
NOTTINGHAM CND

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NINTH NOTTINGHAM PEACE FESTIVAL

JULY 9TH. VICTORIA EMBANKMENT

DIARY

JUNE

- Thursday 1st **European Election Forum**
Angel Row Library
- Saturday 3rd **Listergate Stall**
Mapperley Park Peace Group
- Monday 5th **Peace Festival Meeting**
7.30 pm., NCND Office, 33
Castlegate, Nott'm. All Welcome!
- Tuesday 6th **Bulletin Editorial Meeting**
8.00 pm., 20 Waldeck Road,
Sherwood.
- Wednesday 7th **NCND Executive Meeting**
7.30 pm., NCND Office.
- Saturday 10th **Listergate Stall**
- 16/17/18th **Glastonbury Festival**
- Monday 19th **NCND Officers meeting**
7.00 pm., NCND office.
- Tuesday 20th **Bulletin Editorial meeting**
8.00 pm., 20 Waldeck Road.
- Thursday 22nd **JULY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

JULY

- Sunday 2nd **Nottingham Bike Ride**
(details inside)
- Sunday 2nd **Anti Apartheid Sponsored Walk**
(details inside)
- Sunday 9th **Ninth Nottingham Peace Festival**
Victoria Embankment, 12 - 4.00 pm.
- Saturday 22nd **Bruce Kent begins his sponsored walk.**

OCTOBER

- Sunday 22nd **West Midlands CND Concert**
Birmingham Town Hall. B.S.O. play
Mozart (contact: 021 643 4617)

NOVEMBER

- 17 - 19th **CND National Conference**
City University, London.

GET WELL!

We hope that Alison Paechter of Beeston Group, who is at present at Harlow Wood Hospital, will soon be well and all at Nottingham CND send their best wishes for her recovery.

ANTI - APARTHEID SPONSORED WALK

in aid of SWAPO

Sunday July 2nd

meet 10.30 at:

Clarendon College, Mansfield Road

or 11.30 at White Lodge car park/picnic area

on A6, 2 miles west of Ashford in Water.

Join either the 4 or 8 mile round trips.

Further details and sponsorship forms from:
Paul Simmons Tel. 94 44381.

EDITORIAL

This week in politics has been a depressing and exasperating one for those involved in CND. Can it really be that Neil Kinnock and others in the Labour Party have lost their commitment to nuclear disarmament? Can anybody simply change their views as to whether they think nuclear weapons are acceptable or not?

Instead of standing firm on their nuclear disarmament policy, believing in it and convincing the electorate, they seem to have talked themselves into a corner; thinking that the nuclear disarmament issue lost them the last general election.

Their present proposed policy provides instead the dubious advantage of leaving them wide open to attack from all sides and sounding convincing in their response to none of them.

Is there something more sinister going on? Is it Britain's financial dependence on the arms race that is propelling us further away again from nuclear disarmament?



16-17-18 June 1989

The Great Nottinghamshire Bike Ride, July 2nd.

Further to last month's article, now that you've all blown the cobwebs off your bicycles ... Registration forms are available from main libraries in Nottingham or the Rainbow Centre and it costs £1.50 per rider or £4.00 per family group of up to five.

The 50 mile ride starts at Holme Pierrepont at 9.30 a.m.

The 18 mile ride starts at Holme Pierrepont at 11.00 a.m.

N.A.T.O. AND THE QUESTION OF "NUCLEAR MODERNISATION"

NATO is locked in argument about the question it calls "nuclear modernisation".

There are plenty of areas in which NATO badly needs to "modernise" itself. Formed in 1949, its founding Constitution claimed undying allegiance to the United Nations. The preamble of the North Atlantic Treaty, and its first Article, make this clear beyond doubt. However, over the years the disintegration of old colonial empires, and the victories of national independence movements have significantly changed the composition of the United Nations Organisation. Many of us think that this is a powerful change for the better. But the enthusiasm of the United States for United Nations' decisions has continuously diminished throughout that time.

The first modernisation which is necessary for NATO is to abide by its own Constitution. Thus, when Nicaragua took the United States to the World Court, it decided by an overwhelming majority that the training, arming, equipping, financing and supplying of the Contra forces was a breach of international law, and that a whole series of attacks by patrol boats, over-flights, mine-laying operations were all illegal. The International Court is the highest judicial body of the United Nations and its statute forms part of the Charter of the UN. To defy an International Court ruling, (or in this case, a whole string of International Court rulings) is therefore to infringe the Preamble and Article 1 of the North Atlantic Treaty. I wrote to all the NATO Prime Ministers pointing this out, and some acknowledged that the Americans were in the wrong on this matter. But the "modernisation of NAT could, with real benefit to all, begin by the enforcement of its Treaty. Unless this happens, there is one law for superpowers and another for the small fry. This, it need hardly be said, was not the original intention of the UN Charter.

No such healthy discussion is underway in preparation for the Alliance's 40th anniversary summit. On the contrary, the argument is all about how best to change the nuclear weapons which are deployed in Europe, in order to "compensate" for the withdrawal of medium range Pershing and Cruise missiles as a result of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty. All nuclear weapons in the West are undergoing a serious rejigging operation. There has been a crash programme to modernise nuclear artillery, and nuclear howitzers have recently had their range doubled to 30 km. The split about the replacement of the Lance missile follows the fact that the replacement would multiply the old range by four, and thus represent a real threat to the continuation of the INF Treaty. Then there is intense discussion about the deployment of sea-borne Cruise missiles.

The Treaty bans land-based weapons with a range over 500 km. All kinds of military genius is thus being deployed to invent missiles with a range of 499.9 km, or to beef up naval forces or to find any other way to wangle an exit from the agreement signed in Washington.

Mr. Gorbachev, whilst maintaining a constant series of unilateral initiatives to relax the military pressures and ease tensions, gave a very clear warning in his speech at the Guildhall that any decision to modernise short-range nuclear weapons might jeopardise the talks on the reduction of conventional forces, in Vienna.

