulations covering the transportation of nuclear materials, but won't tell anybody about them!

If you are on one of the network of warhead convoy routes, see if your local authority can tell you when convoys come through and what to do in an emergency.

Similarly, if you live near a nuclear power station or a nuclear waste train route, ask what the plans are for evacuating the local population. How wide an area is covered? How long would it be before people were allowed to return to their homes? How feasible is it to attempt to evacuate thousands of people at speed and where would they all go?

Good luck and let us know the

Blunder-sub laid to rest

Eddie Goncalves, Press officer

On 24 February 1996 HMS *Renown*, Britain's most beleaguered Polaris submarine, was formally decommissioned. *Renown* was plagued by disaster, and scrapped soon after a lengthy refit costing £155 million.

The submarine was jinxed from the beginning when a fire delayed its construction by nearly a year. In 1969, soon after its launch into service, it collided with an Irish cattle boat while surfacing near the Mull of Kintyre.

Worse was to come. On 14 April 1974, HMS *Renown* hit the sea-bed during post-refit trials. At a court martial, Commander Whiteside was found guilty of 'failing to make use of soundings to assist navigation when submerged in confined waters' and 'altering course towards a known hazard'.

Radiation leaks were discovered at the start of *Renown's* third refit at Rosyth in October 1987. A year later a sailor was overcome by smoke during a fire.

The extension of HMS *Renown's* refit from two to five years caused the early decommissioning of its sister ship, HMS *Revenge*. *Renown's* continuing problems led to rumours that HMS *Resolution* – which had been retired – might have to be pushed back into service.

In August 1994 it was admitted that the crew had been tested for radiation when she came off patrol. A crew member told newspapers:

"They know there is a major problem with the reactor and that it is leaking. But the top brass in London just want *Renown* back to sea one way or another, even if it means a botch job. A lot of the lads are genuinely worried that one of the times we go to sea we won't come back."

Trash

Faslane – 15 June

After 14 years of direct action against nuclear weapons, Faslane Peace Camp may be facing eviction when the new local authority takes over the region on 1 April. Come to Faslane on 15 June and show the whole of the peace movement supports the camp on its fourteenth birthday.

There are coaches booked from all over Britain and rumour has it that the Red Choir from Cardiff will be joining in, as well as a boat from Brittany. Lots of regions are taking advantage of the outstanding beauty of the area and youth hostel to make a weekend of it. There will certainly be plenty for everyone to do, Scottish CND have prepared a pack with details of the day, maps and information on Faslane and Trident. These are available from the Scottish CND office or on the day.

Street poll

Over the spring and summer we will be encouraging groups to take part in the street poll. It is based on the very successful West Midlands CND poll in Birmingham. It contains three questions designed to find out people's attitude to the use and threatened use of nuclear weapons and to see if people know what is the government's current policy on using nuclear weapons.

We hope that as well as groups getting local publicity both during the poll and with the results, we can put a finish date on it (perhaps around the end of September), collate the results and release them as a national figure.

The text of the street poll will appear as an insert in the May edition of Campaign due at the end of April along with some more information and a response sheet.

Transport contact numbers

Route	1	Birmingham/Wolverhampton/Stoke	0121 643 4617
	2	Manchester/Warrington/Preston/Lancaster	0161 834 8176
	3	Sheffield/Leeds/Bradford/Skipton	01274 730795
	4	Newcastle/Edinburgh	0191 261 6143
	5	Hull/York/Durham	01274 730795
	6	Exeter/Bristol/Gloucester	01392 832467
	7	Portsmouth/Southampton/Newbury/Oxford	01703 672420
	8	London/Watford/Luton/Bedford/Northampton	0171 607 2302
	9	Colchester/Ipswich/Cambridge/Peterborough (inc Norfolk)	01372 727462
CHANGE	10	Cardiff/Newport/Worcester	01394 386273
	11	Inverness	01550 750260
	12	Aberdeen/Dundee/Perth	0141 423 1222

TRIDENT



Nukewatchers helping the Ministry of Defence to publicise the nuclear warhead convoy. Photo John Brierley

Housewatching

Nicola Butler, Campaigns worker

At the time of going to press the House of Commons Defence Committee has yet to set a date for its annual public evidence session on progress of the Trident programme although it is usually held in late March or early April.

