

DIARY

Events

Monday 7 October

7pm: Remember the Children of Chernobyl. Public meeting at 'Friends' House, Euston Road, London. Speakers include Bruce Kent, Frank Barnaby, Linda Walker.
Contact: 0181 533 5838

Sunday 13 October

2.00pm-4.00pm: Towards A Nuclear-Free World with Commander Robert Green, RN (rtd), World Court Project UK and Danny Thompson, Project Co-ordinator for Abolition 2000 UK. At Friends' Meeting House, Dorking. Organised by Surrey Peace Action Network.
Contact: 01372 727462

Monday 14 October

7.30pm: Carol Williams Memorial Lecture. Paul Foot speaks on the Arms Trade and the Scott Report. At the Brighthelm Centre, North Road, Brighton.
Contact: 01323 844269

Tuesday 15 October

7.30pm: Campaigning in Oxford Against the Bomb - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow. Speaker Rip Bulkeley, campaigner and historian. At St. Aldate's Room, Town Hall, Oxford.
Contact: 01865 726441

Thursday 24 October

2.00pm-4.30pm: Lobby of Parliament on United Nations Day to urge the Government to give the UN full political commitment and the resources it needs to function effectively. Organised by the Forum for UN Renewal.
Contact: 01273 476358

Friday 1-Sunday 3 November

Annual West Country Peace Conference at Haldon Court,

Exmouth, Devon. Speaker Ron Huzzard (Labour Action for Peace).
Contact: Christine Harding, 39 Halsdon Road, Exmouth EX8 1SR.

Tuesday 5 November

9.00am: Stop the COPEX Arms Fair. Assemble at Littleworth Common off the A307 Portsmouth Road (opposite Sandown Racecourse) for silent march and blockade from 10.00am-5.00pm.
Contact: 0171 281 0297

Friday 8 November

7.30pm: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms (MANA) presents a Concert For Peace featuring the MANA Chamber Orchestra and guest speaker Bruce Kent. At St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1. Tickets: £8.50/£7.50 Reserved Centre Nave and £7/£6 others.
Contact: MANA 0181 455 1030

Sunday 10 November

Remembrance Sunday
 For white poppies contact the Peace Pledge Union: 0171 424 9444.

Sunday 10-17 November

Remembrance week. (see page 3).

8 December

3.00pm: The MANA AGM at Astor College, 94 Charlotte Street, London W1. Nearest tube: Goodge Street or Warren Street.
Contact: MANA 0181 455 1030

Peace Camps

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp
 2nd weekend of each month.

Contact: 0117 909 9448. 24 Tyne St, Bristol BS2 9UA

Burghfield Women's Peace Camp

Last weekend of each month.
Contact: 01703 554434. 30 West Wood Rd, Southampton SO17 1DN

Faslane Peace Camp

Permanent and gatherings on the first weekend of every month.
Contact: 01436 820901. A814,

near Shandon, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, Scotland G84 8HT

Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp

Permanent.
Contact: 0585 329313. Outside Menwith Hill US Spy Base, Kettlesing Lay-By, nr Harrogate, N Yorkshire HG3 2RA

Sellafield Women's Peace Camp

Last weekend of every other month. Next date 23-24 November.
Contact: 01706 812663. c/o Peace House, 34 Byron St, Todmorden, W Yorkshire OL14 5HS