This is the background to the conflict between President Bush and Mrs. Thatcher on the one side, and Chancellor Kohl and the majority of the European allies on the other. All those who wish to press ahead with agreement on the reduction of nuclear weapons, leading to their ultimate abolition, must hope that the German view prevails.


Long ago in 1980, I was involved in proposing the project for European Nuclear Disarmament, which came to unify the peace movements all across Europe. The idea of creating a nuclear free zone in all Europe is very far from being outdated or irrelevant. At a time when nuclear proliferation runs away around a wide variety of global hot-spots, Europeans have the chance to shape alternative possibilities. They appear to have a powerful ally in Mr. Gorbachev. Will they have the imagination and courage to rise to meet the new possibilities? Unless they do, the world is still in mortal peril.

Ken Coates.




THE LIES, THE RUMOURS AND THE SHOCKING TRUTH

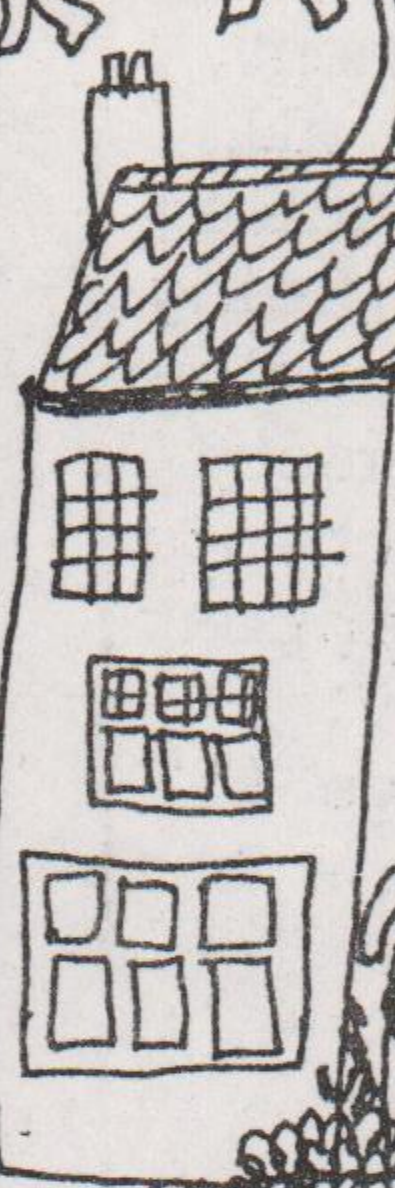
(A HISTORY OF THE WOLLATON PEACE GROUP)




Well, actually the truth isn't as shocking as all that. The group was founded in late 1980 by Martin and Joan Harvey, and Jessie Guillon, who remains active to this day. The original membership was culled from the congregation of Grangewood Church, but has gradually shifted to a broader base in the community as a whole. Early meetings were held in the homes of members and the Willoughby arms, a local pub, before moving to the current venue, Wollaton Library.




Throughout the early '80's Wollaton members were keen activists, attending demonstrations at Greenham Common, Molesworth, Lakenheath, London and Barrow as well as more local events such as the Die-in in the Old Market Square and the demonstration outside Chilwell depot. The campaigning tradition continues to this day, members having paraded our own Wollaton banner on the recent march in London.



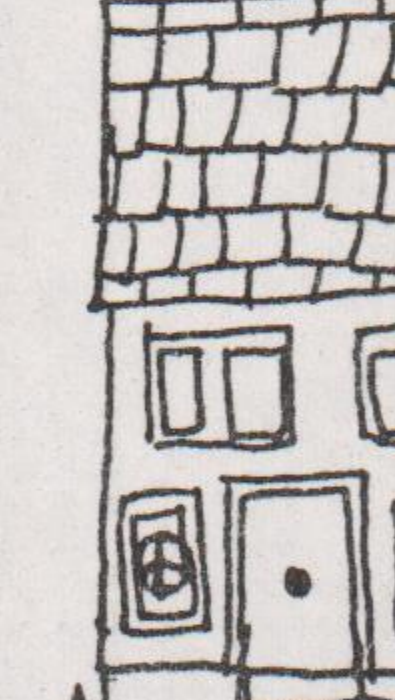
On the home front we continue to take an active part in the public information campaigns. We recently distributed leaflets in the local area and sponsored a poster in the city centre as part of the Spring peace offensive directed against NATO. We will also be staffing the Listergate on four occasions in the forthcoming year.




We still hold regular meetings, on the third Monday in each month, to deal with the business of the group and to discuss politics, current affairs and Nottingham Forest F.C. We try to get as many outside speakers as we can, and have spent interesting evenings hearing about distant places and conflicts, such as the civil war in Nicaragua and the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli occupied territories. At Christmas time, the meeting is turned into a social, with attending members bringing food, wine and more wine. By a strange coincidence this is one of the best attended meetings of the year.




The administration of the group is divided into three areas of responsibility each controlled by a separate member, which means that the workload is fairly widely distributed. Group finances are in a healthy state and are efficiently handled by our treasurer Martha. Funds are raised primarily by an annual jumble sale and a cake stall at the Peace Festival, which enable us to donate to worthy causes such as the Friends of Nicaragua.




Bulletin distribution is organised by Jean, who divides the area into rounds, each of which is covered by a volunteer. Most bulletins are supplemented by a group circular which usually contains information and appeals for help with group activities.




Wollaton contact, delegate to the Nottingham CND executive and all-round super-person (not to mention author of articles) is Phil, who tends to take responsibility for the chaotic state of the groups affairs.



Membership, although well down on the peak figure of 65, is currently holding steady at around 35, with a core of about 10-12 activists. One ex-member was the late Dorothy Green, who left a substantial sum of money to Nottingham CND in her will. As well as being a staunch CND member, Dorothy was an active member of anti-apartheid and human rights groups, and was a conscientious objector in World War 2.



As far as the future is concerned, no drastic changes are planned. Although Wollaton tends to be a Tory stronghold at local elections there is enough latent sympathy in the area to encourage us to continue to advocate the politics of sanity and reason, and enough commitment within the group to enable us to do so.



