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A.G.M.

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EDITORIAL:

Another issue mackled together. Only four mistakes pointed out in the September issue....rather a miracle considering the pressure we were under. This issue is the most appealing yet. We are appealing for help with the stall, the bulletin, office staffing and whatever. We do need more help and would appreciate your opinions and suggestions.

To this end, we draw your attention to the A.G.M. and the meeting organized by National on October 6th.

Please bring your membership cards to the A.G.M. and you can renew your membership on the night (come on - make Peggy happy).

THE BULLETIN AND ITS FUTURE.

In the last bulletin we asked what you wanted from the bulletin. The only suggestion that we have received is that we should just have a newsletter or fact sheet monthly.

This certainly would take the pressure off the present "team". Apart from the technical help (willingly given) at 118, the present work is done by pensioners. Pensioners, as you know, often pop out to shop, pop in for a cuppa, pop over for a chatter, pop away to see grandchildren and, in the nature of things, eventually pop off. After that, they may join the celestial choir or play the harp and collectively produce a news from heaven, but for certain we cannot produce a Nottingham C.N.D. bulletin. Unless we have more - and younger - help, then the bulletin is likely to become an endangered species.

Although a fact sheet would be adequate, it is coldly scientific, whilst by belonging to C.N.D. we are proved to be warmly humanitarian and need more than basic facts to sustain us. This leaves us with several options:

- 1) to print only a monthly fact sheet (the logistics, effort and expense of distribution are the same for news sheet or bulletin)

- 2) to reduce to a bi-monthly bulletin
- 3) to print a good quarterly bulletin. This would leave us with funds to issue a news/fact/emergency sheet, should the need arise, which is likely in the near future.
- 4) further options to be put forward.

Some of the work can only be done during the day - printing, etc. - but other aspects could be covered in the evenings - editorial, layout, etc.

The bulletin is intended to be a forum for the interchange of ideas, but it could become much wider..... snippets from magazines, cartoons, information from friends abroad or other parts of the U.K., reports from meetings, accounts from activists met on holiday, views of - or changes noticed in - other countries....the list is endless and we all like to share experiences, pleasant or otherwise, so, please, start contributions rolling.

This matter will probably be discussed at the A.G.M. If you are unable to attend the A.G.M., perhaps you could give us your opinion by phone or by letter to 33 Castle Gate.

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'WHATEVER NEXT?' DAY in NOTTINGHAM

Saturday Oct 6th 1100-1600 at the International Community Centre

Dear Group Contact,

It gives me great pleasure to invite your group to send people to this 'Whatever Next?' Day. It will be addressed by —

MARY BRENNAN CND Vice Chair

MARTIN BUTCHER British American Security Information Council

Topics will include, The Gulf Crisis, Where Does the Peace Movement Go Now?, Making Sense of the Arms Talks, etc

Plenty of time for questions, discussion and for you to put your point of view. Coffee, tea, biscuits but bring own lunch.

