

Whether you want to join a local YCND group or set one up, we can give you all the help you need

Use the map to find out which 'region' you're in, then either contact your regional rep. or ring YCND's Activity Hotline – 01-250 4010.

We can put you in touch with a group nearby, or give you help and advice about starting one yourself. We can also supply speakers, film and literature. What are you waiting for? Why not phone us now?

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What is National Committee?

National Committee is the decision-making body of Youth CND. But what does this actually mean? In real terms the people who are elected to it run our national campaigns, decide on workshops at conference what publications we produce etc, etc. The most important factor is, it is meant to represent the views of our membership – after all we wouldn't be a campaign if we didn't have any members!

Who is it made up of?

National Committee is made up of one person from each of our thirteen regions, with six directly elected from

conference, plus the youth worker (who is non-voting). Regional representatives are elected from regional dayschools which are held every autumn. Anyone and everyone can and should stand for National Committee if they have the time. We meet every two months although members usually take on work in between.

How do I present my ideas to National Committee?

In theory, very easily. However in practice it really depends: perhaps there is no rep. for your region or may be he/she is not as helpful as he/she could be. Simply turn to the back page and find your local regional rep. Relate your ideas and they can bring them along to NC to be discussed – simple, isn't it? If you are in a group, then your RR should ring/write before each meeting to ask if there is an item you would like to have discussed. If they

aren't doing this, then ring them! (It's why they are there!)

Remember National Committee is your committee. Take a look at the deadlines below, and if you have any ideas then give us a ring – as they say on *Crimewatch* 'We'll be waiting for your call.'

National Committee: March 11/12
Deadline for papers: March 1st
National Committee: May 13/14
Deadline for papers: May 3rd

Congratulations!

To those elected to National Committee from YCND conference. They are (in alphabetical order):
Jess Cleverly
John Handelaar
Yuri Prasad
Kath Shackleton
Lorraine Sweeney
Sonja Upton

30 YEARS OF YOUTH CND

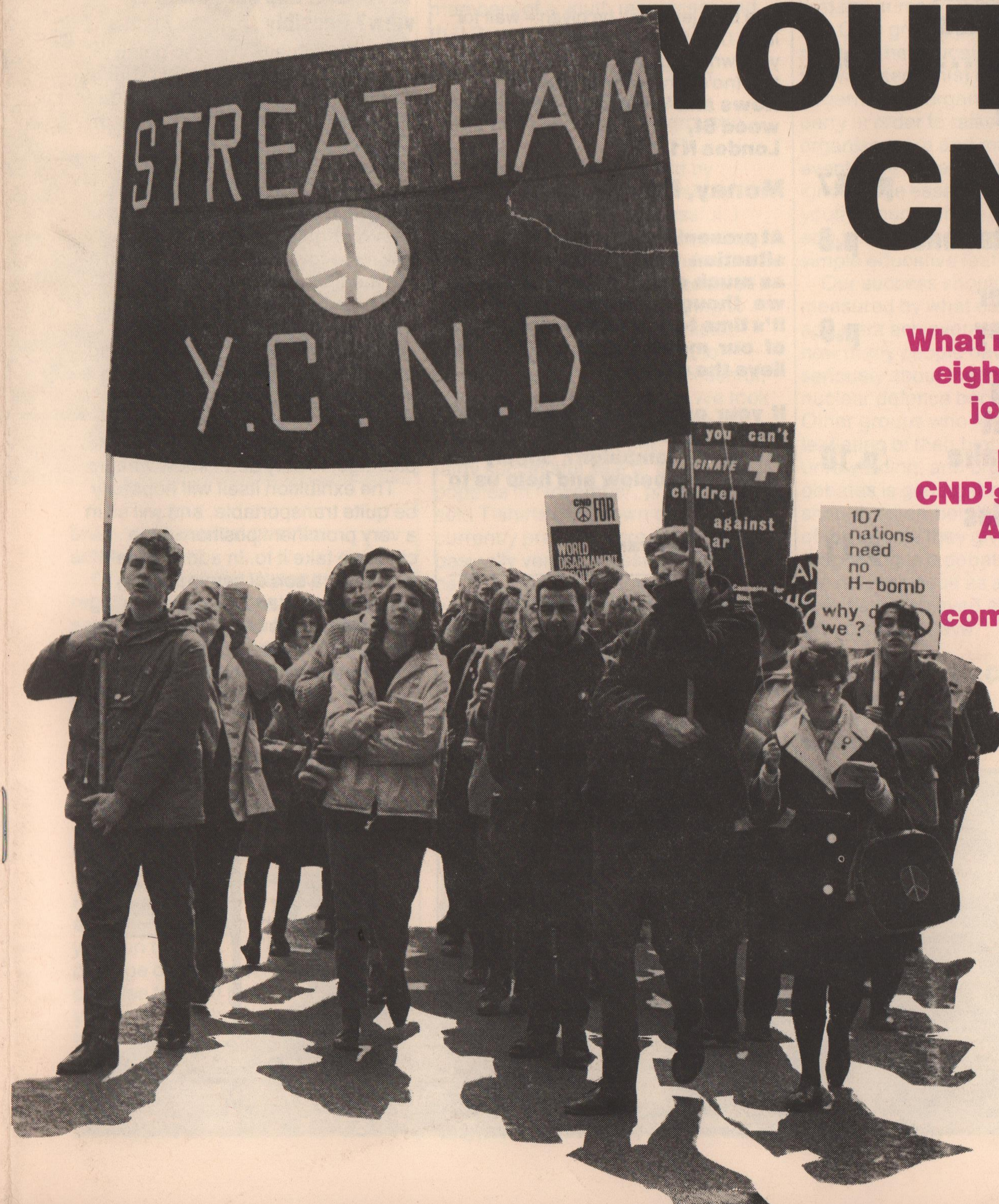
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What makes an eight year old join YCND?