FOOTNOTE: If any CND members in nearby areas without an active group would like to attend our meetings and/or get involved in our activities, they would be more than welcome.

Phil Orton.

HOW I BECAME INVOLVED IN THE PEACE MOVEMENT

I can't remember when my parents first got a TV set, but it must have been some time after 1959. That was the year Forest won the F.A. Cup Final and I had to visit a friend's house to watch the match.

A year or two later, with me aged 13 or 14, I don't remember who played in the Cup Final, but we now had a TV set and saw news pictures of Ban the Bomb marchers en route to Aldermaston. My mother (and probably my father too) was outraged by the sight of babes in arms and prams being "dragged along" - "what could these poor innocent children know about it?" Precisely!



I must have thought the beatniks and students looked more interesting than the people I saw around me or perhaps I thought they actually had a point.

Rebellious Wailings

I don't recall thinking any more about the subject until I started listening to Bob Dylan in 1963 - aged 16, by now I was wide open to his rebellious wailings against war and injustice - the fact that he didn't sound like something from the Billy Cotton Band Show must have helped.

With songs like "Masters of War", in which he vents his anger against those "who build the big guns ... the death planes ... all the bombs ... who hide behind walls ... who hide behind desks", Dylan perfectly articulated my instinctive feelings. His attack continued ...

"You hide in your mansion while the young peoples' blood flows outa their bodies and is buried in the mud".

This was wonderfully emotive, culminating in the last few lines, addressed to the warmongers:

"I think you will find, when your death takes its toll
All the money you made'll never buy back your soul.
And I hope that you die and your death will come soon,
And I'll follow your casket on a pale afternoon.
And I'll watch while you're lowered down to your earth bed
And I'll stand on your grave 'til I'm sure that you're dead."

Surely even the pacifists among us must have experienced similar feelings.

The same album, The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan, also includes "Blowin' in the Wind" - "how many times must the cannonballs fly before they're forever banned" and the humorous "Talkin' World War III Blues", where he dreams of being the only person left after the bomb - "you can be in my dream if I can be in yours".

Anti-War stance

Having assimilated the message from these songs and others, such as "Universal Soldier", first heard sung by Donovan and later by its writer Buffy St. Marie (whose version still brings a lump to my throat), I maintained an instinctive anti-war stance. This did not translate into any form of action until about 1981, when neighbours Rob and Celia became inspired by E.P. Thompson's visit to the Co-operative Education Centre. They and

many others in Nottingham and around the country, were moved to join up with the few who had kept CND going through the lean years. To their credit, they managed to convince me that, given my instinctive feelings, I should be pushing in the same direction as all the other anti-nuclear campaigners.

Nothing to lose and a lot to gain

I clearly remember thinking that CND was composed largely of earnest wallies (a view apparently still held by the harder "politicos") and I couldn't imagine fitting in. However, it was put to me that I had nothing to lose and a lot to gain, so I eventually gave in and went to my first monthly meeting at the Friends' Meeting House. I naturally became part of Sherwood and Carrington Against Nuclear Weapons, by now a thriving neighbourhood group which, at its peak, held regular meetings of over 30 people. Although SCANW has experienced a similar decline to other groups, it still exists and I am still involved.

Pete Hamshaw.



EXPERIENCES OF

A GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE

They have asked me to write about my experiences as a Green Party candidate in the Nottinghamshire County Council elections last month. I hope what I have to say doesn't offend anyone, but I'll be pleased if it stimulates what is sometimes called "robust debate".

I left the Labour Party some years ago and have been glad that I did so, ever since. As a socialist and a peace campaigner, I found it increasingly difficult to stomach the Labour Party's approach to politics. At best, it seemed inept...at worst, wilfully reactionary. Every week that went by provided more and more evidence that the Labour Party was quite unable to provide a truly radical vision of alternatives to Thatcherism. Indeed, the more closely I looked at Labour Party policies, the more they appeared to be nothing more than the promise of a Thatcherism with a human face....a Thatcherism without the worst excesses.

I began to read some of the many Green books that have become available over the last few years and I found, at last, some radical visions, not perfect or foolproof by any means, but radical and visionary at least.

Take the example of defence and disarmament policy. When I looked at the Labour policies before the '87 election, I felt embarrassed. One big map on the front cover, showing Britain thrusting off the page to envelop Europe and the best part of Africa. Inside, I found talk of "hunter killer submarines", to replace our nuclear

"deterrent". No vision. No idea of Britain having to change its approach to foreign policy if it is to have a sane defence policy. No examination of what the deep underlying causes of conflict in the world might be. It was embarrassing and depressing.

In the Green manifesto, we find foreign policies designed to end the arms race altogether; to change international trading relations, to tackle famine and hunger in the Third World. We find a commitment to immediate and unconditional nuclear disarmament as a "moral imperative"; arms conversion programmes; cut defence spending; a ban on arms sales abroad.

I decided, at last, to join the Green Party and to stand in the local elections, with a view to building up the local Party's profile and "flushing out" potential new members. The reactions I met from people were interesting. Many of them said, "Oh, we see you have gone political now", in the same tone as they might have said, "We see you've become an informer for M125 now". I found this very strange, because I had always felt that I'd been political all along. Many of my friends in the peace movement clearly have a deep distrust of anything "political". I must tell them that nearly everything we do in life is political, especially struggling for peace.

Some socialist acquaintances were visibly upset that I had gone over to the Greens. When they looked at the Green movement, they obviously saw nothing of any exciting possibilities. They saw only a threat. They appeared to see my move to the Greens, as a move away from socialism, a kind of betrayal. This struck me as quite sad, for it demonstrated a rather limited view of the long term prospects for political change in this country. It struck me as unimaginative.

So, I stood in the election, in the division of Sherwood. To cut a long story short, we achieved everything we'd set out to do. We raised the issues of Green politics and contacted several people who either wanted to join us or find out more information about what we stood for. Surprisingly, we also did rather well in the poll, receiving a total of 329 votes, just over 8.7% of the votes cast.