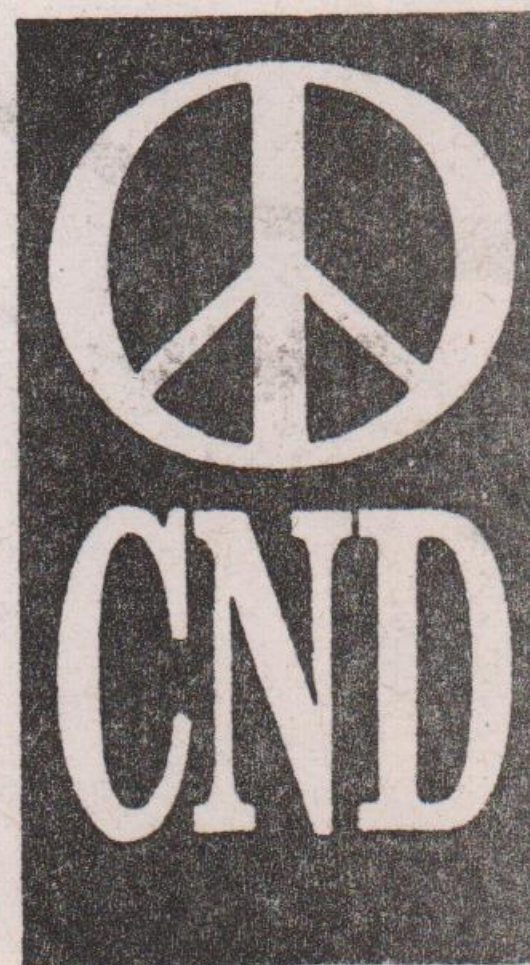
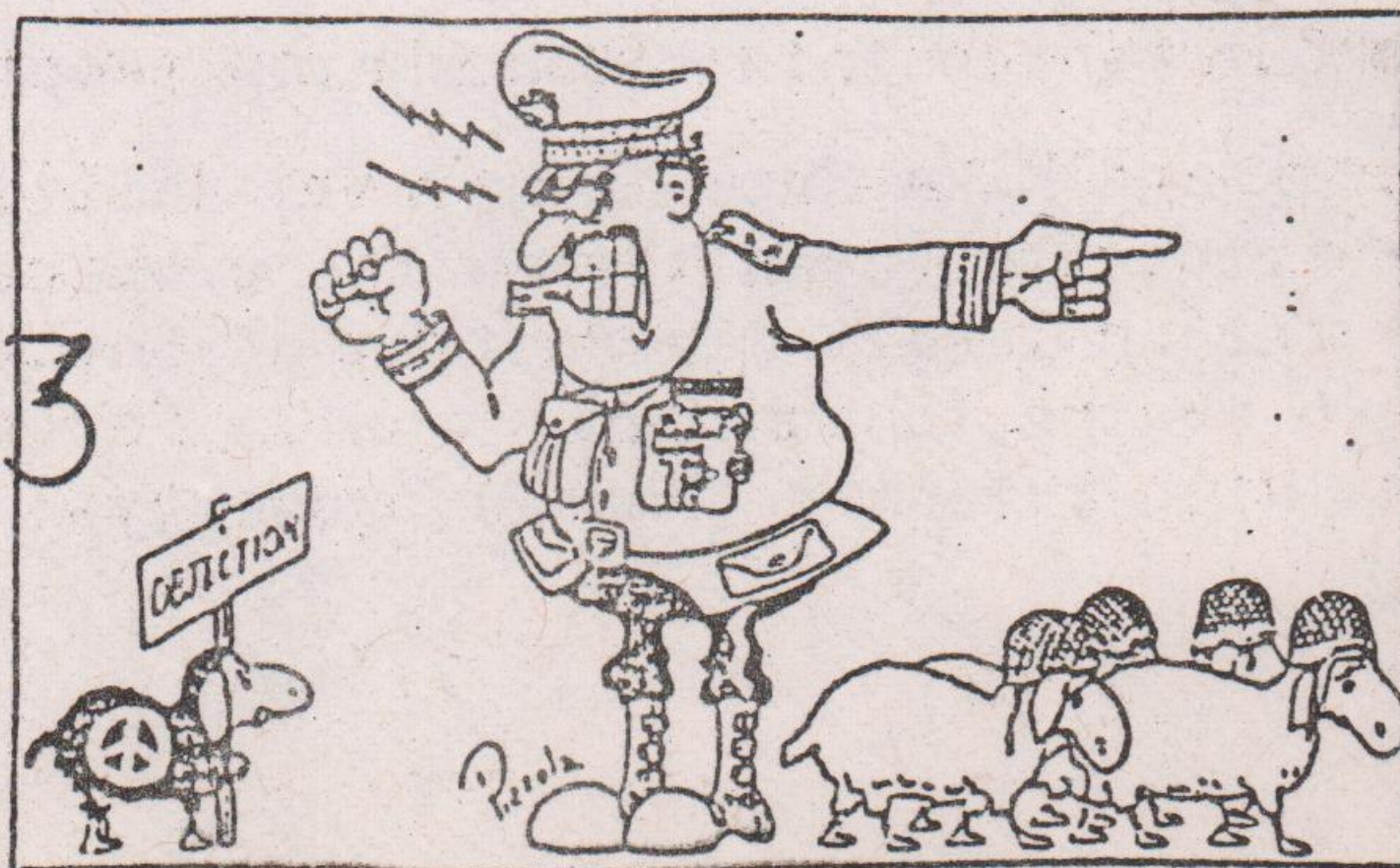
If you or members of your group can come along you would be most welcome and we think you will enjoy it!

With best wishes,

Laurie Gibson
(CND Groups Worker)

Laurie Gibson

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NEWSDAY

8/13/90

Hiroshima Bombers Go On a U.S. Tour of Booty

Salt Lake City (AP) — The pilot, navigator and bombardier of the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima say they have no reservations about making a buck off their place in history.