This year CND will be making its submission to the Committee on the issues of computer simulation and laboratory testing and Anglo-French nuclear co-operation, particularly the convergence of the British sub-strategic and French pré-stratégique nuclear doctrines.

In addition we will be raising a number of safety concerns including transport of nuclear weapons, safety of Polaris submarines and the safety record of Brown & Root – the majority shareholder in Devonport Management Ltd and which is the firm expected to be awarded the contract to refit Trident.

Please write to the Clerk, Defence Committee, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, asking the committee whether it will be addressing any of the issues mentioned above.

Nukewatch Day of Action

Nukewatch's submission to the House of Commons Defence Committee review of the Trident programme was published in its report along with our recommendations for public safety as long as the MoD continues to transport nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, Nukewatchers everywhere continue to monitor the movements of warhead convoys and inform local media and politicians – people the MoD prefer to keep in the dark.

The next national Nukewatch meeting will be held at Leeds Civic Hall on Saturday 4 May (see diary for details) and the next national Day of Action will be on Saturday 18 May. Nukewatch encourages support from CND groups between AWE Burghfield and RNAD



Nukewatch contact numbers

If your group would like to participate in this Day of Action and would like campaign materials, please contact:

Di McDonald (Southern England)
01703 554434

John Brierley (North and Midlands)
01274 730795

Jane Tallents (Scotland)
01436 79194

Peace Prisoner Support

Peace Prisoner Support (PPS) is a new monthly newsheet spreading information about peace activists in court and prison. We hope to provide up-to-date information on court dates, sentences and who's in prison where, enabling more people to be involved in support. We aim to spread information on all aspects of non-violent direct action (NVDA), what to expect in prison and how best to support.

Support is an under-recognised, but essential role for people in court and prison. Supporters in court are needed to boost the morale of activists, but can also influence a court by showing that we are not lone nutters.

Letters, visits, stamps, postal orders and news of other campaigns are very welcome to people in prison and their friends and family. But the most important thing is to know that others know about and support what you're doing!

We also hope to provide information on every aspect of legal (or illegal) peace campaigning. We can provide speakers, workshops or information on anything from NVDA training to what to expect in certain prisons, why people feel NVDA is an important part of the campaign, how to get arrested, how to survive in prison (and when you are released), handy hints for court cases for both activists wanting to take their campaigning a step further and for those who have no intention of ever getting arrested or going to prison, but would like to share experiences.

Contact: PPS, c/o 16 Sholebrook Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB. Tel: 0113 262 9365. email: cornerstone@gn.apc.org

Strategy for the millennium

Janet Bloomfield, Chair

The world is changing, and CND needs to keep ahead of the times. To maximise the effectiveness of our campaigning, CND is embarking on a 'strategy development' process to develop a strategy for the next five years.

A Strategy Development Group has been appointed by National Council to facilitate the process up to Annual Conference, where CND members will then decide. The Group has been given a brief to encourage and assist members, groups etc in developing strategic options for CND.

What this process sets out to do is essentially decide what CND should have achieved by the year 2002. What is the main goal we should concentrate on achieving over the next five years? How should we try to achieve that goal?

There are four key issues the proposer of a strategic option should address:

- 1 what the long-range goal of CND is
- 2 the medium-term objective(s) put forward and how it (they) serves the long-term goal
- 3 how the medium term objective(s) are to be achieved
- 4 how CND ought to be structured to help achieve it, and what style of campaigning should be prioritised

So, for example, if our long-range goal was to persuade all the Top People that nuclear weapons should be abandoned, and if our medium-term goal was therefore to persuade the Queen that nuclear weapons should be abandoned, then our strategy might be to marry off our regional workers to aristocrats, relocate CND offices in Sandringham, and replace Specialist Sections with Blue Blood, Field Sports and Eton Boys' Networks. You get the idea. . .

Contact: The Strategic Development Group at 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ.

Euro-bomb angers UK Govt

As reported in *The Independent* on 23 February, CND and Whitehall have at last found something to agree on!

On 22 February, the Chairman of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee asked the committee to endorse the 'Euro-bomb'.