The Conservative candidate actually held the seat, though with a reduced majority, beating Labour by 192 votes. The Democrat vote collapsed, in line with the national trends, presumably because of the "muddle in the middle".

It turned out that the Labour Party in Sherwood was now furious at the Greens for "taking their votes" and so robbing them of a famous victory. I don't really want to waste time now, speculating

about whether all 329 Green voters really were ex-Labour supporters or whether they came from across the political spectrum. What I would like to do is pick up one or two of the issues that this election result throws up and the possible implications for future parliamentary elections.



Chris Winn, from *Friends of the Earth Handbook* (see page 58)

1. The Greens didn't "take anyone else's votes". You don't own votes, (unless perhaps you're General Noriega). You try and win them. The Labour Party can't afford to behave as if it is the natural party of radical dissent and the sole keeper of the Wisdom and the Word of social progress. It isn't.

2. The point is that Green policies are different from Labour policies. It is arrogant of the Labour Party to dismiss their lost supporters as mistaken or wrong-headed.

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3. The truth is that the Labour Party has been "taking" Green/radical votes for years, simply because there hasn't been a Green candidate for voters to support. Many voters put their cross by Labour because they're the best of a bad lot. I had phone calls from all over the city asking if there was a Green candidate in their district.

4. It is the first-past-the-post electoral system that has kept the field clear for Labour and allowed them to "take" Green votes for so long. The Labour Party is opposed to electoral reform because it is terrified that Proportional Representation would allow smaller parties to win parliamentary seats at their expense. This being so, it really is a bit much for Labour to complain about smaller parties like the Greens, taking 8%-9% of their vote and, consequently, "letting the Conservatives in". Those that live by first-past-the-post.

5. The Labour Party must wake up. The Green movement is here and is here to stay. It is foolish to dismiss it as a "flash in the pan"; as flavour of the month. Foolish and, again, arrogant. The Labour Party will have to come to terms with the fact that there are millions of people in this country who are appalled at the disastrous ways in which the very existence of our planet is being threatened. Labour isn't even asking the right questions, never mind coming up with the right answers. The Green movement will grow and will win an increasing amount of support. The Labour Party had better get used to it ... not just wish they would quietly disappear.

I have joined the Green Party because it is the only political party in this country that seeks to challenge the lunatic policies of greedy, selfish, murderous industrial growth. I have joined the Green Party because it is searching for a vision of the world where wars and famine are a thing of the past and is prepared to face up to the reality of living on a finite planet.

If I've learned one thing from my involvement with the Peace Movement over the last five or six years, it is that radical responses are needed to the problems we face in the modern world. "Radical", I am told, comes from a word meaning "root". The Green Party does at least try to get to the root of things.

That's more than can be said for the "major" parties.

PETE STRAUSS.

Next month's Bulletin will feature further articles on members responses to the present political scene.

MUSIC REVIEW - "STAR PEACE"

"STAR PEACE" - A Musical Drama in Three Acts. The FUGS. New Rose Records. (Rose 115CD - 1987)

A short opera, (75 mins.) performed by a New York group who, in the late 1960s, were promoting the peaceful overthrow of self-indulgent capitalism; through the medium of satire, set to rock music. Never shy of using classical forms in that period of comparative general affluence in the West, they have used some of those former foundations for this piece. Styled in the mode of romantic opera, they produce a plot for today.

The title, a euphemism cunningly invented during the first act from what we know as Star-Wars or the Strategic Defence Initiative. Then the tragic love story of Louisa Townsend and Robert Wood, research scientists within the U.S. space warfare research and development apparatus, is thwarted by the arms wheelers and dealers. Forced to live

Star Peace
A MUSICAL DRAMA IN THREE ACTS
by
Edward Sanders
(aided and abetted by Steven Taylor)
Performed by a special, expanded version of
THE FUGS
Edward Sanders, Tull Kupferberg, Steven Taylor, Coby Batty, Scott Petito,
Marilyn Crispell, Anne Jacobsen, Larry Brody, Leslie Ritter and Amy Fradon

apart when Robert joins the Green movement branded "Traitor" by his peers at Star Peace Command, after he dreams of Leonardo da Vinci's vision of a weapon so terrible it must be kept secret from "the evil nature of man" who would use it for war and assassination.

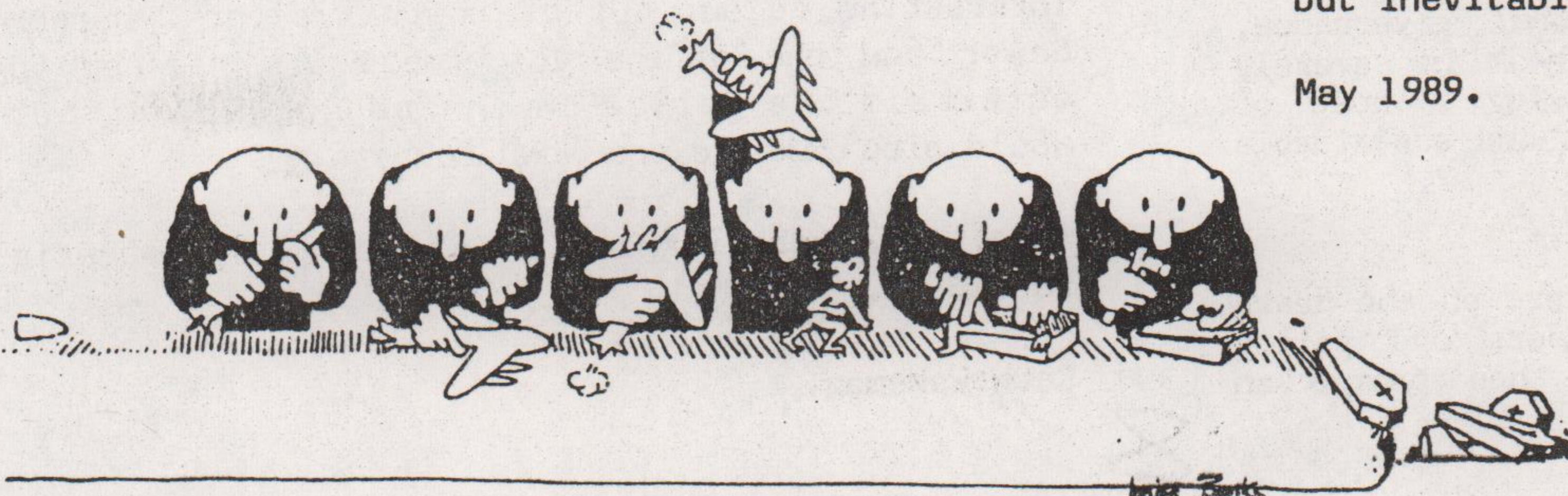
The final outcome is the death of the heroine in a car crash at the hands of General Boomer, head of Star Peace Command, crazed with power and jealous love. The music, Louisa's aria, the casting and engineering, make this a piece I would compare with Puccini's finest; the poignancy and tragedy equal to Tosca, Turandot, Boheme or Mme. Butterfly.