In recent months, they've been hopscotching the country, hawking books, T-shirts, caps and coffee mugs commemorating the Aug. 6, 1945, bombing that claimed nearly 100,000 Japanese lives and hastened the end of World War II.

It's simple supply and demand, says 75-year-old retired Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., the pilot of the bomber Enola Gay. He spent years speaking for free at Kiwanis and Rotary luncheons.

"None of these organizations that ask you to come and talk offer you any kind of compensation for doing it," he said. "I unfortunately arrived at the point they expect you to do it. You owe it to them. Well, I don't think I owe anybody a damn thing."

Setsuko Thurlow, founder and co-chairwoman of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Relived, a Toronto-based anti-nuclear group, finds that attitude appalling. She was 13 when she was buried in the rubble from the bomb,

which killed her sister and niece.

"I think it is commercial exploitation of the hundreds of thousands of people who were killed," she said. "I do question their sense of morality. Whatever they did, you would think they would feel at least a part of the collective guilt."

But Tibbets said: "It's never dawned on me that I'm trying to capitalize on anybody's death. My reaction to that is, I tell them that they're wrong."

Last August, Tibbets hooked up with an agent, Clark St. John of Buckeye Aviation Publishing Co. which published his book, "Flight of the Enola Gay."

They began touring shopping malls and air shows, and later persuaded Enola Gay navigator Theodore (Dutch) Van Kirk and bombardier Tom Ferebee to join them. Since then, they've visited Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Tibbets and St. John declined to say how much money was coming in.

Their package of wares includes Enola Gay coffee mugs (\$6), T-shirts (\$9), sweatshirts (\$12.95), videos (\$19.95 and \$24.95), photos (\$6 and \$9) and a copy of the order authorizing use of the bomb (\$5).

We leave the comments to youwe are speechless!

Facing is an article to show the other side of America to balance this greed.

An update on our Swords into Ploughshares people -

Stephen Hancock and Mike Hutchinson were jailed for 15 months for damage to property (even though the property they damaged was designed for wholesale destruction of both property and lives) with 6 months to run concurrently for possessing mallets and a liquid with intent to damage property.

San Francisco Chronicle

FORUM/ SALLY LILIENTHAL

Ploughshares In the 1990s

IS THE WORLD any closer now to being rid of the threat of nuclear war than it was 10 years ago when Ploughshares was founded?