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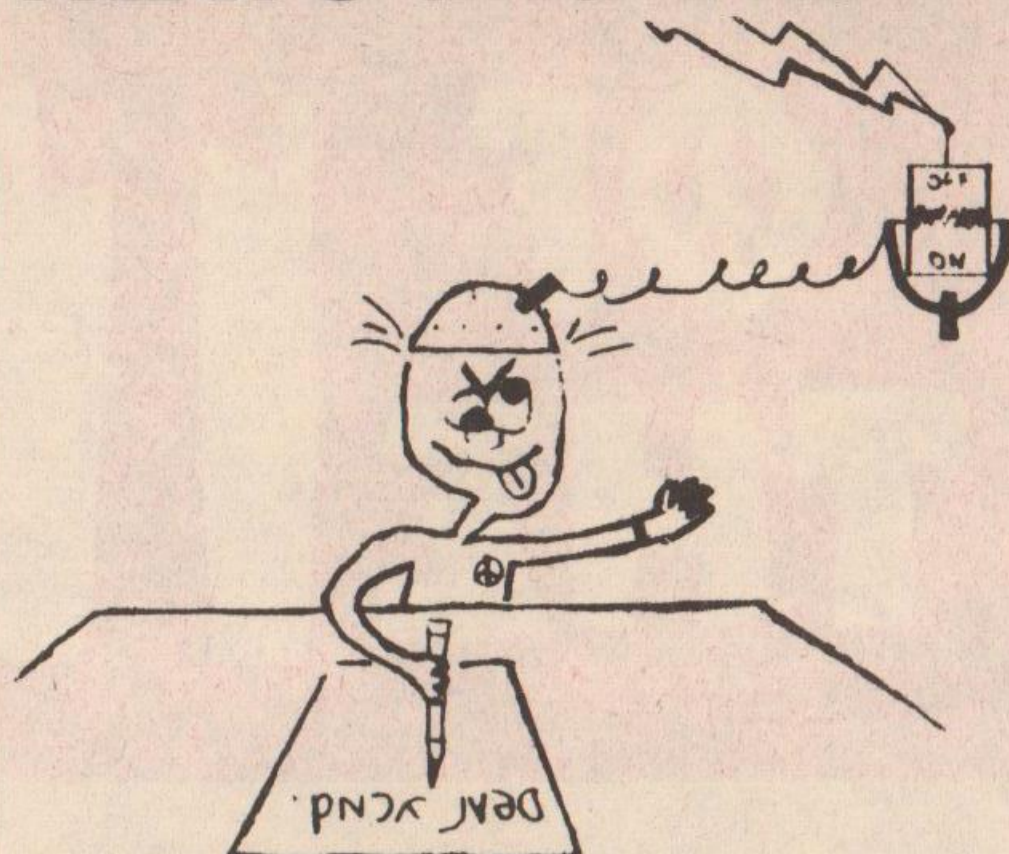
Exciting competitions



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NEWS and VIEWS



Next issue sees the launch of our long-awaited letters page! This is your chance to air your views, begin debates, let off steam or simply ask a question! The idea is to act as an open forum for debate, as well as providing information for other members.

The best letter will be given – wait for it – a CND pen or key-ring!!! So get out your writing gear and send those letters (no offensive ones please!) to: **News and Views, 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG.**

Money, Money, Money . . .

At present we find ourselves in a situation where we don't have as much cash for campaigns as we thought we did. Therefore it's time to rely on the generosity of our members to help us relieve the situation.

If your group has a spare fiver, then why not donate it to your favourite campaign? Simply fill in the form below and help us to help you . . .

Thanks in advance.

Yes, we would be happy to donate

£5 £10 Other

Name

Group

Address

.....Postcode

Please make donations payable to Youth CND and send to us at 22/24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG.

Guess what's coming to town

A march with 50 people on it? No. Another Youth Peace Week, but with better weather? No. A 300 foot pink inflatable camel on a rope? No. A rather spiffing exhibition about the 30 years of Youth CND and our points of view? Possibly

Well, yes actually. It's also going to tour the nation, stopping this year in Cardiff, Manchester, Glasgow and Oxford in the Summer and Autumn. Of course, seeing as it's an exhibition, we can take it loads of places afterwards. Depending on whether it all turns out to be very easy to organise, we might add a few more towns to the 1989 list. In the meantime we have chosen those four, and because this is our thirtieth birthday year, the various regions may well be having very big parties when the exhibition comes to visit (Happy birthday to u-uss, Happy bir etc). And if that isn't reason to approve of this entire package, I really don't know what is.

The exhibition itself will hopefully be quite transportable, and will sit in a very prominent position in the cities we take it to. In addition we'll be having a sort of seminar thing where schools and colleges can send classloads of people to ask us lots of awkward questions, all of which we'll be able to answer (of course!). My God, is this going to be



brilliant! Rhetorical question, actually.

Of course all this depends on the regions and groups getting something other than the exhibition together: we want to get public interest, but we also want our members to have some fun. Something like a big party or a concert like the ones in Peace Week are a lot of fun, but also (importantly) bring in lots of cash.

The other really important thing is that we need things to exhibit. Like banners, posters and badges and dove-shaped bits of paper with a message saying why you joined, and photographs and anything else you can think of. We'll pay the postage on the larger bits and promise to send back everything you want us to but it *has* to come in. If you can spare a banner for a while or anything that won't go second-class letter post, call Claire on (01) 250 4010 to arrange it all, or write to that address.

Memoirs of a Youth CND activist

I have been active locally in Youth CND since I was fourteen in 1985. For a year or so the group was large and active, thriving on the post-post-cruise interest in the anti-nuclear movement. But gradually the group disappeared: CND was ceasing to be an 'in' movement, our older and more experienced activists were moving away or losing interest and replacing them.

Early in 1988, I realised that the group would not revive itself. Youth CND both nationally and regionally was having to reassess itself: locally too we had to realise that we were the older and more experienced members of a youth movement and that there would be no 'wonder-activist' who could recreate the activity that existed when I first joined. So in May of last year a friend and I relaunched a group in our area.