The anthem, "Protest and Survive", from Act 11, rises, soars and lingers, long after the goose pimples have receded.

I eagerly await the UK premiere - in the distant but inevitable future.

May 1989.

ROD LANGFORD.



THE PEACE CAMPAIGNER'S LATEST MILITARY MANUAL.

Norman Myers on peace and Gaia's contribution to it
by kind permission of The Guardian.

Peace is more than the absence of war. But what actually is it? What does it mean in the workaday world? And if we could define it in operational terms, how would we get from here to there?

Seers Baffled.

That is another question that has baffled seers for a while, as witness Aristotle: "It is more difficult to organise for peace than to win war." Could it be this problem that explains why the recently established US Institute of Peace has a budget for the first two years of \$4 million, or about one two-hundredth of what the Pentagon spends each day? It's as if we aren't sure we'd prefer to labour in the vineyards of peace than where the grapes of wrath are stored.

Ecological Perpetuity.

According to Pope John Paul, peace is development, in the sense of satisfaction of basic human needs - and the Pope emphasises that it must be sustainable development insofar as it watches out for the environmental underpinnings of our material welfare. To be more precise, then, could we define peace as the positive presence of essential well-being, plus social justice and human opportunity, in ecological perpetuity?

Ironically there is a further linkage between peace and development. It is precisely the mechanisms of war - the arms race and other military expenditures - that make development all the less likely.

\$900 billion a year.

Lester Brown and his associates at the Worldwatch Institute in Washington DC have analysed some key factors of sustainable development, notably food and health, population planning, soil conservation, reforestation and stabilised climate and they have come up with a rough-and-ready estimate of costs overall, a cool \$150 billion a year till the year 2000. The only suitable-scale source of funds lies with military budgets that now consume, at least, \$900 billion a year. As long as these military outlays distort our economies, the more distant the day when we can get around to true development.

As Willy Brandt has put it, "Every minute the world spends close to \$3 million on ways to kill people and every minute 30 children under the age of five die of hunger or lack of clean water or easily preventable diseases." And as President Eisenhower put it more than 30 years ago, "The problem in defence spending is to figure how far you should go without destroying from within what you are trying to defend from without."

Peace the norm?

Suppose we could ever put our economies on a demilitarised footing, what would our world be like where peace became the norm? It is to answer questions such as these that Gaia Books Limited have produced another remarkable publication, The Gaia Peace Atlas. The general editor, Professor Frank Barnaby (former head of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) and his backup team of researchers, artists and designers, have produced a sumptuously illustrated book that explores peace in its multiple dimensions.

We are guided through the roots of conflict and the sources of peace, arms races of sundry sorts and peace procedures of limited sorts, North-South relations and the INF Treaty, future law and global governance, terrorism and peace movements. The book is severely practical for the most part, proposing a host of strategies for both immediate survival and sustainable peace.

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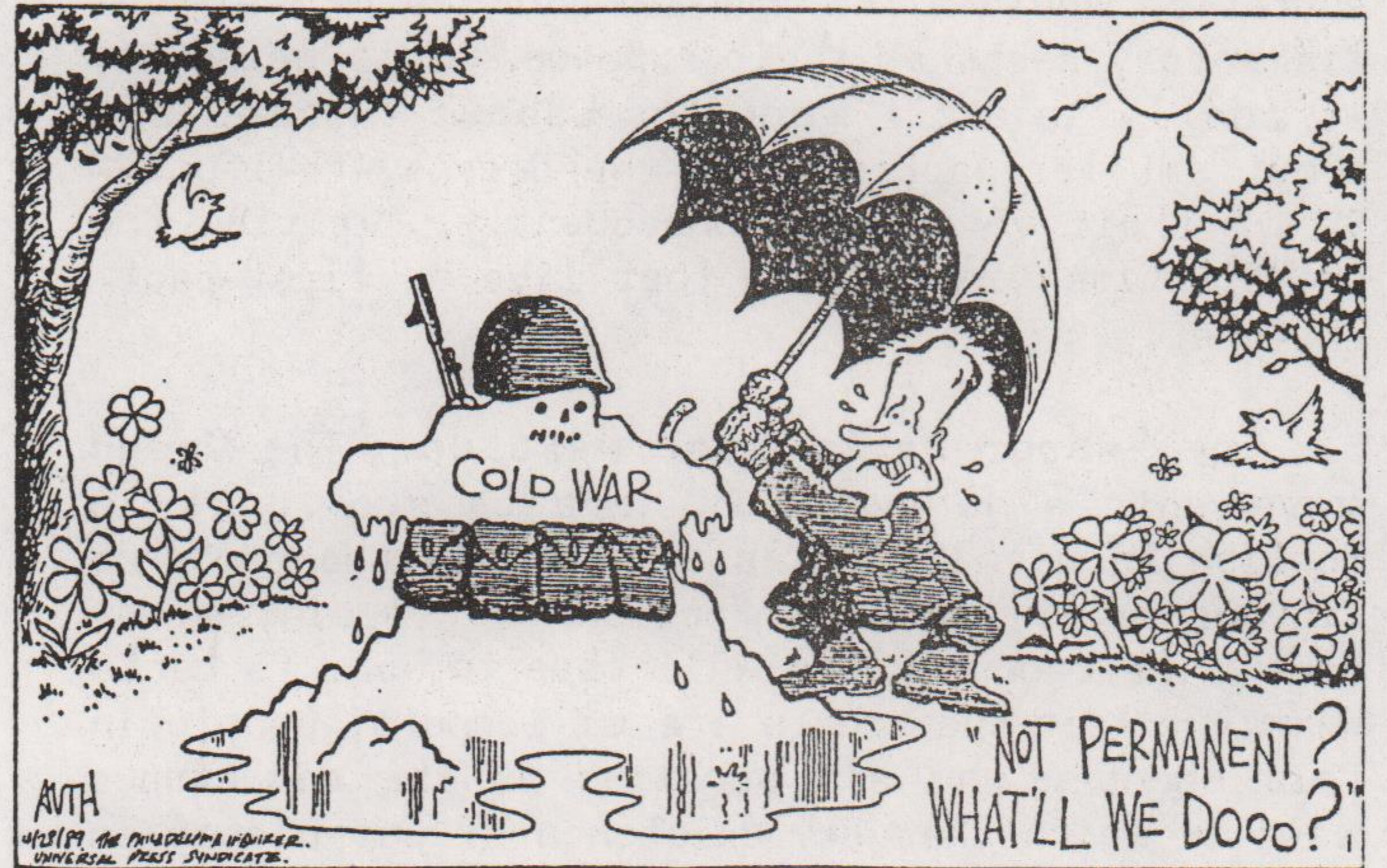
If only this book could become a fixture on the desks of military planners, political leaders and policy maker of every stripe. It might then prompt an

