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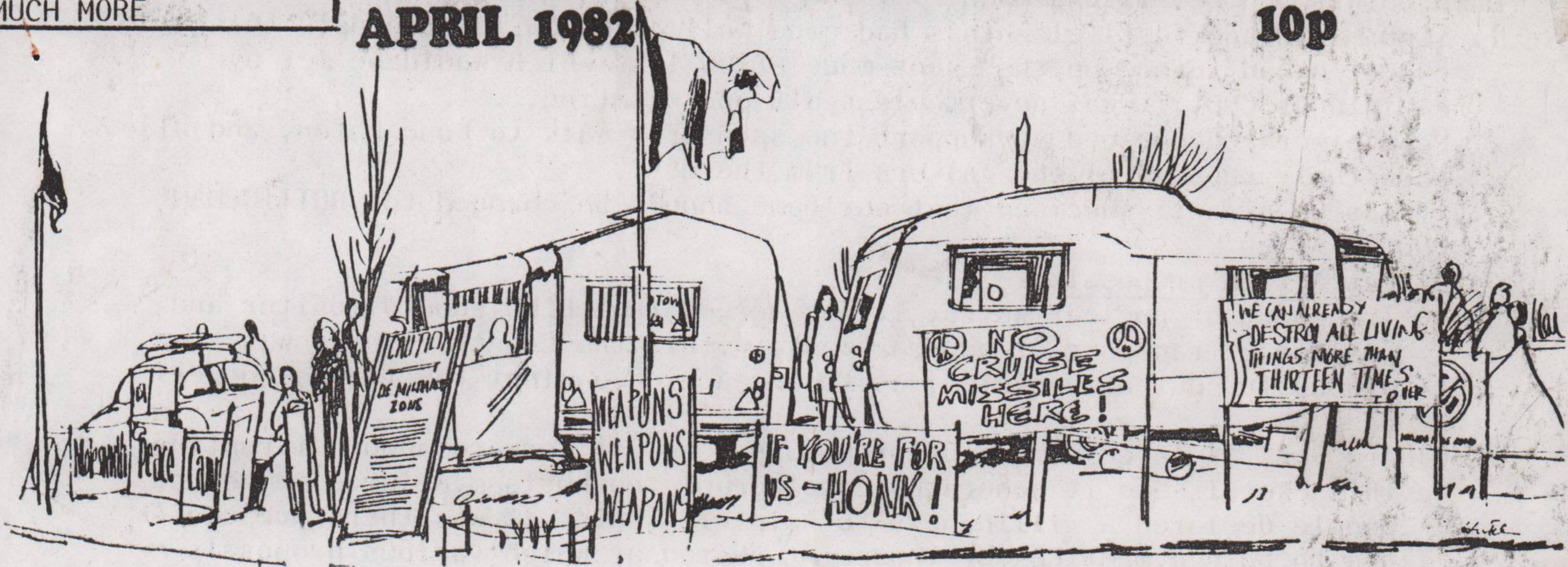
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NOTTINGHAM CND BULLETIN



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PEACE CAMP PROLIFERATION

Spring is spring, the grass is riz - and Peace Camps are breaking out all over the place! New camps have been started at RAF Waddington, nr Lincoln (see p. 4) and at Caerwent, nr Chepstow. The Caerwent camp was set up on Easter Saturday on the A48 out side the entrance to RAF Caerwent where it is rumoured chemical weapons are to be based. Attempts were made to remove the peace camp ers within an hour of their arrival, but with help from sympathetic local councillors they managed to hold their ground. There are about twenty people living at the camp. They have two caravans and several tents pitched along the edges of the road and are determined to remain their permanently.

Meanwhile the Peace Camp at the Mid-Glam organ Co. War HQ at Briugend have packed up and gone home, having acheived their aims

of stopping work on the bunker and making the local authority withdraw from the Gov's civil defence plans.

At Molesworth they are expecting an eviction order in the wake of a statement from Cambs. County Council claiming that the camp is sited on old highways and verges land.

The 34 women who were arrested at Greenham Common on Mon 22nd March for taking part in the blockade of the base will be appearing at Newbury Magistrates court on Wed 14th and 21st April charged with obstructing the highway. Three lawyers will be helping them to fight the case and are confident of success. The Womens Peace Camp at Greenham is as strong as ever.

There are two other Peace Camps at RAF Burton Wood nr Warrington, Lancs. and RAF Fairford, Gloucs. , and others, including the Nottingham-based 'Families Against The Bomb' initiative (see p.5) in the pipeline.



Monthly Meeting - Decisions Made!