Recently I have been told by 'independent observers' that our group appears to be successful. I have even been told that our group is one of the most successful in the country (but this can be discounted as it came from someone trying to flatter me into writing this article). And although I find it difficult to believe that our group is successful, I can see why it appears so. We took ten people up to Newcastle for conference last October, we had a fairly successful sale of white poppies in November, printed and sold T-shirts of our own design, are currently printing more and had a basically very successful Christmas party in a good London nightclub venue. And what seems to impress people most is that we often get more than ten people along to regular meetings.

On the other hand we have spectacularly failed to organise a festival, and in the process incurred

the wrath of a sympathetic mayor, a sympathetic park manager and various sympathetic acts and organisations. In our nine or ten months' existence we have failed to make contact with our adult groups except to beg for money and failed to attract, or even make contact with, national members in our area.

So at the beginning of this year we are looking again at what action a youth group can take on behalf of the peace movement. Of course problems are different in different areas. Our group benefited from being in a predominantly middle-class and 'lefty' area.

But maybe this made us forget that the primary 'raison d'être' for any CND group, youth or otherwise, must be the education of the relevant section(s) of society. In our eagerness to organise a successful party in order to raise money to organise more and more ambitious events, we have on the whole ignored the essential tools of a youth group: school debates, educative public meetings, even the simple educative leaflets.

Our success should not be measured by what our most apparent achievements are, but by how many people have thought seriously about the fallacy of nuclear defence because of us. Other groups who feel that regular leafleting of their high street is unrewarding, and organising debates is getting them nowhere should remember that, if one in fifty of the people they give a leaflet to or drag along to a debate think about the nuclear issue as a result, then they have achieved all that a peace group can achieve.

● **Sebastian McCarlsberg**
(Haringey YCND)
Haringey YCND: c/o Ella Jenkins, 24 Southwood Ave, London N6 5RZ



Okay, let's go round giving our name and saying where we're from

MARK SALMON

The joys of school debates

A large part of our work has always been organising and speaking at debates throughout Britain. We can recruit as many people in one afternoon as we can leafletting all the year round.

But how do you get a school debate discussed in your school in the first place? Try and find a sympathetic teacher in an English, RE, general studies lesson (the possibilities are endless!) and approach the subject of 'having a debate around the nuclear issues, please sir.' This is often possible even with a raving Tory, as long as you remember the key word – DEBATE. This ensures that both sides have an opposing viewpoint.

We often debate in schools with an organisation named Peace through NATO, who are funded by the MoD and

surprisingly enough don't believe we should get rid of nuclear weapons by unilateral nuclear disarmament. However, what your teacher *doesn't* realise is that we have a 99.9% success rate of winning when we argue with these people, and it would in fact help us to have such a debate happening in lesson time.

The format can be either formal or simply speakers, then questions and answers from the floor. Quite often when YCND sends one of their speakers, they are faced with an older person who could even be an ex-general or someone from the military. But that isn't necessarily to their advantage, and, in terms of appealing to school students, we usually have the upper hand (so don't be

put off, all you budding speakers out there!)

Why not become a speaker? Obviously, it's a bit more difficult if you're at school yourself, but if you have any free periods, the chances are you will only be required to speak every four to twelve months! We can send you a school speakers' pack, outlining all the general arguments. At first you may be nervous and stutter, forget what you were going to say and so on, but you will soon find your own

lines of argument and sound like a fully-fledged politician!

However, if that's not up your street, then why not organise a debate within the next three months? If teachers won't allow it to take place then try and go for a spare lunchtime and persuade everyone it really would be much more enjoyable than playing football or walking endlessly round and round the playground socialising.

Fill in the form below and send it off without delay to YCND School Debates 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG.

Please send me a speaker from CND/Peace through NATO/both

Name of school _____
Address _____

Date _____ Time _____
Contact _____

I would like to become a school speaker, please send me _____
copies of your pack. I would like a training workshop for my local
group _____ (please tick)

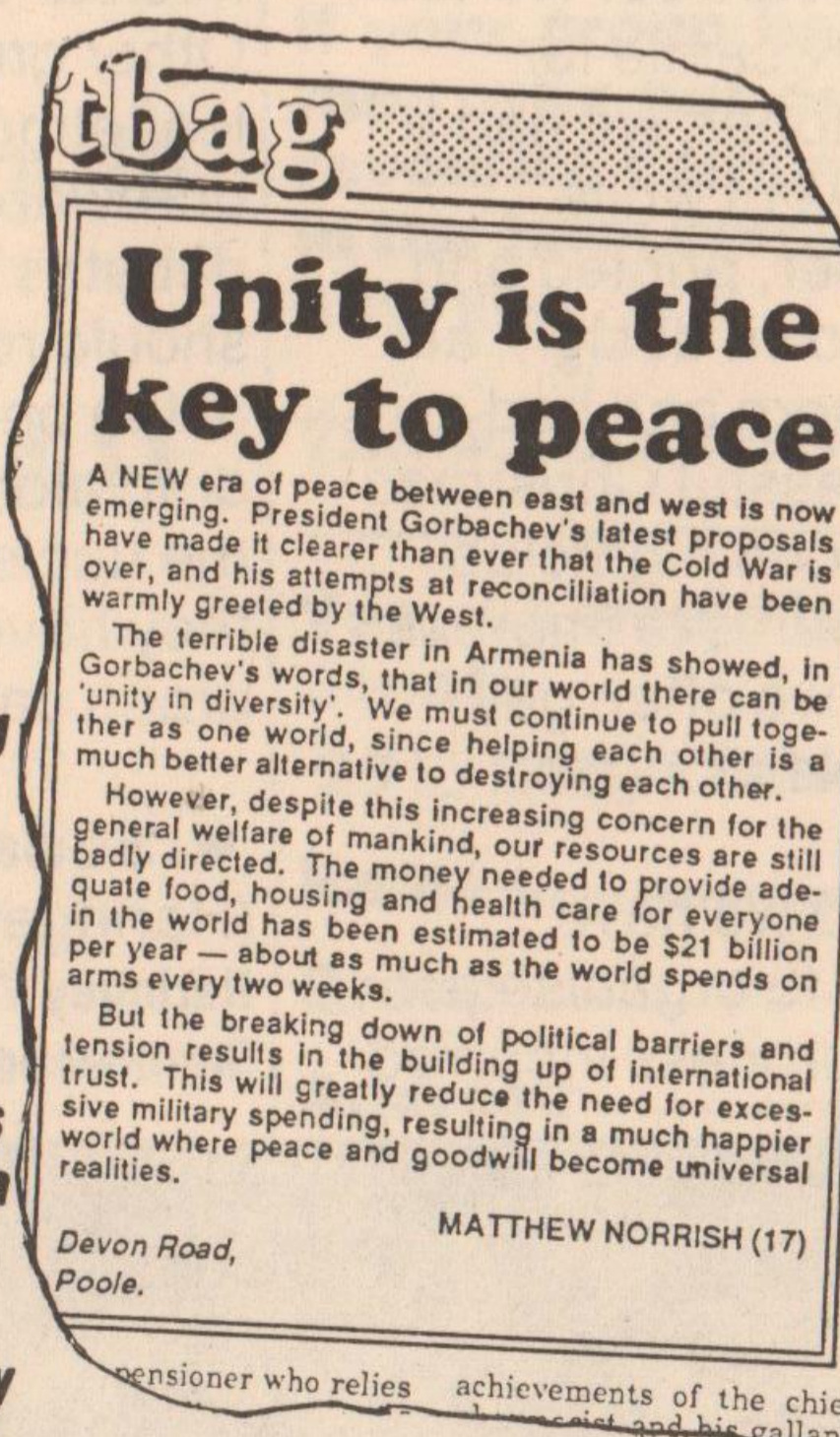
Name of group _____
Contact and tel no: _____