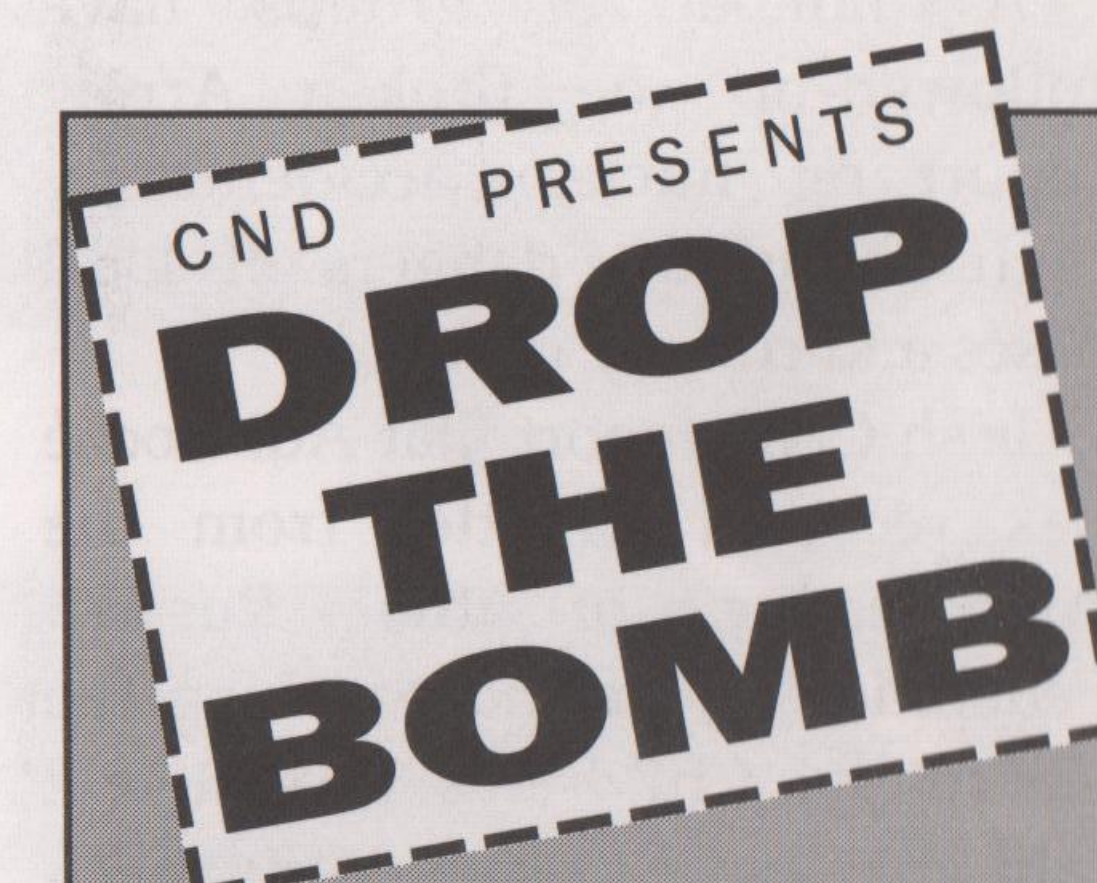
Regular Events

First Tuesday of the month

7.30am-9.30am: Vigil outside AWE Burghfield
Contact: 01734 341069

First Saturday of the month

Quaker mixed gathering for peace at Menwith Hill
Contact: Anni 01943 466405



Comedy gig:

- Jeremy Hardy
- Mark Little,
- Malcolm Hardee (Compere)
- Jeff Innocent and guest

Saturday 23 November 1996

8-10pm doors open 7.30pm
 At the ULU, Malet Street, London WC1. Bar until 1.00am
 Tickets £12 and £8 (concessions) available from CND and ULU.

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"Please write 200 words by Monday on why Trident should be scrapped, they said..."

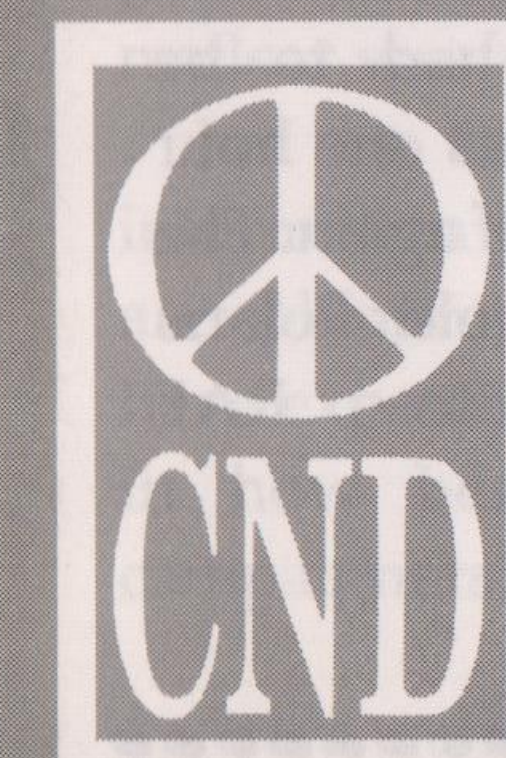
Dangerous, militarily useless, provocative, expensive, wasteful, murderous, barbaric, radioactive, bad for children, animals and all living things, irrelevant to the world's problems, illegal, the pinnacle of violence in a violent society, ugly, spiritually corrupting, vicious, obscene, immoral, apocalyptic, bullying, heartless, a post-imperial delusion, nationalistic nonsense, imposed on the Scottish people against their will, criminal, secret, anti-democratic, destabilising, destructive of the Royal Navy, a Cold War relic, a white elephant, appalling, toxic, polluting, explosive, an accident waiting to happen, a massive escalation, a re-armament programme, the world's worst example of nuclear proliferation,