examination of some basic "givens" of defence policy, factors that have not been evaluated for decades and that should be appraised every few months.

Consider, for instance, the aims and activities of the US Rapid Deployment Force in the Persian Gulf. One year's spending on this force, if diverted into programmes to weatherproof buildings in the United States, would virtually eliminate the need for US oil imports - and thereby eliminate the RDF's mission.

** The Gaia Peace Atlas. General Editor -
Frank Barnaby,

Gaia Books Ltd. and Pan Publishers, London.
£19.95 hardback and £12.95 paperback.



NCND OFFICE BREAK IN!

Jeremy Jago's role as office co-ordinator has taken on a new dimension this week, as the office has had not just one break-in but two in the space of two weeks - both through the back room.

Does somebody somewhere know something we don't about the contents of our office? Has the black market demand for vintage CND and Peace Festival badges suddenly taken off? Or is it a challenge to Jeremy's multiple talents as lock changer, key duplicator, glazier, carpenter and police liaison person?

Hopefully this isn't going to be a regular occurrence and fortunately, on neither occasion, the thieves did not get into the inner enclaves of our office space. It does explain, however, why we have decided to leave the bulletin cupboard without a lock and why there has been some confusion over keys - hopefully, again, now resolved.

Perhaps you should come down to the office (at the conventional times and by the conventional route please!) and discover what it is that proves so interesting to our out of hours visitors. Doreen Gower and the office volunteers are pleased to entertain the police on the odd occasion, but would also like to see NCND members.

Also, if somebody knows of a glazier sympathetic to CND ...

Cath Wakeman.

NOTTINGHAM'S NINTH PEACE FESTIVAL

This is the last bulletin likely to reach you before the Peace Festival on July 9th. Writing this 52 days before the event, I am lost for words. All the traditional parts of the Festival are being organised by a hardworking team, so far without raised voices. Children's entertainments once again include Bascop from Exeter, with their monster size blow-up ball, not seen last year, which was rain stop play. There will be musicians (and, we hope, dancers) on and off stage, plenty of refreshments and stalls of all kinds. The exhibition marquee comes this year for the first time from Nottm Friends of the Earth. No promises, but there could also be a mystery celebrity.

We want to see you there, of course, but we also want volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Monday, too, for physical help. Putting on an event for very little money means borrowing things rather than hiring them - and this in turn needs voluntary labour. Don't leave it all to the drudges.