Join the press gang!

Bruce Kent's press gang was set up in the summer of 1988. Its main aim was to encourage people to write to their local press on the subject of nuclear weapons. However, it has been reported to YCND that not many 'young people' have joined – why not?

Presumably because our members are too busy writing important things like history homework to think about writing letters to their local rags. But think again, it's possible to reach at least 15 million people four times a year in this way.

All you have to commit yourself to is writing four letters per year to your local paper (at a rough guess this would take about two hours in total). In return CND will send some Handy Hints on letter writing so you know how to do it, and send in-



formation every quarter on topics on which they would like you to write.

The idea is not to write your letters for you, as it's important that the letters are in your own words, but information will be provided including facts and figures, quotes etc that may be

needed.

Below is a letter published in a Poole local paper just to give you some idea of what's entailed. So why not give it a try, simply fill in the form below and send it off to the usual address – it's got to be more fun than doing homework!

Yes, please I would like to join the Bruce Kent Press Gang and I will do my best to write four letters per year to the local press.

NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE TEL.NO

■ Please accept a donation of £ _____ towards the expenses (We suggest at least £3)

■ Sorry, I cannot afford a donation but I do want to join the network

(Delete as appropriate)

Please fill in, cut out and return the slip above to:

Bruce Kent (Letters) at
National CND, 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG

Design a T-shirt for Youth CND

If you are someone who looks at our products and thinks 'I could do something much better than that', well now's your chance to find out!

This month's competition is to design a

national t-shirt for Youth CND. As with most t-shirt designs, ours would probably incorporate only one colour rather than black & white (otherwise the costs would be

astronomical!)

However the size, shape and slogan are completely up to you.

Plus it also helps us if it is connected with nuclear disarmament/young people

When you send your design, don't forget to

write your name, address and telephone number on the reverse side. We wouldn't want to lose them would we? Send your entries to Youth CND Competition, 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG by April 10th. Good luck!

'I had a dream about nuclear weapons....'

Interview with Jacinta Nandi, aged eight

If you thought you were a young radical, then think again! In late January, Jacinta Nandi, aged eight, sent in a letter and drawings she designed herself. Her hobbies include writing, poetry, stories, playing the tambourine, but her views on nuclear weapons are rather special. Sign of the Times decided to visit her and find out more

Jacinta, who attends Downhall Juniors at Sevenkings in Ilford, told us she has been asking questions about the nuclear issue since the age of five.

SOTT: Why are you interested in CND?

'I had a dream about nuclear weapons, I don't think we should have them because they kill everyone – the money spent on nuclear weapons should be spent on health and education. If we used them, not only would people in other countries be killed, we would be killed by the gas and fall-out.'

SOTT: Have you ever participated in any CND demos?

'Yes, I went to one in London (April 25th) – it was very hot, I wore a badge saying "When I grow up I want to live". It was funny, everyone was shouting things like "1, 2, 3, 4, we don't want a nuclear war!" then I went to school and told people how good it was, they didn't understand what I meant.'

SOTT: Do people in your school ever talk about nuclear weapons?

'Yes, once Mrs Thomas, our headmistress, gave a talk in assembly. She told us about the Second World War on Poppy Day. She said if we have a third World War it will be much worse.'

'We learn about other things in assembly, like Indian dancing, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.'

SOTT: Do you think you should be taught about weapons in school? 'I think it is important to learn about these things in school – we're not too young.'

'Over a year ago,' interjects

Pamela, Jacinta's mum, 'Cynty picked up Greenham Women are Everywhere off my bookshelf and started reading it. She really liked it. SOTT: Why do you think some people had bad opinions about the women at Greenham?'

'I think they are exaggerated.'

The story was much more interesting, maybe they were jealous because the women received lots of attention. I would like to visit Greenham some time.'

SOTT: What do you think the main aim of CND should be?

'I think we should get rid of nuclear weapons from Britain and stop other countries from having them.'

'Families are different in other parts of the world. In Britain we're concerned with paying tax and bills; in India people are concerned about growing food and people live in huts. If countries like India are buying nuclear weapons, they would use them, that would be even sillier, because they're so poor.'

'I think CND should make people know nuclear weapons are bad, if they don't want them any more they should do something to stop them.'