aggressive, tactical, sub-strategic, for first-use, not a 'deterrent', a threat to the third world, hypocritical, atrocious, arrogant, a black hole for taxpayers' money, enough power to set off a nuclear winter, each warhead eight times more destructive than the Hiroshima bomb, shameful, cruel, wicked, means that nuclear warheads are transported around Britain's roads, prevents progress in disarmament, undermines the Non-Proliferation Treaty, opposed by more and more people, criticised in the press, resisted by Faslane Peace Camp, a political opportunity waiting for the party that has the will and courage to scrap it, a challenge to all of us to do everything we can to get rid of it."

Janet Bloomfield

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Keep up the pressure against Trident

General Election

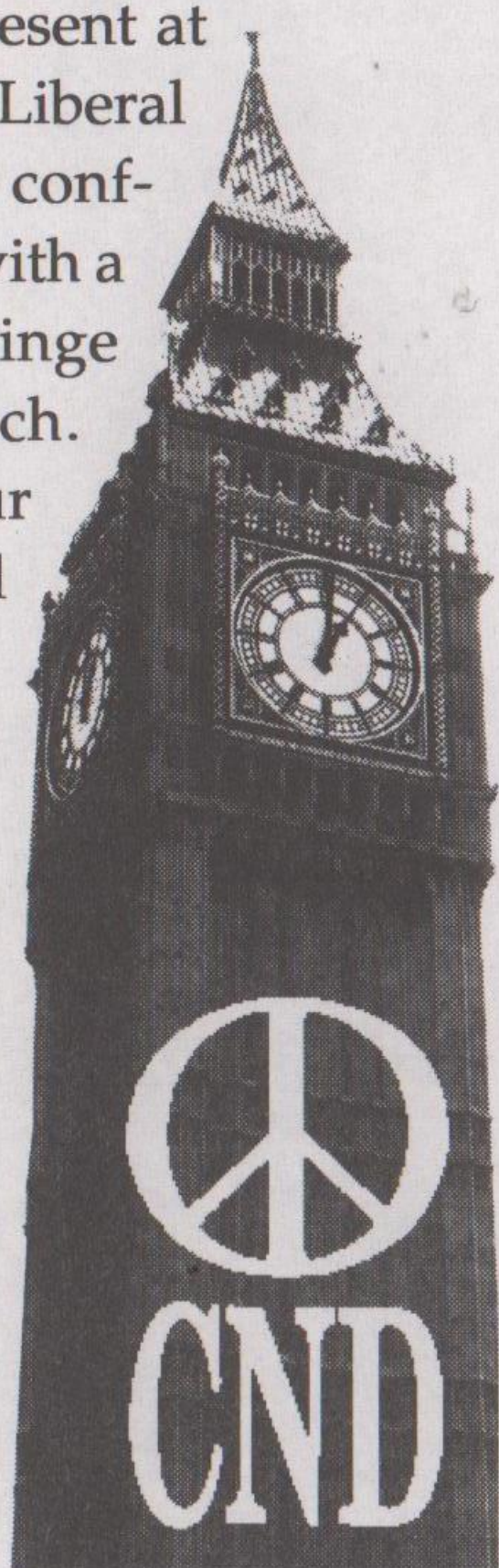
Make Trident a dirty word with every candidate in the next General Election. The *Lobbying Pack* is full of information on Trident and gives you all the arguments you need to lobby your local candidates.

Sympathetic or not, they will come away well-informed on nuclear issues and aware of CND's case for global nuclear disarmament. It is worth the effort of talking to all candidates, from all parties, as even those not elected are sure to be active in their own party and in local politics.

We need to convince them to adopt CND's *Manifesto for Arms Control and Disarmament* and to send them back to their parties, their conferences and their policy makers, willing to take a fresh look at where they stand on Trident and nuclear disarmament.

CND will be present at the Labour and Liberal Democrat Party conferences this year with a stall and a fringe meeting at each.

Members of our intrepid Campaigns Team will be present using the opportunity to talk to the delegates and persuading them that our strategy outlined in the *Blueprint* is the way forward to a nuclear weapon-free world.



A previous convoy gets the Nukewatch treatment. Photo: John Brierley

Nukewatchers stop convoy

John Ainslie, Scottish CND

So what happens when a convoy comes passing by? In the first *Arrest the Convoy* action, Scottish CND was busy upholding the law.