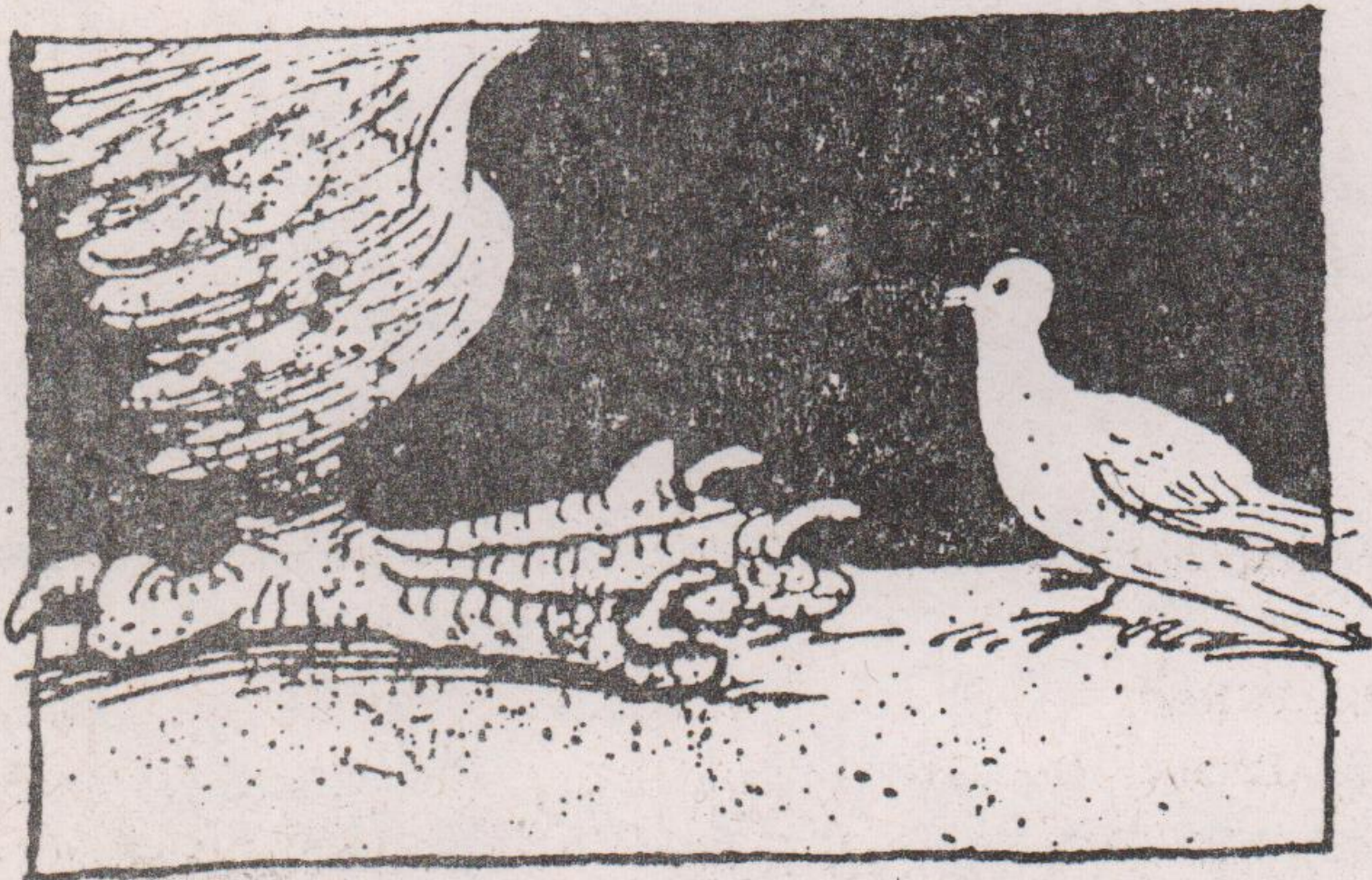
With the momentous changes in international relations sweeping the world, with what, in shorthand, has been called the end of the Cold War, there can be no question that the danger of war has diminished. Yet we hold our breaths, fearing that progress toward peace and democracy in the world may be fleeting, and hoping that our government will act to take full advantage of the opportunities before us to build real international security.

We founded the Ploughshares Fund in 1981 with a single goal — the prevention of nuclear war. Tempered with the flexibility to reflect both the promise and the menace of current political and military events, our job becomes more complex as new approaches present themselves.

More Money for Weapons

A month ago many people asked whether we were going out of business. But as of today the euphoria over the end of the Cold War that prompted that question together with loudly-expressed hopes for a "peace dividend" were dashed. The 1992 federal budget actually calls for new investments in costly strategic nuclear weapons including the B-2 bomber and the Star Wars missile defense system even while Moscow and Washington are moving to conclude a treaty to cut strategic weapons. No one asks any longer whether Ploughshares' job is finished with Gorbachev's future threatened by nationalist revolution within the borders of the Soviet Union.

The world's best hope for lasting progress at this critical moment is that Gorbachev will be able to survive the nationalistic turmoil within his own country as well as the economic crisis



that gets worse every day. If American policymakers want to deal with Gorbachev rather than with an unknown successor, their best chance is to reciprocate for the unilateral military force reductions made by the Soviets, and cut back on the size of the U.S. military

It is bitterly ironic that while Washington cheers the newly-won freedoms in Eastern Europe, our nation is too deficit-ridden to help in the struggle for stability. The new budget calls for a total of \$300 million in economic aid for Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and maybe Bulgaria and Rumania. That is \$200 million less than the cost of one Stealth bomber. The 40-year-old policy of building more advanced weapons to keep the Communist hoards out of Western Europe did not change when the Berlin Wall came down. And it still has not changed.

Molding New Defense Policies

It will take intensified public pressure to attain the creation of a workable defense policy. We must find ways to replace the existing alliance-based military structure in Europe with one in which defense will predominate and nations will find it difficult if not impossible to attack each other.

Ploughshares will support the hard-headed analysts working to determine precisely which weapons could be eliminated and which would still be necessary for the existence of a strong, nonprovocative defense. We will support programs that foster the exchange of these ideas among decision makers at the highest levels, while increasing and sharpening our efforts to involve the public in political change.

At the same time that we believe that the size of the military must be cut drastically, we realize that reductions without proper planning could result in severe economic dislocation for the many workers and companies dependent on defense spending. There are 3 million civilians working in defense industries today.