SOTT: Do we need weapons like this to defend ourselves? 'No, I think the government tries to frighten people by saying other people would come into our country. But if we used them, and we were the only country in the world, it would be silly. People don't like other people enough to be friends.'

SOTT: How old do you think you'll be when we finally get rid of nuclear weapons?

'I may not be alive at all – because there has been a nuclear war. If we try really hard I might be 30. But Mrs Thatcher would use them if we were in trouble with other countries, she hasn't tried hard enough.'

SOTT: Who do you think should be in government?

'Glenys Kinnock, Neil Kinnock's wife.'

SOTT: Would we survive after a nuclear war?

'No, the shelters wouldn't work, no clean water, no grass, no sun, we wouldn't be able to go out and play. Outside it would be a dead world. It would be better to die.'

SOTT: Do you think it's right to tell children about nuclear weapons?

'Children should know about nuclear weapons, they will be adults when they grow up, things will be



Jacinta with sister Rosa

more sophisticated. Bombs will be bigger and larger. We have to know they exist, so they can stop them.'

SOTT: In your letter you said you wanted to join YCND – do you think we need a special section for younger people?

'Yes, I think we should have a special section, adults do things in a complicated way, we need something simpler, we need to tell other children about these bombs.'

SOTT: What will you tell Rosa when she gets older? 'I'll show her things. She can make her own decisions.'

Having learnt so much from my visit, I finally asked Jacinta why she had decided to join YCND (as she handed me over her £2 membership!)

'I care for other countries as much as my own; I don't want anyone to have nuclear weapons.'

Britain's nuclear weapons

So you're out on the street like a good little activist, giving out leaflets 80 per minute and generally spreading the word about what a fab campaign Youth CND really is, and suddenly someone comes up to you. S/he's just read your home-produced leaflet, and absolutely agrees that Trident cash should be going to the world's homeless, sick and hungry. 'I'm absolutely convinced: I want to know all about the nuclear weapons in Britain.'

Err . . . yes well you don't need to know all the facts to dislike nuclear weapons, after all I've never met Thatcher but I know I hate her guts. Not good enough, is it? So as part of YCND's ongoing plan to inform, educate, entertain, and take over the Universe, we present to you a detailed description of Britain's nuclear arsenal and those other ones belonging to our beloved American cousins.

The most well-known British bomb is the type found on UK submarines and presently engaged in mutational warfare with the world's sealife. Called *Polaris*, this weapon system is installed in four British submarines and represents 64 missiles. The present number of Polaris warheads is unclear: originally each missile carried 3 warheads, but under the Chevaline 'modernisation' programme (completed in 1987), it is almost certainly the case that each missile now has only two. Then again that might not be true: such is the nature of the Official Secrets Acts. The missing warhead, if there is one, has become a decoy warhead (though the point of this escapes me).

If that wasn't bad enough they decided that these largely idle submarines weren't strong enough. Presumably there were some fish left without three heads and a length of over 40 yards. *Trident*, which if you hadn't noticed has been CND's major ongoing campaign for the last few years, will also be based on board four submarines, the first of which (HMS Vanguard) is due to be launched at Barrow-in-Furness towards the end of 1991. Trident missiles will carry up to four warheads each, and each warhead will be separately targeted (unlike Polaris). There will, like Polaris, be 64 missiles, 512 warheads. That's eight times as many nuclear targets. Trident missiles also travel rather a lot further than their predecessors and will therefore not wipe out most of West Germany in the event of a mythical Russian invasion, which a Polaris attack would have done.

Trident should not be operational until between 1995 and 1999, which of course gives us all a bit of time to make sure nobody votes for you-know-who in 1991 and cause the whole murderous time-waster to be cancelled. If you-know-who-else doesn't change his mind about it, that is: Wilson was elected on the non-nuclear ticket in 1964 and did a big U-turn on arrival at Downing Street. Callaghan was the one who authorised the updating of Polaris without telling anyone at all, and Kinnock will do anything at all to get into office. Don't let it happen, people: YCND will be the ones who change the world. Unless CND abolishes us.