A convoy carrying ten Trident nuclear warheads was stopped in the town of Balloch near Loch Lomond on 10 September. The protest was carried out to enforce the recent ruling by the International Court of Justice. Leaflets were distributed and several people were dressed as judges.

The convoy was stopped five times in a short stretch of road and was delayed for one hour. Several protesters from Faslane Peace Camp were chained to the vehicles. Thirteen people were arrested, including two of the judges.

In the end the convoy was forced through at walking pace escorted by

large numbers of police. Around two hundred local residents, school children and tourists crowded the pavements as it drove through. Even the drivers held up in the traffic were supporting the demonstration.

There was public concern again when the convoy headed south four days later and broke down in a residential area near the centre of Helensburgh. A police cordon was established, but that didn't stop one Nukewatcher from getting right up to the broken-down cab and taking pictures, which appeared in the Sunday papers next day.

The tractor units had to be changed over and it was one hour before the convoy set off again. The convoy was carrying old Polaris warheads down to RAF Honington.

Upholding the law

The World Court ruling clearly deemed almost any use of Trident to be illegal, including its use in a sub-strategic or tactical role.

Malcolm Rifkind's infamous threatened use of Trident to protect Britain's 'vital interests' potentially puts him in the dock as a war criminal and leaves the commander of a Trident submarine in a very delicate position.

It will be up to us in the peace movement to keep the public aware of this and to keep the subject alive in the press.

Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) such as Scottish CND's *Arrest The Convoy*, actions to stop nuclear trains, or actions against THORP are all direct actions against Trident. We should take encouragement from the recent acquittal of the Ploughshares Four in Liverpool and build up our knowledge of how to use the World Court judgements to challenge the courts in cases brought before them as a result of NVDA.

There are a number of ways to attract press attention to the illegality of nuclear weapons. The last Campaign had John Major being arrested and, in Wales, 30 peace campaigners gave themselves up for arrest admitting to paying income tax and VAT which the government uses to maintain nuclear weapons.

Let us know what ideas and information you have and what you are planning particularly if you have experience of the legal system in how best to defend NVDA campaigners.

What you can do

- If you have not received a *General Election Lobbying Pack* please contact William Peden at 162, Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ
- For more information about convoys contact Nukewatch on 01703 554434 or 01635 253231. Or CND on 0171 700 2393.
- If you have any ideas or legal expertise regarding the World Court Judgement please contact the campaigns team at 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ.
- If you are planning an event this autumn, why not tie it in with Remembrance Week (10-17 November) remembering all victims of war and nuclear violence from mining to accidents to testing.



New Trident exhibition

Our new eight-sheet A3 exhibition on nuclear weapons includes information on aspects of the nuclear cycle including a sheet on secrecy and one on illegality. It gives CND's answers and a section on how we campaign. All CND groups and peace groups will be receiving a copy for use in your local library, street stall or, looking forward, Christmas bazaar.

Other affiliated organisations can order a copy. Phone Tony on 0171 700 2393. The new leaflet 'What can nuclear weapons do for you?' ties in with the exhibition as does the petition on nuclear secrecy, which calls for a full public enquiry into the nuclear accidents revealed by CND.

Secret nuclear history – the saga continues

Eddie Gonçalves, Press Officer

A survey to find whether the area around Greenham Common is still contaminated with radioactive uranium from a nuclear accident believed to have happened in 1957 has recently begun. The study, commissioned by Newbury District Council and carried out by Southampton University, is expected to report its findings next Spring.