NCND Monthly Meeting 4th April 1982

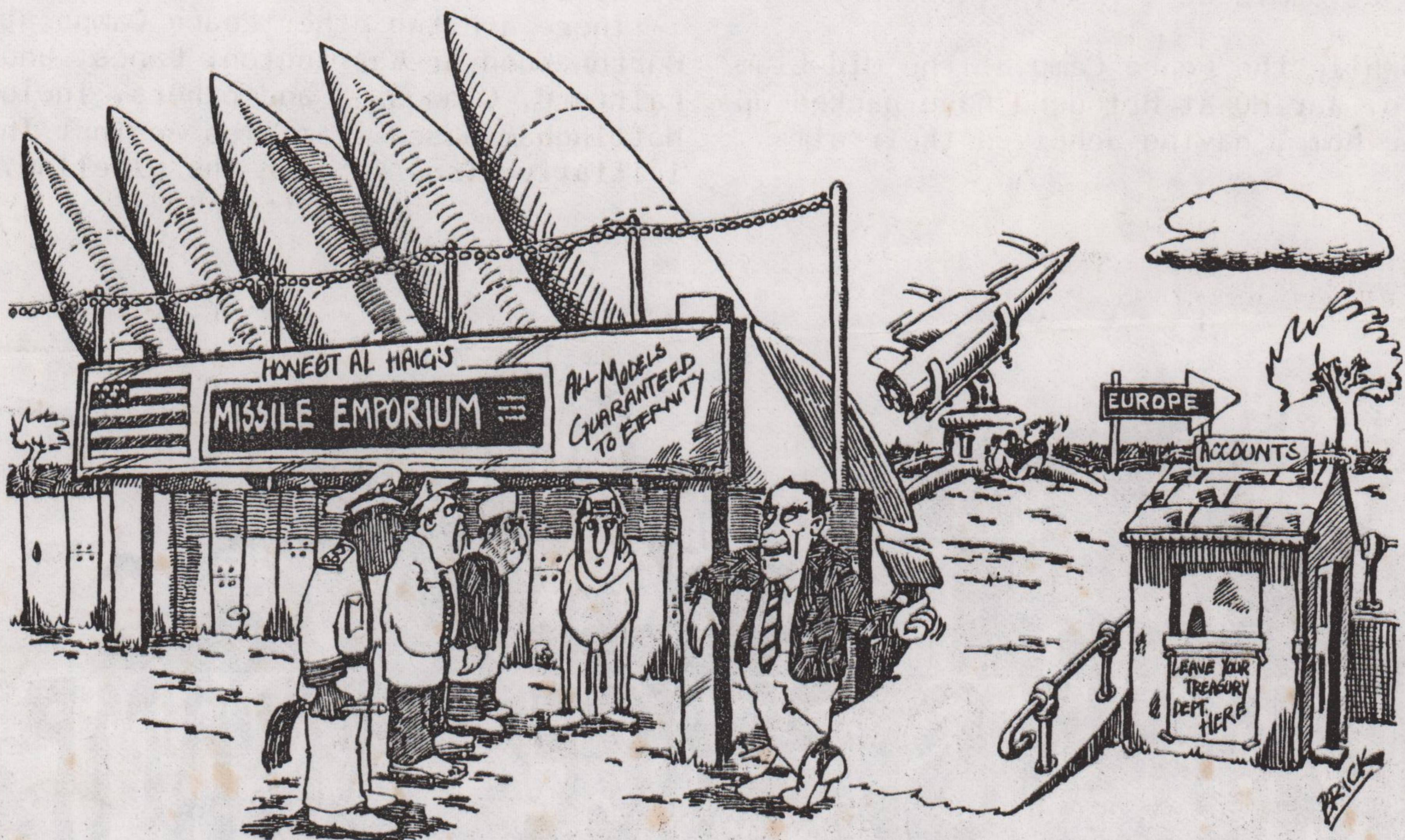
Main points and decisions made -

1. YCND marth and festival - this had gone well although fewer people than expected had turned up. the event made a £200 loss which would be met by E. Midlands CND, it was nevertheless dissapointing.
2. People were encouraged to support the sponsored walk to Long Eaton, and also show their support of the walkers from the USA.
3. It was unanimously decided that our name should be changed to- NOTTINGHAM CND.

