

Events

Friday 21-Sunday 23 February

Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp 3rd weekend gathering. Learn more about the base.

☎ Contact: 01943 468593.

Saturday 22 February

10.00am-5.00pm: 'Stopping The Torture Trade' - a one-day conference organised by CAAT. At the Caxton House Community Centre, 129 St. John's Way, London N19 3RQ.

☎ Contact: 0171 281 0297.

Saturday 22 February

10.30am-5.00pm: Labour Action for Peace AGM with guest speaker Tony Benn. At the Quaker International Centre, Byng Place, London WC1 7JJ.

☎ Contact: 0171 820 9709.

Tuesday 4 March

10.30am-5.00pm: MOX- the next technical fix for the nuclear industry? One-day seminar at the Old Town Hall, Carlisle.

☎ Contact: 01768 898 641.

Sunday 9 March

7.30pm: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms (MANA) presents The

Artsong Collective at Lauderdale House, Highgate, London N6. Tickets £6/£4.50.

☎ Contact: 0181 455 1030.

Thursday 13 March

7.30pm: MANA Benefit Concert at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. Tickets: £15/- £12/£9 Reserved and £6 on the door. Proceeds to MANA and Chernobyl Children's Project.

☎ Contact: 0181 455 1030.

Monday 17 March

7pm: Public meeting on Menwith Hill spy base with the US-based Citizens for Peace in Space at Leeds Civic Hall. To be confirmed.

☎ Contact: 01274 730 795.

Friday 21 March

7.30pm: MANA members present A Spring Pot-Pourri at The Fraser Nobel Hall, Leicester University. Tickets: £5/£4.

☎ Contact: 0116 252 2781.

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Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp Spring Equinox gathering.

☎ Contact: 01943 468593.

Peace Camps

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp
Second weekend of each month.

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

Burghfield Women's Peace Camp
Last weekend of each month.

☎ Contact: 01703 554434. 30 West Wood Rd, Southampton SO17 1DN

Faslane Peace Camp

Permanent and gatherings on the first weekend of every month.

☎ Contact: 01436 820901. A814, near Shandon, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, Scotland G84 8HT

Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp (Permanent).

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

Sellafield Women's Peace Camp

Last weekend of every other month. Next date 28-30 March.

☎ Contact: 01706 812663. c/o Peace House, 34 Byron St, Todmorden, W Yorkshire OL14 5HS.

Regular Events

First Tuesday of the month

7.30am-9.30am: Vigil outside AWE Burghfield

☎ Contact: 01734 341069

First Saturday of the month

Quaker mixed gathering for peace at Menwith Hill

☎ Contact: Anni 01943 466405

WE think it's important that CND groups and members should know who to contact at the National office, so near the beginning of each year we hope to print an up-to-date staff list.

Staff at Holloway Road

Campaigns Team:

Tony Myers (Campaigns, Campaign and Conference)
William Peden (Campaigns, Parliamentary and Press)
Lionel Trippett (Peace Education)
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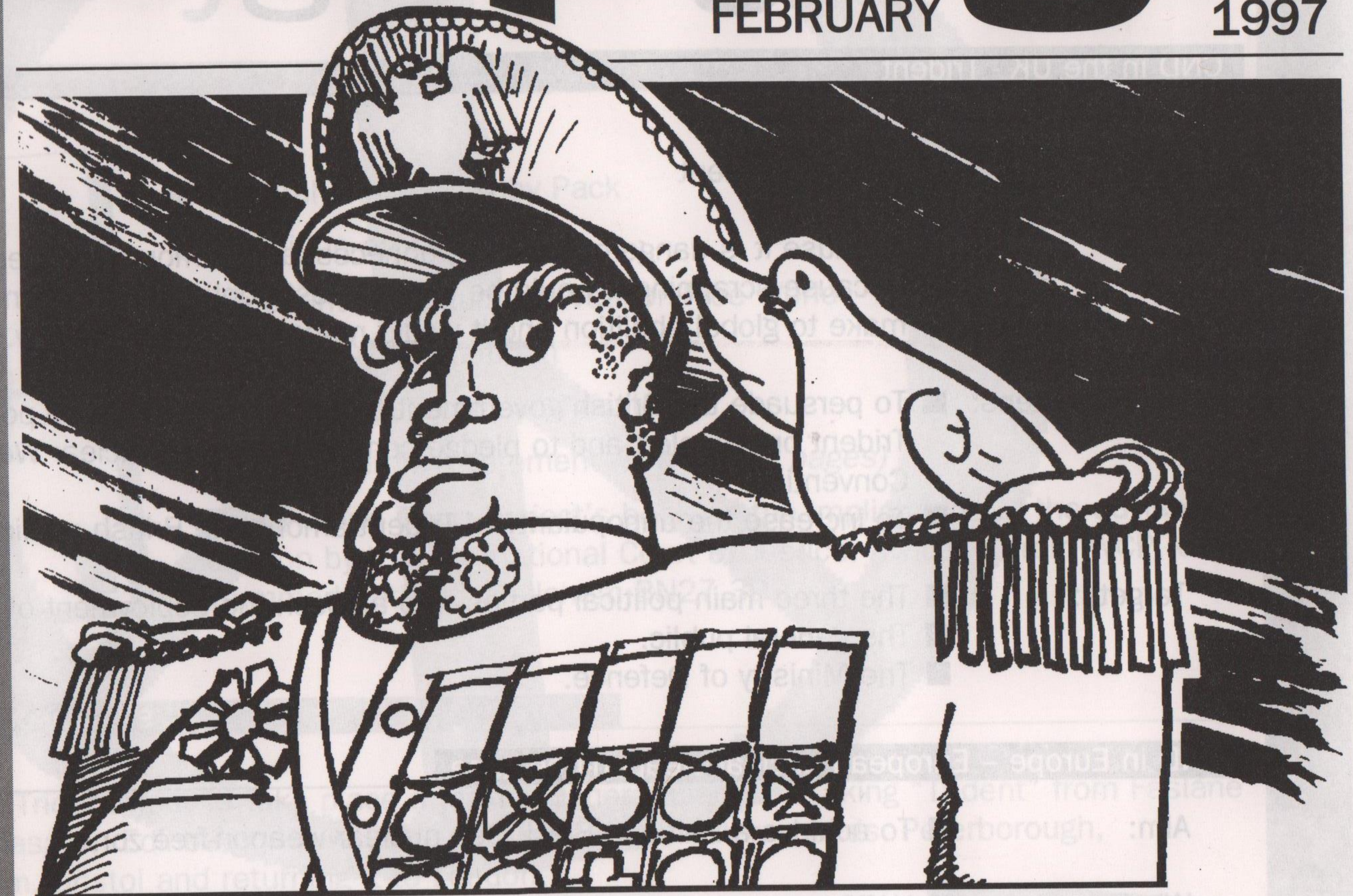
Staff in Regions and Nations

Stephen Abrahall (Mid-Somerset CND and Bristol & West Region)
John Ainslie (Scottish CND)
John Brierley (Yorkshire CND)
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David Polden (London Region CND)
Linda Walker (Greater Manchester and District CND)

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Abolition 2000
- a global network
to eliminate nuclear
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Military coup for peace

William Peden, Campaigns Worker

December saw 61 Admirals and Generals from Britain and all over the world calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

One of the signatories was General Lee Butler, who is not just any retired general. For 33 years he was involved in every aspect of US nuclear weapons planning. He's been in the bomber cockpits, on the submarines and in the missile silos. Under President George Bush, he personally selected thousands of targets in the former Soviet Union for mass destruction. He literally had his 'finger on the button.' Now, less than three years into retirement, he has become an outspoken advocate of nuclear disarmament.

General Andrew Goodpaster, ret., formally joined General Butler in this statement and told the National Press Club in Washington that reducing the world's nuclear weapons arsenals "is an issue that ranks in

the highest order of importance for American security (and that of others) in the coming century."

The statement was signed by General Sir Hugh Beach (ret.), Field Marshal Lord Michael Carver (ret.), Brigadier Michael Harbottle (ret.) and Air Commodore Alastair Mackie (ret.) from Britain. Also by Generals and Admirals from Canada, Denmark,

**"Nuclear weapons are
inherently dangerous,
hugely expensive
and militarily inefficient...."**

General Lee Butler (retired)

France, Ghana, Greece, India, Japan, Jordan, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Russia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and the United States. It began: "We, military professionals, who have devoted our lives to the national security of our countries and our peoples, are

convinced that the continuing existence of nuclear weapons in the armories of nuclear powers, and the ever-present threat of acquisition of these weapons by others, constitutes a peril to global peace and security and to the safety and survival of the people we are dedicated to protect." (See article on the centre pages).