The Nuclear Threat

Even as hostilities between the U.S. and the Soviet Union fade, the threat of nuclear war still emanates from the growing number of countries that possess nuclear weapons. It is estimated that as many as 20 nations will have the capability to build nuclear weapons by the end of the 1990s. One way Ploughshares is working to stop the spread of nuclear weapons and materials is by supporting those who dig out and make public information about the international traffic in the materials of mass destruction and by bringing together scientists and decision makers from competing countries to find ways to reduce the very real possibility that regional conflicts could escalate into nuclear confrontation.

The United States must undertake greater efforts to bring the other nuclear powers together in an effort to lock in major reductions in the global nuclear arsenal. We have an unprecedented opportunity right now to bring about a dramatic new international security regime.

At the end of the Cold War, there is important work being done by independent organizations that are working internationally to develop stronger provisions for treaty monitoring and verification and for new initiatives for defusing regional tensions. The instabilities in the Soviet Union, in Eastern Europe, China, Southeast Asia, Latin America and the Middle East should provide us with a sense of urgency.

How close are we to ending the threat of nuclear war? The day is not yet in sight.

(Sally Lilienthal is president of the Ploughshares Fund.)

Saturday, Feb. 24, 1990

LISTER GATE STALL.

The stall on Lister Gate is our continuing "Public Face" as well as providing an addition to our income.

We are trying to get the stall out every fine Saturday and, during the coming few months, should provide a centre for activity by:

a) the sale of Christmas cards and gifts - and the earlier you come, the better the selection.

b) the sale of White Poppies of Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th of November. The sale of these poppies has become accepted and we are not subjected to the harassment that we had in previous years. Previously we donated the whole of the takings from the White Poppies to "War on Want", but this year - due to the increased price and our own dire needs - we intend to donate what would be the profits to charity, taking only our costs.

c) collecting signatures on the extra large card sending greetings and messages of peace to the citizens of Minsk. The signatures will be collected from middle to late November, in time to send the card to Minsk early in December.

The Group dates for staffing the stall are:

Wollaton	6th October. 1st December.
Forest Fields	20th October. 17th Nov.
West Bridgford	27th October. 24th Nov.
Bulwell	15th December.
Radcliffe on Trent	22nd December.

We are applying for a licence to take out the stall from Monday to Friday, December 10th to 14th and 17th to 21st.

Unfortunately the volunteers are already stretched to the point of sagging or snapping. We know that some of you are willing but unable, whilst some are able but cannot fit in at weekends, but could some of you please make your Christmas present to the cause, a few hours on the Christmas stall? Please do try.

VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE GULF.

Roger Rawlinson, one of our members and a member of the Society of Friends, attended a vigil at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, and was heartened by the public reaction. Roger said that many people came over to talk about the crisis and that they were sympathetic to the cause of peace. He stated that there was no form of abuse that he witnessed.

This is very encouraging and thank you for telling us, Roger.

"CRISIS IN THE GULF" DEMONSTRATION.

Colleen Edwards attended this demonstration and reports that she found it very disappointing that Liverpool were able to send a full coach of supporters and Wales could mobilize four coach loads, whilst Nottingham could field only one supporter - herself.

There was an estimated attendance of 7,000 and the atmosphere was fabulous, with persons walking off the streets to join the procession. The only signs of aggression came from two Arab gentlemen in a limousine.

Colleen considered that the meeting had missed the boat, in some ways, by lack of leadership from C.N.D. The substitute for Bruce Kent was inadequate to the job and almost lost the attention of the meeting.

The summing-up was: "This is the nearest crisis to the nuclear issue yet and we were not there".

N.B.

National C.N.D. Raffle tickets to be returned by 29th October, so take a chance for wintering in the Caribbean by getting your raffle ticket from Stall off Office, 30p a ticket.

MEMBERS' LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE EVENING
POST.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Lowenthal says he hates war having been in two (August 28). Surely he should have learnt that ultimatums to dictators do not work.

An American bombing raid on Baghdad would lead to the death of thousands of innocent people, both Iraqi and foreign nations, including many Britons. It would alienate the Arab nations working for peace and it could possibly launch a world war.

What is needed by all concerned, including the citizens of the nations that have sent forces to the Gulf, is patience - patience to allow the sanctions imposed by the United Nations to have time to work.

Bellicose statements and refusals to consider negotiations merely delay the solution to a situation that the West has largely brought on itself.