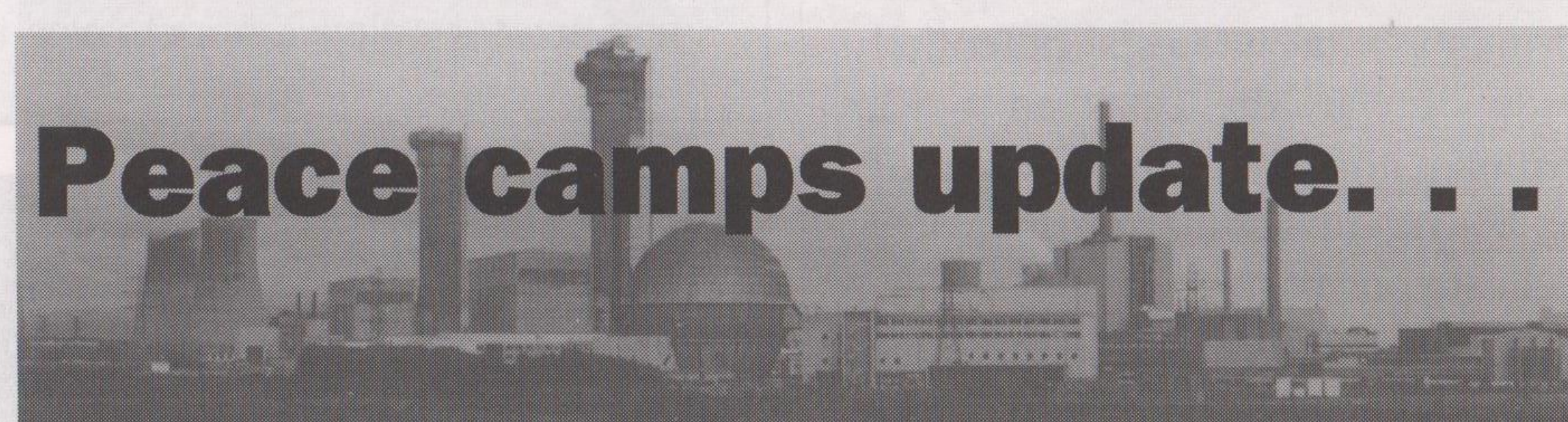
The survey coincides with a *World in Action* documentary into possible links between the accident and local leukaemia clusters. The programme, which centred on CND's investigation into events at Greenham Common nearly 40 years ago, found an extraordinarily high number of leukaemia cases among young children living in the shadow of the accident's fall-out.

CND has also learnt that:

- an unusually high number of children at a local primary school near the eastern 'hotspot' to the east of the Greenham Common base have died from rare brain tumours
- out of a group of 12 Leeds women who lived at the Greenham Common peace camp in the 1980s, 10 have since succumbed to cancer
- a number of soldiers in the Argyll and Sutherland regiment, who patrolled the perimeter fence during the same period, have fallen ill with cancer.

CND also believes that other incidents involving nuclear weapons could have been much more serious than at first thought. New documents reveal that the bomb accidentally dropped by a V-bomber

at RAF Wittering in 1959 could have exploded in the event of 'direct impact or graze'. They show that the 2,000lb Red Beard class bomb 'may detonate when released under safe selection' and that 'the yield of such an explosion could be as high as 0.1 kiloton'. The base logbook – obtained by CND – revealed that the bomb's casing was 'severely dented'.



... **Faslane Peace Camp** is staying open! There will now be gatherings on the first weekend of every month – don't miss the 'Burn the Base' Camp on the weekend of 2-4 November! A new Faslane Focus is being published, so if your group isn't on the mailing list yet, give the camp a call.

... **Burghfield Women's Peace Camp's** road is one of the main arteries into Reading for the area, so supporters hoot, and sometimes stop and give donations. Future plans include having a stall in the layby nearby, so that the cars can more easily stop and get information – but more women are needed to make this a reality! A recent success was tracking, stopping and locking on to a convoy on the A1 – giving it a rather extended tea-break.

... **Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp**, having had a successful summer – which included the burning of an effigy of Trident at the May Beltane Camp and the gates being symbolically glued shut for

the anniversary of Hiroshima – are now building up to their gathering on November 8-10. 'Women Crossing Paths' will include visitors from the Ploughshares Women and the Newbury Bypass Campaign, vigils, mural painting, and a workshop about the new chemical waste plant at Aldermaston.

... **Sellafield Women's Peace Camp** have published two postcards, one (for general use) giving an artist's impression of the camp, and a campaigning postcard about BNFL.

... **Women from Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp** recently challenged the bylaws in court.

To keep up to date with court cases and to find out how you can support activists who are facing court action for challenging the nuclear war machine, contact Peace Prisoner Support (regular newsletter) on 0113 262 9365.

For how you can support Peace Camps, see the last issue of *Campaign*. For contact addresses or telephone numbers, see back page.

CND Annual Conference

23-24 November 1996
University of London Union

Tony Myers, Conference Organiser

THE programme for this year's conference is beginning to come together. The Conference Booklet, containing the review of the year, the candidates for election, the agenda and the workshops will be mailed out to all delegates at the end of October. You will find the final agenda as an insert in this copy of *Campaign*.