Plan for 97
see page 2

Setting the goals for the year ahead

CND in the UK - Trident

- Aim:**
- To scrap Trident
- Why?**
- Because it is dangerous, costly, unnecessary, immoral and illegal.
 - Because scrapping it would be the greatest contribution Britain could make to global abolition and it would respect international law.
- Positive Steps:**
- To persuade the British government to declare a no-first-use policy, to put Trident on low alert and to pledge commitment to a Nuclear Weapons Convention.
 - To increase the unpopularity of Trident among the British public.
- Targets:**
- The three main political parties who all back the deployment of Trident.
 - The general public.
 - The Ministry of Defence.

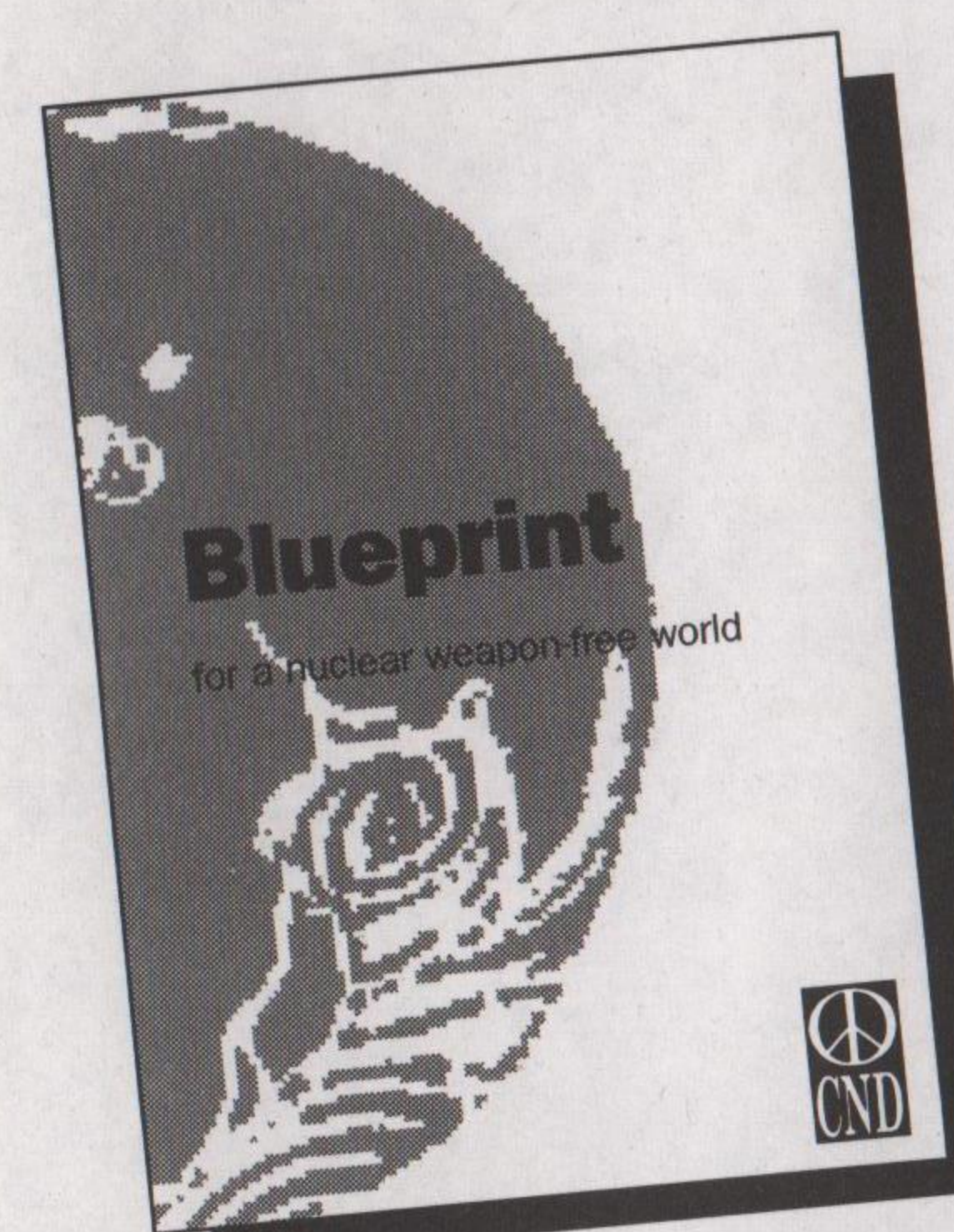
CND in Europe – European nuclear weapon-free zone