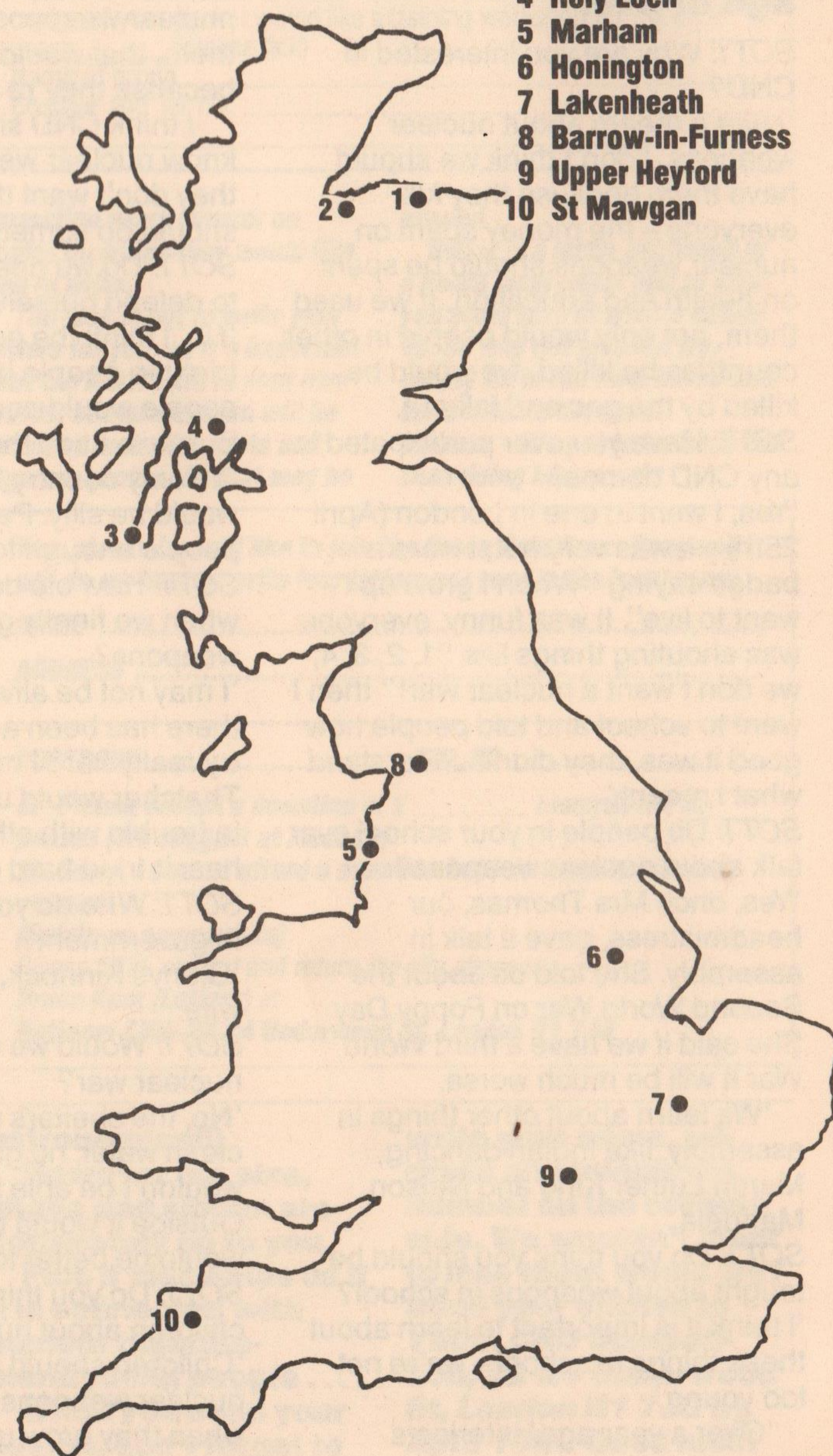
Final cost of Trident will be around £10 billion (gross). Roughly equivalent to 500 general hospitals, or possibly

60,000,000,000 Toffee Crisp bars, if you're that way inclined (as I am).

In addition to all that, Britain operates Tornado aircraft with British nuclear warheads in Marham and Honington (UK) and Bruggen and Laarbruch in W. Germany. They number 230. There are also some older Buccaneer aircraft with British warheads at Lossiemouth. There are 36 Nimrod aircraft at St Mawgan and Kinloss, using United States plc nuclear depth charges (for attacks against submarines). These depth charges are stored in St Mawgan and Macrihanish. The Navy's jet and helicopter aircraft are also nuclear-capable for anti-submarine

WHERE ARE THEY?

- 1 Lossiemouth
- 2 Kinloss
- 3 Macrihanish
- 4 Holy Loch
- 5 Marham
- 6 Honington
- 7 Lakenheath
- 8 Barrow-in-Furness
- 9 Upper Heyford
- 10 St Mawgan



warfare.

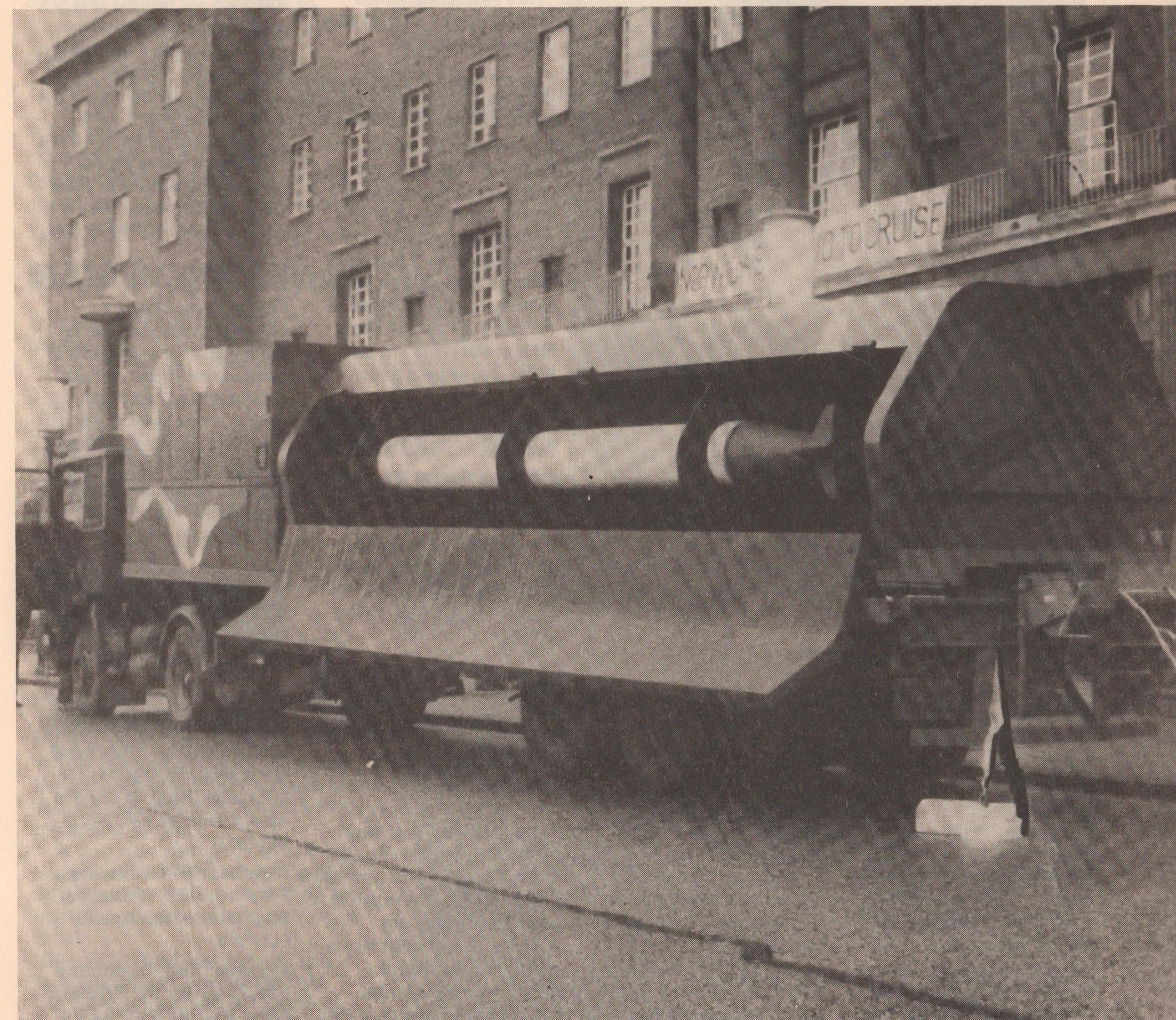
And: nuclear howitzers and rocket launchers under Army control. Lots, in short: the details are really too boring to mention, save the fact that the rockets just mentioned number 84.