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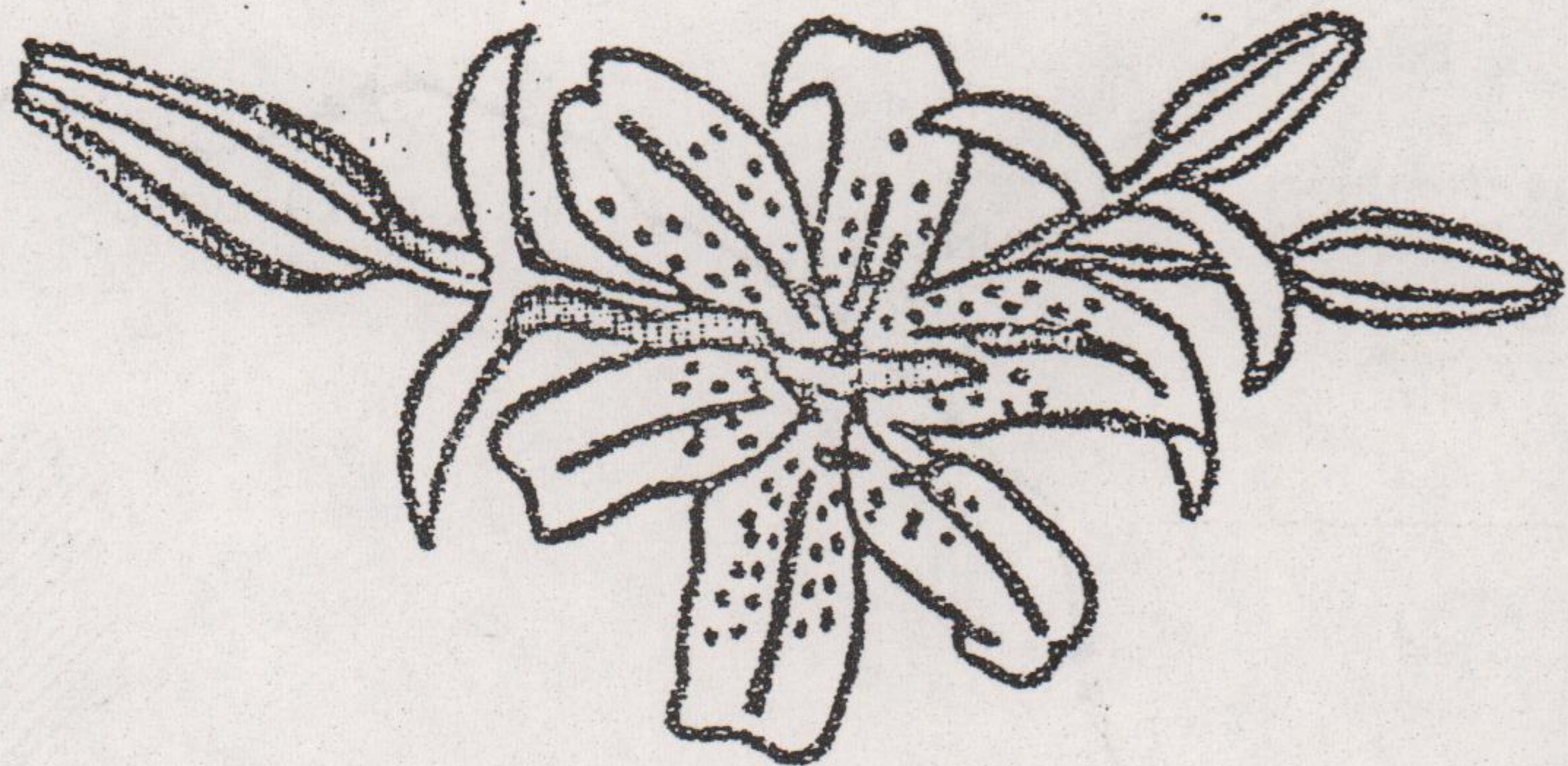
At the beginning of 1983, applications for membership were flooding into the NCND Office. Since its inception in 1980, a thousand members had joined. Their names had been computerised and Neighbourhood Group Lists were being printed for distribution of bulletins.

Applications were processed once a week. This involved entering names and addresses in the Membership Book; issuing a membership card and forwarding the information to the computer operator.

DIFFICULTIES

This system seemed straight forward until it came to renewals. Reminders were being sent out the month before the subscription became due, followed by an Urgent Reminder two months later. (We are currently making a telephone call after three months before lapsing members still outstanding.) We found we were being overwhelmed with clerical work: each month addressing approx. a hundred Reminders, another hundred Urgent Reminders, addressing over a hundred labels for postal bulletins in addition to our usual processing of new members.

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That really is all. Apparently there's a potted history of the Festival being written - I'd be no help as I came in year 5. The only history for me is a series of trivial memories like the year everybody seemed to mis-hear the title as "Police Festival" and gave odd glances ... or the time a geriatric yob drank my raffle prize, suddenly appeared on stage and fell off ... or when the likelihood of one of the bands rolling a sheep's head on stage (a typical tedious macho heavy-metal gesture) led to our ruling that not only food stalls, but acts, had to be meat-free.

If you can volunteer, phone 970 822987. See you there.

JEREMY JAGO.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

In the majority of cases, the Reminder forms - which have the month of renewal entered on them - were not returned with the subscription which meant we had to check lists to separate the renewals from new members.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Order did come out of chaos and for this we are indebted to Arthur Mitchell, one of our long-standing members. Arthur has reprogrammed the computer to accommodate most of our problems. Postal labels are now printed, plus renewal labels each month. We have a complete alphabetical list of members, updated monthly, plus an alphabetical list of lapsed members.

FINAL PLEA.

With updated material arriving all the time, mistakes do happen, but we make every effort to keep them to a minimum. All members could help significantly by either considering a subscription standing order or returning membership money promptly, TOGETHER WITH THE REMINDER FORM, which shows us which month your card is temporarily filed under.

THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM.

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Setting the pace for a nuclear-free Britain!

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- represents beginning and end of each day
- represents public meeting (M) or event (E)



BRUCE KENT'S SPONSORED
WALKABOUT
JULY 24TH - AUGUST 6TH

Dear Nottingham CND

As you will know Bruce Kent is doing another fundraising walk for CND this summer. He will be starting from Aldermaston on 24 July, walking around London, and ending at Burghfield on 6 August. This route links atomic weapons research with nuclear weapon manufacture and the decision-making capital. It passes through mainly conservative areas, where people still need a lot of convincing of our arguments!

Instead of walking on main roads, as in the past, this walk will be on well-used footpaths and by-ways and some minor roads. It passes through villages and beauty-spots and so there will be more opportunity for dialogue than with the speeding motorists of previous walks. This type of route also makes it possible for more people to join in the walk - whereas in the past people have had to be deterred for safety reasons - this time the more the merrier!

Although the walk is in the south east, we would like it to be as much of a national event as possible, and so want to encourage Areas and Regions in other parts of the country to choose a day and come and join in.

A brief outline of the route is attached (each days walking starts at 0900 and ends at about 1700), more detailed information is available from either of us, and we would be happy to discuss the walk with you.

Please discuss this in your area/region and let us know which day you would like to join in. If you can't manage to send anyone to join the walk itself, there will be an event at Burghfield, at 1300 on 6 August, to mark the end of the walk and to commemorate Hiroshima Day - it would be good if your area/region was represented.