Juan Abel Matutes, a Spanish MEP, asked the Committee to endorse the statement that "without a common defence policy and a common system of deterrence the Union will never be able to implement a Common Foreign and Security Policy".

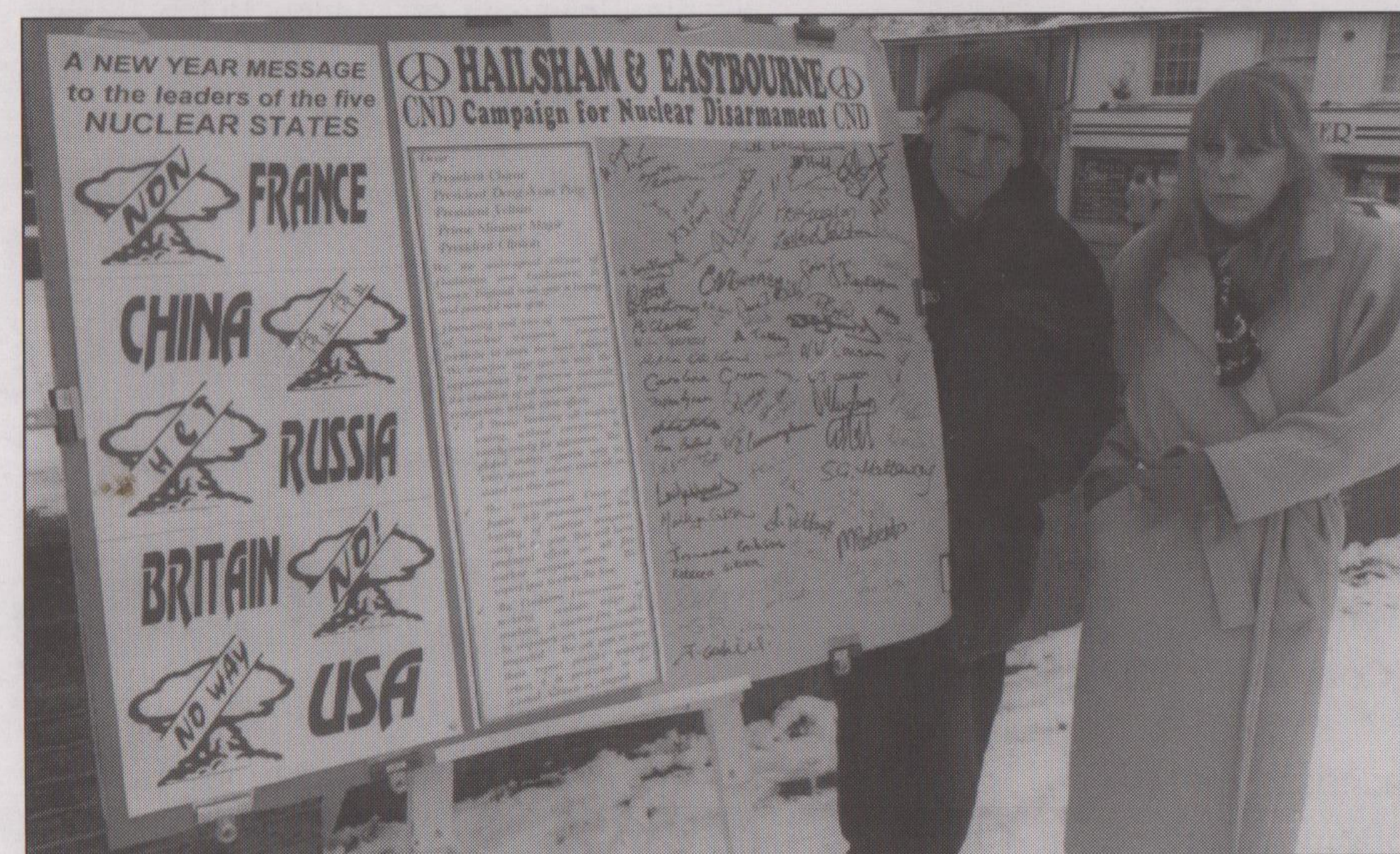
This follows attempts by Jacques Chirac to integrate France's nuclear arsenal within a common European security system, a move explicitly rejected by Malcolm Rifkind.