The US Air Force has about 170 F-111 aircraft at Upper Heyford and Lakenheath. These are nuclear-capable and were used to kill hundreds of innocent civilians in Tripoli in 1986. Bombs are stored nearby. They also still have 96 cruise missiles at Greenham Common, over a year after the signing of the INF treaty was supposed to remove them. At Holy Loch in the West of Scotland a US

Navy base services Poseidon submarines and the sea-launched cruise missiles on board. We'd quite like to see all of them go, please Mr Bush, you totally moronic criminal.

Specifically, look at the map on these pages and get in touch with the peace groups in the vicinity. If you live near one, go out and demonstrate in any peaceful way you see fit until all of these bombs have gone. Then we can all go back to being rebellious teenage morons like they all expect us to be.

● John Handelaar



action stations



021 449 3386 or Pete Z at Northern Friends Peace Board, The Grange, Hall Lane, Horsorth, Leeds LS18 5EH.

DEFROSTING FROZEN PEACE 17-19 MARCH

When it comes to peace, do you think you're not doing enough, well enough? Are there difficulties in your group? This weekend has been organised by NFPB (Northern Friends Peace Board) Youthwork project for young people (16-35) to find kindred spirits and solutions. Venue - Pickering Friends Meeting House - 17-19th March 1989. Cost approx £5.

PROCESSED PEACE 6TH MAY

Day workshop to look into how groups work, and how you can enable group discussions to happen, organised by NFPB youthwork project particularly for young people in Yorkshire, although there will be a limited number of places for others. If you're interested in either of these contact Pete Z at the NFPB - see address earlier.

STUDENT CND MARCH 5TH

Meeting to discuss the re-launch of student CND at Aston University 2-5pm, if you are interested or would like further details, then please get in touch with Claire at 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG on 250 4010 x 164.

BREAK THE NUCLEAR CHAIN CAPENHURST WATCH APRIL 22nd

National demo at BNFL's Capenhurst plan on April 22 to mark the 3rd anniversary of Chernobyl. Non-violent direct action is suggested in the form of a chain-in round the fence but groups wanting to take part in other activities are very welcome, provided that they remain totally non-violent. Speakers are being invited, there will be a Christian service,

a women-only gate and a vigil at both gates overnight. Plus creche and toilets. More details and briefing packs available from Capenhurst Watch, c/o Merseyside CND, 24 Hardman St, Liverpool L1 9AX. Donations - made payable to Peace Lobby - very gratefully received.

ST DAVID'S DAY OF ACTION MARCH 1st - SIT DOWN AND BE COUNTED

CND Cymru are supporting a demonstration for peace and Wales on St David's Day at the AWE establishment in Cardiff. The demo will take the form of a mass act of civil disobedience, there will be a sit-down outside the main gate, and other events for those who do not wish to risk arrest. Legal support will be available and we hope to be able to arrange a creche and overnight accommodation for those who need it. Contact AWE Action group: Peter (0222 483340)

FASLANE SPEAKING TOUR

Faslane Peace Camp are organising a speaking tour for the spring. They want to talk to groups about Trident and what is happening at Faslane and Coulport naval bases. If you would like to book a speaker, contact: Faslane Peace Camp, Shandon, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, Scotland. G84 8NT (0436 820901)

APRIL 2 DEMO IN LONDON AGAINST NATO

See page 9 for further details.

NEW YOUTH CND GROUPS

Carshalton YCND - if you would like to get involved please contact Louise Averill, 28 Crichton Road, Carshalton, SM5 3RS (01 643 4013)

Launceston YCND - Tom Wright, 3 Tamar Terrace, Tavistock Road, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 9EU.

Richmond YCND - Donald Branbury, 21 Sheen Park, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UN (01-940 4579)

This page will become a regular in *Sign of the Times*. Its main aim is to inform our membership of what's going on around the country, local campaigns, workshops, dayschools (similar to the *Campaign* listings). Plus there will be space to advertise the fact you're setting up or re-launching a Youth CND group, you need help with an event or anything else vaguely connected with campaigning.

Among this month's contributions . . .

THE GREAT YCND SKILLSKOOL - APRIL 8/9

Everything you and your group ever needed to learn, from public speaking to printing a newsletter plus the possible launch of the groups task force (to boldly set up groups where they have never been done before). It's the event of the century and not to be missed!

If you would like more info or would like to help out, please ring Kath on 021 449 3386. For

more news watch this space - but please make room in your diary.

MILITARISM AND MALE VIOLENCE SATURDAY MAY 20TH

A sequel to the Gender Issue workshop at last year's conference, to further explore issues of gender and violence in our society. All welcome For more details contact Kath on

Hand over the money

London, April 2nd
12 noon Assemble Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park
for a short rally

From 1.30 Leave the park to form a human chain between MoD (Whitehall), DHSS (Elephant and Castle) and Overseas Development Agency (Victoria)

In this way we will be demonstrating our demand that the resources wasted on NATO should go to the places where they are needed.