Registration fees

There is still time to register and the fees are as follows:

Delegates from CND groups and affiliates	£25
Waged individual members	£25
Delegates from Youth and Student groups	£8
Unwaged individual members	£8

Conference deadlines

There are few deadlines left now as we get ever nearer to Conference itself. However, here are the remaining dates:

Friday 25 October
Registration (With accommodation)
Friday 8 November
Registration (without accommodation)
Monday 18 November
Emergency Resolutions

Test ban treaty – not yet?

William Peden, Campaigns Worker

On 10 September the United Nations agreed to open the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) text up for signature by 158 votes to 3 (Bhutan, India and Libya) with 5 abstentions (Cuba, Lebanon, Mauritius, Syria and Tanzania).

A number of countries are expected to sign the CTBT at a special signing ceremony in New York on 24 September, including all five nuclear weapons states.

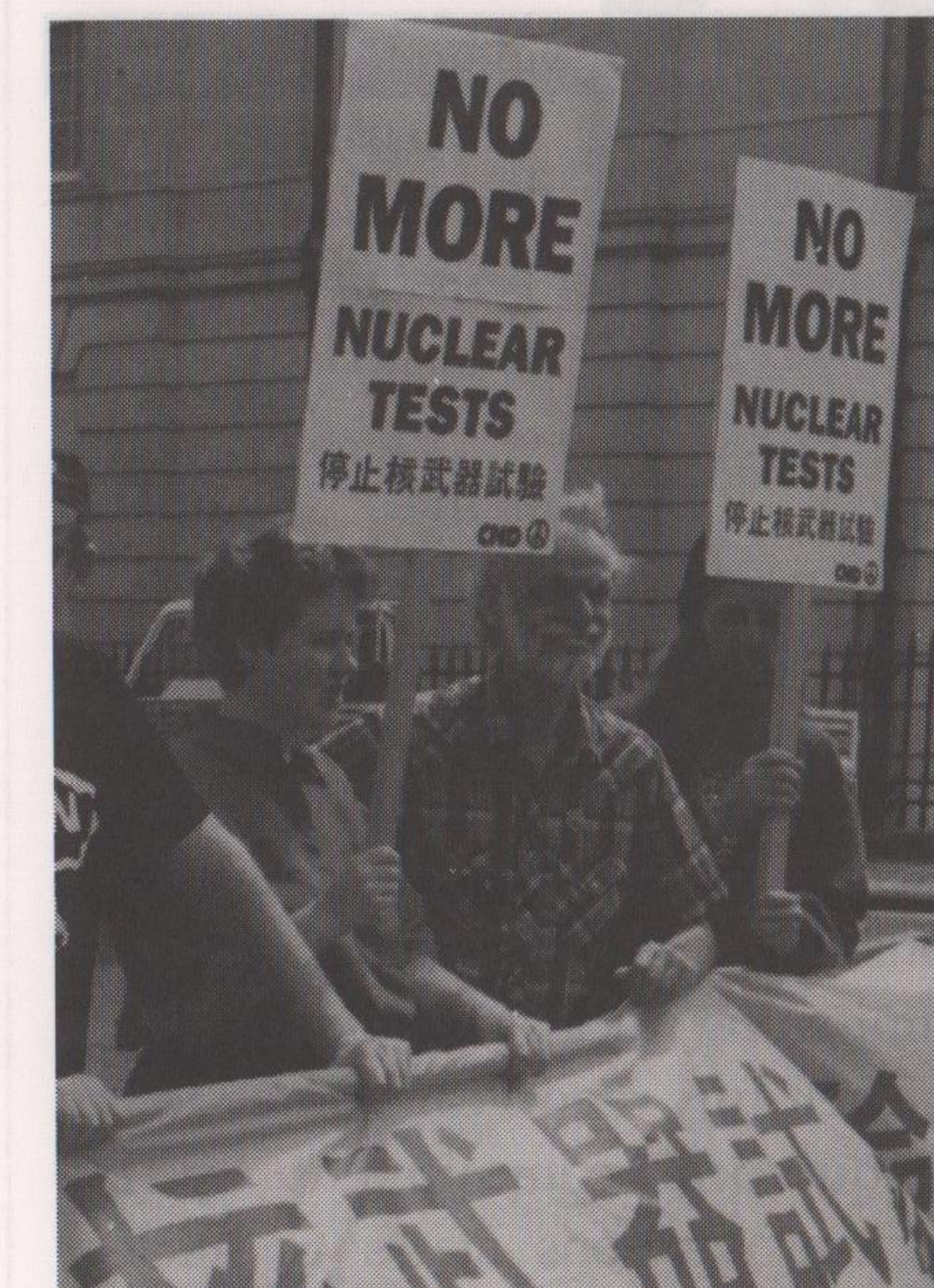
This massive public relations exercise is not the end of the matter. There are still some hurdles to be overcome.