- Aim:**
- To achieve a Baltic to Black Sea nuclear weapon-free zone.
- Why?**
- NATO expansion and the destabilisation of Eastern Europe.
 - Anglo-French nuclear collaboration, particularly on weapons development.
 - The nuclear components of any possible European Union Common Security Policy.
- Positive Steps:**
- To publicise the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which is dedicated to non-military solutions to conflict.
 - To establish links with other groups in Europe.
- Targets:**
- Political parties in Europe and the European Parliament.
 - British and European Local Authorities, via local twinning networks, the Nuclear Free Local Authorities and European peace groups.

CND in the world – Abolition 2000

- Aim:**
- To have a Nuclear Weapons Convention for the global abolition of nuclear weapons, signed by the year 2000.
- Why?**
- I think we all know why!
- Positive Steps:**
- The ten points in our *Blueprint for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World*.
- Targets:**
- The British government and the general public.
 - The UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

Tools



- General Election Lobby Pack
- Exhibition on Trident
- Blueprint for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World
- Abolition 2000 petition
- New Trident leaflet and poster
- The Generals' Statement (*see centre pages*)
- The World Court Project's book on the implications of the advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice. Available from WCP, 67 Summerheath Rd, Hailsham BN27 3DR.

Campaign programme

- 'Traffickin' Trident' tour to take place after the General Election. Taking "Trident" from Faslane through Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Carlisle, Manchester, Leeds, Peterborough, Birmingham, Bristol and returning it to London.
- A postcard campaign in the summer.
- Possible legal action against Trident.
- Direct Action against Trident around Hiroshima Day.
- Party Conferences in the autumn.
- "Stop Nuclear Traffickin'" Week of Action in late autumn to stop the convoys.
- Winter '97 campaign – 'Peace is for Life, Not Just for Christmas'.



On-going resources



- CND campaigning materials including leaflets, posters and briefings. (*See order form on page 7*).
- CND Peace Education: from school project to college thesis. For more information, contact Lionel Trippett at the CND office.
- Peace Camps for action, witness and support. (*See page 8*).
- CND Specialist Sections. For information on Youth & Student CND, Christian CND and Trade Union CND, contact them c/o the CND office.

This plan is based on the Conference priorities in the context of our overall strategy and will be discussed at the February meeting of the CND Council.

Disarmament gains an army of support

William Peden, Campaigns Worker

In 1996, pressure for the worldwide abolition of nuclear weapons grew enormously, with individuals and organisations not normally associated with our point of view joining our ranks. The year ended with the incredible statement from the 61 Generals and Admirals calling for an end to nuclear weapons.

CND played its part with our *Blueprint for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World*, our *General Election Pack*, all our efforts to end French and eventually all nuclear testing, as well as our day to day campaigning to keep the issue alive and in the public mind.

1997, however, is not a year for complacency. Because of the growing worldwide call for disarmament, a clearly worried establishment is starting to fight back and the pressure is mounting. In the last month we have seen articles and an editorial in the *Economist*, in the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* saying that the abolition call is 'naïve' and using the old argument that 'nuclear weapons cannot be disinvented'.

Interestingly, despite this, most of the pro-bomb pieces, while they may oppose complete nuclear disarmament, favour steps to reduce tension, such as taking nuclear forces off alert, removing the warheads to shore and further START talks. It is just the final steps they balk at.

CND and peace movements all over the world have a tough year ahead of them. With a general election coming up, CND has to think seriously about how to keep

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the issue alive during this period and how we then tackle the issue with a new government.

There are a number of key international events:

■ **The Conference on Disarmament** resumes negotiations on 20 January. The first session will be devoted to sorting out the agenda for the rest of the year. We have to ensure they stay on

track and do not get sidelined into petty arguments.