As with the Aldermaston demo last year, people who cannot actually attend the action will be able to participate in the event by writing messages of support on paper doves. The doves will form part of the action and at the end of the day they will be handed in to the MoD. Preparations are being made to transform a tank into a tractor as it passes down the chain to the Overseas Development Agency.

All groups secs will be sent doves in their next group mailing, but for extra copies write to: **Money for Change, 22-24 Underwood Street, London N1 7JG.** Please enclose SAE and state how many you require.

NATO Spending

Some figures and background information.

- Together, NATO's sixteen nations spend over \$400 billion per year on weapons and armed forces - nearly half the world total.

- The British defence budget for 1988-89 is £19,215 million (19.2 billion). Of this, about £18 billion or 95% is spent on Britain's commitment to NATO.

- Since 1979, spending on defence has risen by 17% in real terms - compared to an increase of around 10% for Education and Science and real decreases in spending on housing, transport and overseas aid. (The health budget has increased by over 30% in the same period but this is accounted for largely by the growing number of old people in Britain.)

- NATO (mostly the US) spends about £100 billion per year on nuclear weapons. Even more resources are spent on conventional weapons -

which is just one of the reasons that conventional disarmament is just as

important as nuclear disarmament in the long term.

- NATO spending also feeds directly into the war and instability outside Europe. The US, Britain, France and West Germany are four of the top five arms exporters in the world (the other is the Soviet Union). Exports to Iran/Iraq totalled over \$20 billion between 1983 and 1987 alone, fuelling the war there. US bases in Britain are used mainly for NATO but they were also used for bombing Libya in 1986. Military 'aid' from NATO countries pours into Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Although the above makes for heavy reading, this information is useful for use in school debates, blinding teachers and generally quoting to one's parents over the early morning cornflakes!

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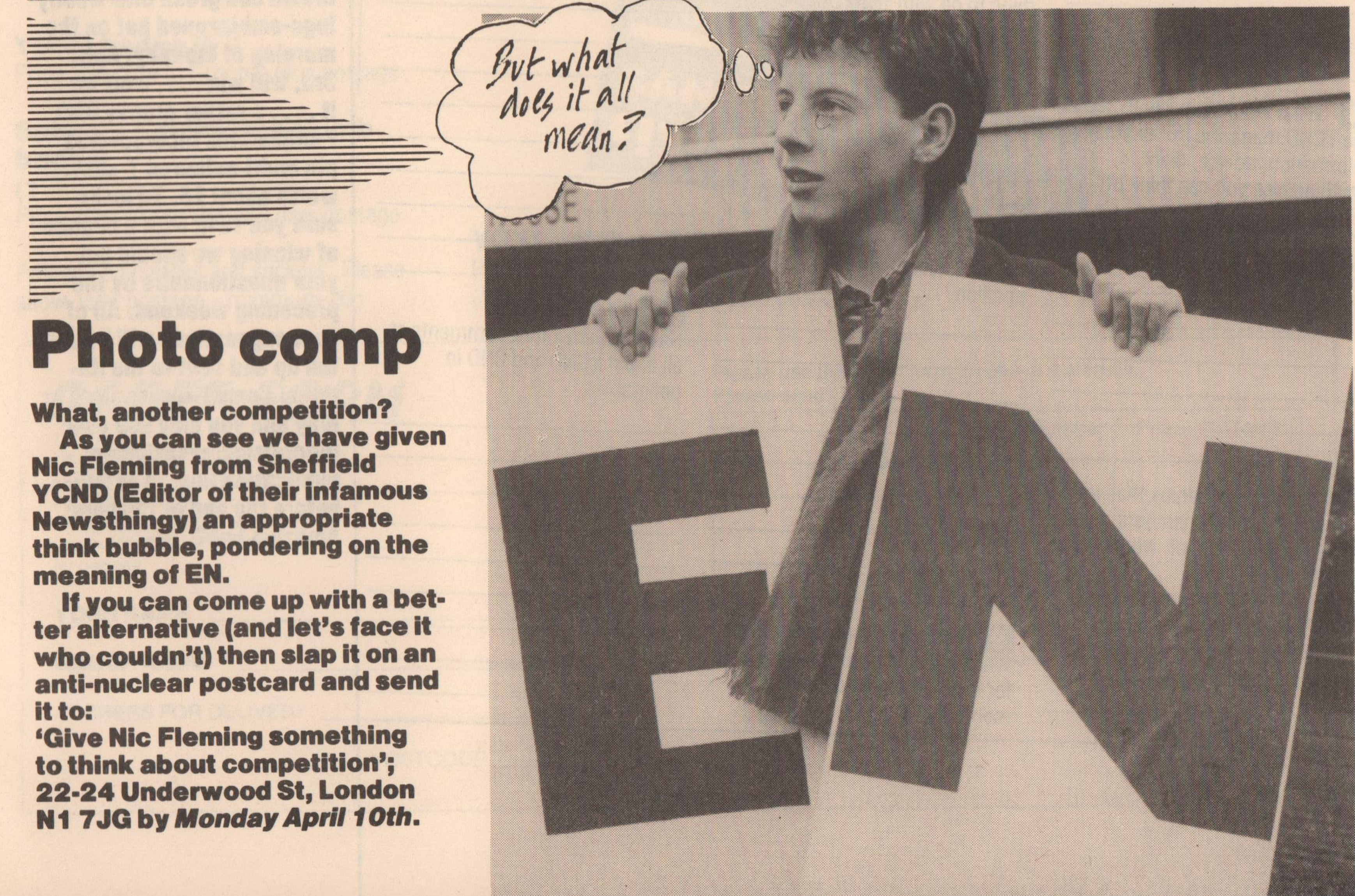


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What, another competition?

As you can see we have given Nic Fleming from Sheffield YCND (Editor of their infamous *Newstingy*) an appropriate think bubble, pondering on the meaning of EN.

If you can come up with a better alternative (and let's face it who couldn't) then slap it on an anti-nuclear postcard and send it to:

'Give Nic Fleming something to think about competition'; 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG by Monday April 10th.