Each nation who signs will still have to ratify it.

Another obstacle to overcome is waiting for all of the entry into force provisions to be fulfilled.

India has publicly stated it will never sign the CTBT and Pakistan has stated that it will not sign until India does. Egypt has also stated it will not sign until Israel does.

Therefore, it looks very likely that



the CTBT will not enter into force unless something drastic happens to make India change its mind.

However, this is a small step in the right direction towards global nuclear disarmament. It's up to us to keep the pressure on.

There will be a more detailed article on the CTBT and future prospects for disarmament in the Winter issue of *CND Today*.

Europe drags its heels

The Maastricht Treaty is undergoing review at the moment at the InterGovernmental Conference (IGC). One area being discussed is a Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP).

There is growing dissatisfaction among member states at the slow progress made to date.

The present president of the EU, Ireland, has a mandate to produce a draft text for the Dublin summit on 13-14 December.

The most likely outcome of discussions on a CFSP at the IGC is that in the short term the European Union (EU) is likely to ask the Western European Union (WEU) to continue to carry out peace keeping missions on their behalf.

In the longer term the WEU and the EU could integrate, with the WEU becoming the military arm of the European Union. Because the WEU is a mutual defence organisation with nuclear deterrence as one of its main guarantees, and two of its members (Britain and France) having nuclear weapons, the EU could become a nuclear power by default.

European nations must renounce publicly the use of nuclear weapons as part of any EU CFSP.

For a detailed briefing "Nuclear Weapons in the European Union", by Martin Butcher of the Centre for European Security and Disarmament write to CND at 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ.

News update..News update..News update..

Lionel Trippett, Information Worker

"The proposition that nuclear weapons can be retained in perpetuity and never used - accidentally or by decision - defies credibility."

So states the Canberra Commission, set up by the Australian government in 1995, bringing together an international, high-level cast drawn from the worlds of science, politics and the military to consider the practicalities of eliminating nuclear weapons.

Their July report calls firstly for an unequivocal commitment by the nuclear weapons states to nuclear disarmament, before setting out a series of steps, including a no-first-use declaration, taking nuclear forces off alert, removing warheads from delivery vehicles and further arms reduction negotiations, that have much in common with CND's Blueprint.

The Blueprint itself is beginning to get some interesting responses from varied places. Several embassies have sent it to their Geneva negotiating teams with words of commendation. The Iranian Embassy asked us down to discuss it and we discovered wide areas of agreement.

A friend on the Brussels Euro-cocktail circuit reports Michael Weston, UK Ambassador to the UN as being surprised that the delegation is already being badgered by critical CND-supporting letters concerning next year's NPT PrepCom.

And in another part of the forest, Gerald Kaufman suggests an international nuclear disarmament conference where the UK should declare its readiness to get rid of its own nuclear weapons, while Peregrine Worsthorne, ex-editor of the Sunday Telegraph, looks back and recants from his support for the Better Dead than Red ideology of the Reagan/Thatcher age. Only CND, he accepts, continued to press the moral question.

Transport

Following the recent Watford train crash - on a line used by all the nuclear fuel trains between London, the South East, East Anglia and Sellafield - it is reported that there was a long delay before Railtrack could find a breakdown crane since they've 'rationalised their positioning' (ie scrapped half of them). Eventually they had to borrow one from London Transport.

Meanwhile BNFL intends to fly increasing amounts of mixed uranium and plutonium oxide (MOX) fuel around the world. They admit this is largely to avoid the worldwide protests that have accompanied earlier land and sea shipments.

Finding that the IAEA safety regulations for plutonium transport make the whole idea uneconomic, they now want to carry the MOX in lighter, less secure containers. These are quite safe as long as any air crash takes place at a max height of 9m and at a speed of not more than 100 mph. So watch out for some extremely low, slow flying.

International airline pilots are among the groups unhappy about this proposal. The IAEA won't talk to CND since they only deal with governments. So we can all duck off and stick our heads under our wings as the planes fly past.

Let's hope that none of them collides with Railtrack's last breakdown crane...



Just waiting for an accident to happen - nuclear fuel trains regularly use the line where the recent Watford train crash took place. Photo: Paul Aston

Muriel's Grapevine



Remembrance week is 10-17 November. Youth CND stopped the traffic outside the French Embassy for the 2 minute silence on 11th November last year.