Dictator Hussein is largely our creation. We sold him arms. We stood by when he launched a ten-year war on his neighbour, Iran. We took no action when he used poison gas against his own Kurdish population. Only when oil is at stake, it seems, does the West act.

Louise Wood.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct 6th Whatever Next? Day I.C.C.
Mansfield Road.
11 - 1 p.m. 2 - 4 p.m.
Nov 1st A.G.M. W.E.A., Shakespeare
Street.
Business Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Cheese & Wine and brilliant
slides of Hiroshima Day 7 p.m.
Nov 9/11 National Conference.
Nov 3/10 Sale of White Poppies, Lister
Gate Stall.
Nov 17/24 Signatures for Minsk New Year
Card.
December Christmas Stall, Lister Gate.

Dear Sir,

Much as we detest the repugnant Saddam Hussein and all that he stands for, we wonder how many of your readers are aware of the hypocrisy of this Government's stand on the Iraqi crisis. Over the past years, this Government has been quite happy to do trade with this monster, including massive sales of arms which are now being turned against us.

The Government's response to the hanging of the journalist, Baszoft, was fairly muted and the genocidal attacks by Hussein on the Kurds using chemical weapons even failed to produce sanctions. But an attack on their cheap sources of oil produces not only sanctions, but massive military intervention. What price Mammon?!

Further, who will boot the bill for it? Will it be the major oil companies who are making enormous profits from the situation or the British taxpayer? In the latter case, it would, of course, be referred to as "Government money"!

Sincerely hoping that Peace and Sanity will one day return to this very troubled world,

Bill and Vera Haines.

Vera and Bill also sent letters on this theme to the Iraqi Embassy and to Kenneth Clarke, M.P.

200 CLUB.

August Winners:

No.120	E.A. Chalk	£50.
No.145	Andrew Millward	£10.
No. 35	Barbara Coulson	£5.

LATE NEWS - EXTRA.

Nice news.

How happy we are for Phyllis and Ken Wells for the return of their daughter-in-law and grandchildren from Kuwait. We hope, with them, that their son will soon be home again.

We must state that throughout this trauma & emotion Phyllis has still typed the material for the bulletin.

London Demonstration.

Colleen's criticism of the demo. on September 15th was well founded, though a considerable number of our members would be unaware that this was taking place.

On Thursday, Sept. 6th. the office volunteer spent time, and money, on telephoning Nat.C.N.D. and the Peace Council for information about the proposed demo. The replies were that though both organizations had representatives on the committee -- they were then unable to give us facts at that time.

Colleen offered to contact the local papers, and a message was left on our ansaphone asking callers to contact Colleen.

On Monday, September 10th we received data regarding the time, and venue for the demo. The telephone tree having long since lost its branches, it was considered too late to notify our members through the post and receive replies in time to make effective transport arrangements.

The message on the ansaphone was amended to include the latest information and Colleen's telephone number.

We apologize to any member who was not informed and may have wished to attend.

On the 15th. we also had two stalls to staff adding to the difficulties.

Editor.

Frontispiece by Jeremy Jago.

ASK FOR THE EARTH.

C.N.D National Peace & Environment Festival. Sept. 1st.1990.

There were stalls by the hundred in Leeds' Roundhay Park on a fine summer afternoon; among them Nottm's own Rainbow Centre, anti Apartheid Movements, Yoga & Meditation groups, Peace thought NATO (!), Liberal Democrats, FoE, local & regional pressure groups, local and distant 'exotic wares' traders; reflecting an open and diverse range of opinions.

Loud electric music from the main stage all afternoon, interspersed with brief inspiring speeches from Marjorie Thompson (CND vicechair) David Icke (Green Party) Bruce Kent (CND chair), and opened with a positive introduction by the Lord Mayor of Leeds.

Some way from the main stage, almost out of earshot, were a series of forums held in two medium sized marquees. I attended one on alternatives to nuclear energy, including Katya and Vladimir, two teenagers from the Chernobyl area of the Ukraine. Katya's father was a technical supervisor at the power station. He died of radiation poisoning in Moscow one month after the disaster. I was deeply moved by this personal tragedy. Space forbids a detailed account in this edition, but I should be delighted to give further accounts to anybody interested.

Rod Langford.

Thanks:

To Wollaton Group for a generous donation to our funds, also to the members who have sent donations towards the cost and postage of bulletins.

In addition to providing needed finance this has given the officers and volunteers a great lift to their faded spirits.