■ **The Comprehensive Test Ban Preparatory Committee** will be trying to establish the organisation that will run the Treaty's verification regime. This could again collapse into political squabbling over which country gets which key job.

■ **The NPT Preparatory Committee** will be meeting in April. Again, it is important that it does not get bogged down in discussions about procedure. It should be tackling substantive issues such as the aims and objectives agreed to at the NPT Review Conference and what has been done to achieve them. Have the nuclear weapons states, for



instance, been fulfilling their Article VI commitments?

All of these events can be affected and kept on track through lobbying of representatives by phone, fax and

abolition. They are determined to govern the pace, possibilities and prospects for further progress. For example, they are resisting the setting up of an 'ad-hoc committee on nuclear disarmament' at the CD in Geneva. The US has decided to carry out a series of sub-critical tests in Nevada and has agreed a multi-billion dollar programme of 'Stockpile Stewardship' to maintain the present US stockpile and provide a capability for new nuclear weapons designs in the future. We are also seeing increased cooperation between the US, France and Britain on nuclear weapons in order to maintain the status quo.

1997 will also see problems arising from the expansion of NATO. This could seriously sour relations between the West and Russia (see feature article in the March edition of *CND Today*). A US/Russia summit in March could see the beginning of START III negotiations. But if START II and the Chemical Weapons Convention are not ratified by then and the Russian Duma and US Congress and Senate continue to be pig-headed, then the prospects are not good.

Wars, conflict and tension abound all over the world. The Middle East remains explosive, Asia and South East Asia still have seemingly insurmountable problems. Little problems that could grow larger, such as the war in Algeria, still continue. Will the United Nations ever be able to sort out its financial and political woes? The world remains an unsettled place.

With the 'haves' committed to retaining their nuclear arsenals, we could see a return of the 'have nots' saying 'well if you've got them, why shouldn't we have them?'

Reading back through this article, you might think that there is little to

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We should never forget how effective we are and the influence we have

be optimistic about. But remember how far we have come in the last twelve months. This time last year we could never have imagined the Generals' and Admirals' statement nor the Stimpson Centre and Canberra Commission reports, the World Court judgements, the United Nations calling for negotiations to begin on an abolition treaty and the G21 issuing a timetable for nuclear disarmament.

Add to this such individuals as Peregrine Worsthorne, Roy Hattersley and Gerald Kaufman whose faith in nuclear weapons is not as unshakeable as it used to be.

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The tide is turning. We are almost there but it will still be a long, hard slog. Together we can achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

■ Copies of the Generals' and Admirals' statement are available from William Peden at the CND office.

News update... news update...

Lionel Trippett

As NATO member Turkey threatens NATO member Greece over Greek Cypriot plans to instal anti-aircraft missiles, a senior NATO official told a joint BASIC/Council for Arms Control seminar that it wasn't NATO's job to sort this out.

NATO's priority instead is to press ahead with eastward expansion. However, with the US presidential election over, and with it Clinton's need to woo the mid-west Polish etc vote, rather more opposition is surfacing and the list grows of countries that have been affronted.

Mikhail Gorbachev: "I believe that expanding NATO... would violate Russia's vital security and geopolitical interests. It could threaten the way the Cold War was concluded with the voluntary assent of Russia."

The alternative: a central European nuclear weapons-free zone from the Baltic to the Black Sea, is already advocated by the Ukraine and Sweden. It confirms the current situation on the ground as the last nuclear weapons in Belarus and the Ukraine have been either destroyed

Help needed!

Nukewatch wants to develop a rapid response letter-writing team to back up the on-the-road people. They will provide info and addresses. Please contact Jenny Maxwell at West Midlands CND.

THANKS to the Princess of Wales, I have at last found something on which Labour and the Tories disagree — landmines. On Any Questions at the weekend, Jack Straw said the damage done by mines was so "appalling" that Britain should ban them unilaterally and at once, without waiting for an agreement with the rest of the world.

How does he reconcile this logic with New Labour's opposition to unilateral nuclear disarmament? Aren't nuclear weapons ever so slightly "appalling" as well? Apparently not. Tony Blair's "young country" is clearly going to be no place for the squeamish.