Wandsworth CND noticed the disturbing contradiction between the press coverage of David Mellor's call for a ban on the sale of handguns after Dunblane and his consultancies with arms manufacturing firms.

A number of groups have followed-up the Broken Arrow report on nuclear accidents by highlighting the dangers of local bases and convoy routes.

Irish CND report that Adi Roche has received a letter from the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Ireland thanking the Chernobyl Children's Project. He said that the Russians very much appreciated the "unselfishness and true humanism" of ordinary Irish people who helped the children.

On the same subject, Lancaster CND heard a moving report from David Lowe about his trip to Minsk with a convoy of 32 ambulances and six 38-ton lorries. On arrival in Belarus they were greeted by some of the displaced families who had been waiting at the roadside for two days. Two orphanages were visited and the children were delighted to receive the bikes and toys which

were very soon claimed!

The great irony was that the convoy was unable get to the area they had planned to reach because of a leak from one of the remaining plants at Chernobyl. However, they were able to stay with a family after their ambulance had gone to its new owners and although neither could speak the others' language, they spent a wonderful 36 hours with this family who had been relocated from the contaminated area.

If anyone ever asks you why we are still here.....

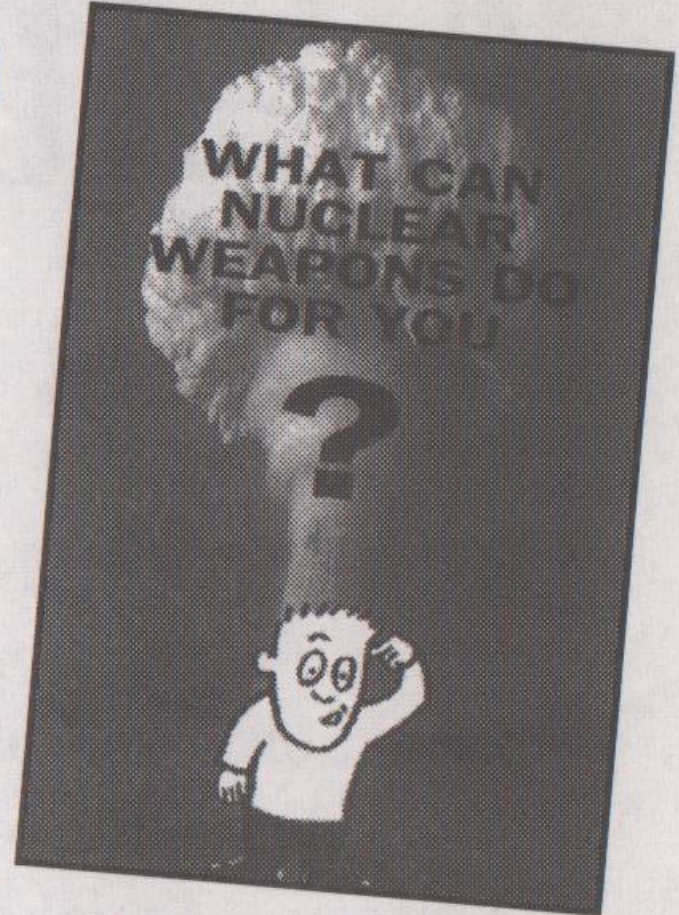
Finally, a word for Paul Andrews and Nigel Chamberlain. They will be running in the Cumbria half-marathon on Sunday 6 October wearing CND T-shirts and raising money for CND as well! They would like to encourage people to sponsor their efforts by making donations to CND. If you would like to donate money please make cheques payable to CND and send them to: Tony Myers (sponsorship), 162, Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ.

See you at Conference,

Muriel

Campaigning materials order form

'CND's' new campaigning leaflet - designed to tackle those basic arguments.



Qty.	Cost
Basic case leaflet	£1.50/100
Tactical Trident leaflet	£1.50/100
Stop testing leaflet	£1.50/100
Chernobyl leaflet	£1.50/100
Membership leaflet	£1 for 50
Nuclear testing briefing	10p each
Trident briefing	10p each
About CND briefing	10p each
Hiroshima briefing	10p each
Tactical Trident book by Milan Rai	£4.50
B/W CND symbol badge	30p
'Cat' A2 poster	£2.50
'Einstein' A1 poster	£3
Campaign magazine subscription	£5 pa
Lobby subscription	free
General Election pack	free
Blueprint	£5 each
Broken Arrow report	£2 each
T-shirt: Nuclear-free world Picassoesque design on black T-shirt (L)	£12.00

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