We look forward to hearing from you,
with best wishes

David

David Rumsey

Wendy Pullum

- Mon 24 July
Start: ALDERMASTON, end: GORING
Public meeting: READING
- Tues 25 July
Start: GORING, end: CHINNOR
Public meeting: CHINNOR
- Wed 26 July
Start: CHINNOR, end: BERKHAMSTED
Public meeting: BERKHAMSTED
- Thurs 27 July
Start: nr BERKHAMSTED, end: HATFIELD
Public meeting: HATFIELD
- Friday 28 July
Start: HATFIELD, end: NAZEING
Public meeting: HARLOW
- Sat 29 July
Start: NAZEING, end: BRENTWOOD
Public meeting: BRENTWOOD
(Sun 30 July, Rest-day)
- Mon 31 July
Start: nr BRENTWOOD, end: GRAVESEND
Public meeting: GRAVESEND
- Tues 1 August
Start: GRAVESEND, end: KEMSING
Public meeting: SEVENOAKS
- Wed 2 August
Start: KEMSING, end: GODSTONE
Public meeting: CATERHAM
- Thurs 3 August
Start: GODSTONE, end: RANMORE COMMON
Public meeting: DORKING
- Fri 4 August
Start: RANMORE COMMON, end: HAMPTON PARK
Public meeting: GUILDFORD
- Sat 5 August
Start: HAMPTON PARK, end: BURGHFIELD
Public meeting: BASINGSTOKE
- Sun 6 August
Start: BURGHFIELD, end: BURGHFIELD
Event: BURGHFIELD



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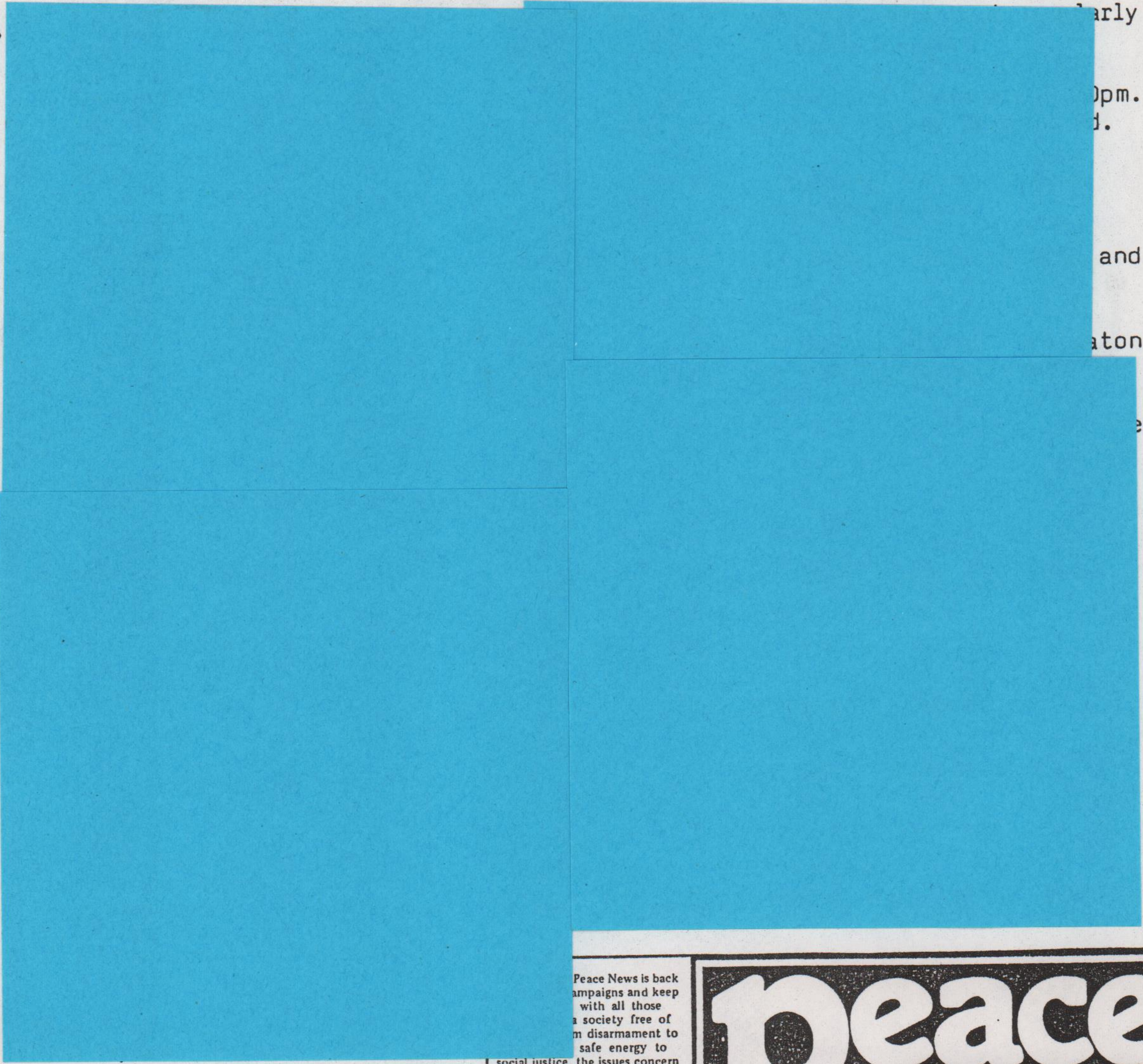
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- ILKESTON
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- MANSFIELD
- MAPPERLEY
- MAPPERLEY PARK
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- RAVENSHEAD
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TO CND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

URGENT HEALTH WARNING

The activities of a small sub-group have been cause for concern for some time. During July each year, Peace Festival organisers are sighted driving vans and carrying heavy loads around Nottingham with the blank expression of a sleepwalker. Physical toil on top of organisational drudgery is now known to be dangerous to health.



After the 1986 event one unlucky member was reduced to a pitifully weak physical and mental state, totally incapable of coherent thought, and took to wandering aimlessly, listening to Ultravox tapes.

THE REMEDY

is obvious and urgent. Volunteers are needed over the period Friday 7 July to Monday 10 July to share the work of lifting, loading & carrying. PLEASE come forward - even if you can spare only a short time. The sad member described above was last seen buying a suction-cup Garfield and is beyond help but the others can still be saved - IF you act now.

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