UK Government officials in Brussels have stated that they believe a

European nuclear force would breach Article I of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. (NPT) Michael Ryder, of the UK's Permanent Representation to the EU, told the Centre for European Security and Disarmament that the NPT (Article I) "prohibits nuclear weapon States Parties from transferring to any recipient whatsoever nuclear weapons, or the control over them. The establishment of a European nuclear force would therefore entail a breach of the Non-Proliferation Treaty."

CND Chair Janet Bloomfield says that true common security for Europe cannot be based on nuclear 'deterrence'. Many countries in the European Union are non-nuclear. Even the British Government believes that a European nuclear deterrent would be contrary to Article I of the NPT.

Muriel's Grapevine



Hailsham CND campaigners George Farebrother and Liz Jones send a message to the leaders of the five nuclear states asking for a treaty banning nuclear tests *Photo: George Farebrother*

Both Colchester CND and Saffron Walden CND report on the fun and games happening at Bradwell nuclear power station. Apparently, soil contaminated with low-level radioactive waste is being removed and transported to the national repository at Drigg in Cumbria.

A spokesperson for Nuclear Electric (now the much more user-friendly British Energy) said that the soil had been contaminated in the 1970s by leaking pipes. Much of it had been removed then but last winter's high rainfall had caused more to rise to the surface.

However, surprise surprise, it poses no safety risk to either staff or the public. So that's alright then. Meanwhile, Saffron Walden CND tells us that Bradwell is planning to burn radioactive waste on site without a filter. Send your objections to: HM Inspector of Pollution, Howard House, 40-64 St John's Street, Bedford MK42 0DL.

The Welsh Anti Nuclear Alliance (WANA) says that Trawsfynydd Power Station has confirmed that the planning application for the building of the quaintly named 'safestore' to contain intact the most radioactive parts of

the nuclear reactors will not now be made until the autumn. The architects assure us that they have some ideas but these are not quite ready to show the planning authority. An Environmental Impact Assessment will be submitted at the same time. Should be fun!

The other 'problem' for the poor souls at Magnox Electric is that they are under instructions not to say anything about decommissioning which may affect the sale of British Energy. Oh dear!

Finally, Hackney & Islington CND tells us that, in both of those London boroughs, public consultations and working groups have been set up (under council auspices) to tackle local environmental issues, including nuclear waste trains. That's the good news. Unfortunately, the bad news is that the council has assured the group that they could deal with an accident involving a nuclear flask, if they had the information (which they don't) and the resources (which they haven't). Well I'm sure that you, just like Muriel, will feel a lot safer now.

*With my ear to the ground,
Muriel.*

What's going on

Sellafield Women's Peace Camp

The camp was started in 1990 by a group of women who recognised that Sellafield is the centre of the nuclear and military chain and wanted to do something to stop it. As we remember Chernobyl this year, it's more important than ever to be here.

With its colourful banners, information displays and placards it is a visible symbol of opposition for workers, visitors and local people. We welcome many supporters and people who stop to argue or find out more.

We also take non-violent direct action to expose what goes on at Sellafield. Women have entered the plant many times, peacefully trespassing, leafleting offices and sometimes committing damage. There has also been a number of blockades stopping the workers from entering the site. We hold vigils and witnesses for peace, taking time to remember the many who have died or who are suffering due to radioactive emissions.

There's always lots to do - collecting wood, cooking on the campfire, talking to visitors, leafleting, plotting and planning, making music, singing, meeting lots of fabby women, having fun.....

The camp takes place on the last full weekend of every other month. The next camps are: 24-26 May, 26-28 July, 27-29 Sept, 22-24 November. Bring a tent, sleeping bag, warm and waterproof clothes, money for food and a big smile. Don't be put off if you don't have the equipment - we'll try to borrow stuff for you. The camp always needs dry wood, boltcutters, banners, vegan cakes, women, money, etc.

Contact: Kate/Rachel, Peace House, 5 New Road, Littleborough, Lancs. OL15 8PJ. Tel: 01706 371387. Fax: 0161 799 7066.