When's World, the Guardian, 22 January

or returned to Russia. It is a clear and realisable policy on which CND can campaign.

Meanwhile Georgia has put up for sale enough Highly Enriched Uranium to make a nuclear warhead. At the moment it's in (not very) safe storage. "We are open to all proposals, except for those from rogue regimes," says the director of the State Physics Institute.

In our own backyard, as Hinkley

"Russia appears to be cynically selling arms purely for financial reasons"

(Western defence expert quoted in the Financial Times, 7 Jan 1997)

Point B and Hunterston B AGRs are given permission to carry on generating for another ten years, a nuclear waste train en route to Sellafield was spotted at Rugby with its inspection hatches open. The incident, we understand, is being investigated.

Bad news for Nirex, the nuclear waste people. They've had a leak: their own internal report passed to Cumbria County Council suggests that the hoped-for deep nuclear waste depository at Sellafield may

never get off - or rather - under the ground. The rock is fissured and the likelihood is that any radioactive leakage would seep into the ground water which in turn could percolate into the drinking water.

This puts the whole project in doubt, probably involves a back-to-scratch search for a new site, and makes nonsense of the MoD's nuclear submarine disposal plans. So Rosyth and Devonport can look forward to at least another decade of rotting radioactive hulks in the dockyards.

Bad news for everyone: latest from the Geneva Conference on Disarmament is that the G-21 group (basically the non-aligned states), infuriated by the complete failure of the US and the other nuclear-weapons states even to begin discussing their disarmament obligations, is intending to block all proposals for a fissile cut-off treaty.

Our Well-informed Legislators -from Hansard: Oral Questions, 14 Jan 1997

David Evans (Con Welwyn) to Michael Portillo:

"Is he aware that the Ukraine has more nuclear weapons than Great Britain and France put together?"

FACT: The Ukraine got rid of its last nuclear weapons last June.

Tailpiece:

bookmakers William Hill are now offering odds of 500:1 against the human race being wiped out by war before 2097. Which raises the question: how do you collect your winnings?

Muriel's Grapevine

We get all the information for this column from group newsletters. However, if your group does not produce one and you have had local media coverage or letters published, please let us know. Also, we always prefer to carry with this column a photo from a local or regional action. So if you take any good pictures, send them in and we'll use them if we can.

Hereford Peace Council reported on their activities during 1996 when they protested to the County Council against its investment of pension funds in firms connected to the arms trade, wrote to the MoD about low-flying aircraft, supported a concert for Chernobyl Children and drafted a questionnaire on peace issues to be sent to candidates in the general election.

Exeter CND joined a demonstration with Mouvement de la Paix near Brest, where 85% of the French nuclear force is based. The protest took the form of a 'Peace Festival' where some 2000 people listened to rock and folk groups from Brittany, Ireland and Italy. Breton artists and children had paintings on display and there were dozens of banners painted by local people. The Exeter

CND banner received a huge cheer and was placed next to the Mouvement de la Paix banner.

Colchester CND is aiming to set up lobbyists in every local constituency. They will be using the General Election Lobbying Pack and they plan to arrange meetings between candidates and activists with a series of questions to be answered.

Saffron Walden ANG, at Christmas time, have a 'late night opening' stall in the town centre where they ask people to send cards to peace prisoners - especially Vanunu. They have been doing this for several years and now people come looking for the stall.

Kingston Peace Council/CND assisted CAAT in the demonstration against COPEX at Sandown Park. More than 400 people took part in blocking the main entrance and undoubtedly caused problems for the COPEX management.

South Cheshire & North Staffs CND worked hard to receive good local media coverage on the World Court. They spoke to Stafford 6th formers as part of a series organised by North Staffs Liberty and did a workshop at a Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation day school, at which Bruce Kent spoke.

Menwith Hill Peace Camp faces possible eviction by North Yorks County Council and individuals could face injunctions. For contact number, see back page.

That's it for this month. The next issue will be out in April so get any news and photos to us by the middle of March.



It's money for CND Peace Education

CND will be launching CANS FOR PEACE in the Spring issue of CND Today.

You can collect and recycle aluminium cans and have cash paid to CND Peace Education work. Look out for details in the next issue of CND Today.

Campaigning materials order form

'CND's new logo T-shirt in full colour one size - 'L' only Price £12.00



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

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