4. Direct action proposals-

- a) Transport of nuclear waste: It was agreed that NCND should monitor and publicise transport of nuclear waste within the County. There was some discussion but no decision, as to any action against the trains concerned.
- b) Hard Rock :A large number of proposals were put forward about disrupting this exercise and it generated considerable enthusiasm. A large number of people declared a willingness to help with this. It was therefore decided to hold a meeting for those interested at which various proposals could be discussed . This meeting will take place on wednesday 21st April at the environmental factshop at 8pm.
- c) Peace camp: Plans were announced that another peace camp was to be set up by people from Nottingham. Most of the organisation for this had already been completed although cash and camping equipment was still desperately needed (offers to Sue Nottm 700650). It was agreed that NCND should accept financial responsibility for this action.
- d) Occupation of RAF Newton; It was proposed that there be a march to, and temporary occupation of, RAF Newton. It was made clear that this could involve those taking part in actions which might lead to their arrest and possible prosecution.

Discussion revolved around whether this was desirable, whether it would be effective in winning support rather than losing it, whether it was an appropriate challenge to the nuclear arms race and whether it was the correct time for such action . A vote was taken and by a large majority the meeting decided that such action should not be organised or carried out in the name of Nottingham CND.



"COURSE WE DONT EXPECT YOU GUYS TO BUY WITHOUT THE CUSTOMARY TEST DRIVE, SO WEVE LAID ON A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION..."

HELLO I'M PAGE THREE.....

COUNTY COUNCIL - N. CND LIASON

A liason committee consisting of three county councillors, Marie Yuill, John Hepple and Paddy Tipping, and three representatives from N. CND Mark Cole, Ann Kestenbaum and Alan Simpson, has now met twice. Our aim has been to look at ways in which the council has followed up its nuclear free zone resolution and to explore how we can take things further

The areas we have considered include education, publicity, civil defence, use of Council facilities, transport of nuclear material and our application for funds. The suggestions we have made and our requests for clarification on certain issues, such as youth groups - schools, have gone to the Labour Group. Marie Yuill reports on their progress on page 8.

PRESS RELEASE

Nottingham CND has issued a press release concerning Britain and Argentina's confrontation over the Falkland Islands. A copy of this has been attached to the bulletin.

NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING DAY

This was organised by Women Opposed to Nuclear Technology and although it unfortunately clashed with the YAM demo nearly 30 people attended, some from Derby and Lincoln. We split into 2 groups which meant that after playing the 'name' game and 'ntroducing ourselves we felt that we knew each other. Through discussing a relevant issue our understanding of the different roles performed by people in a group was highlighted, as was the need for ensuring that everyone felt involved in what was going on. Some useful techniques for planning the activities of a group were tried out using practical examples, 'Its October 1983 and the Government has just announced its not having Cruise missiles, what actions by the Peace movement determined this outcome?' We then attempted to put out our ideas into a time scale; to develop this further we took one specific action, a campaign to disrupt Hard Rock and looked at how much time and effort would be required, and this helped us to plan out who would take on organising what. We finished with a role play of direct action confrontation with the law and with workmen which enabled us to consider what tactics should be used, and finally we practiced going limp, as this makes it much harder for you to be carried away.

Andy D'Agorne.

Walk to Moscow

(BRIAN NEEDS YOUR BOOTS).

The five American walkers arrived safely in Nottingham on Thursday 8th April en route to Moscow. They were given a meal on Thursday evening by The Beehive (the vegetarian restaurant in Heatcote Street) and were put up at homes of members in Shelthorpe, Arnold and Woolaton. On the Friday Ann Kestenbaum provided them with lunch, and they during the day they spoke to local newspapers and radio. The Saturday morning saw their departure from Slab Square with Hyson Green circus workshop giving a small performance, and some anti-nuclear songs being sung. At the same time there was an opinion poll carried out on people passing through the square, and the results of this appear later on in the bulletin. A small group of NCND members then accompanied the walkers to Long Eaton as part of a sponsored walk.

The walkers have always said that anyone may join them on their journey to Moscow, and a local NCND member, Brian from the Dunkirk group has decided that he'd like. To do this though he desperately needs a good pair of walking boots, a lightweight sleeping bag, and any money as it is estimated you need about £40 a month to survive on the walk. Anybody who feels they can be of help to Brian is asked to ring Nott'm 700650 or the NCND office.



CND DEMO June 6th

Get your ticket to the National CND demo now! Prices are as follows, if you want to get there by train £6.50 (waged) £3.50 (unwaged) and £1.50 (under 15) but if you want to travel by coach it's £3.50 (waged) £2.50 (unwaged). More details about what time etc. next month.

New Peace Camp at Waddington

Women's Peace Camp, R.A.F. Waddington,
Transmitter Barrier Gate, off 6)7,
near Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

CONTACTS:-

A group of women from Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield set up a peace camp at RAF Waddington. They chose this site because it houses the ageing Vulcan bombers and is a probable site for both Cruise missiles and the Tornado bomb, which is to replace the Vulcan at the probable cost of £10,000 million.

GREEN
Angel
Carol
Lorra
Steve

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Helen

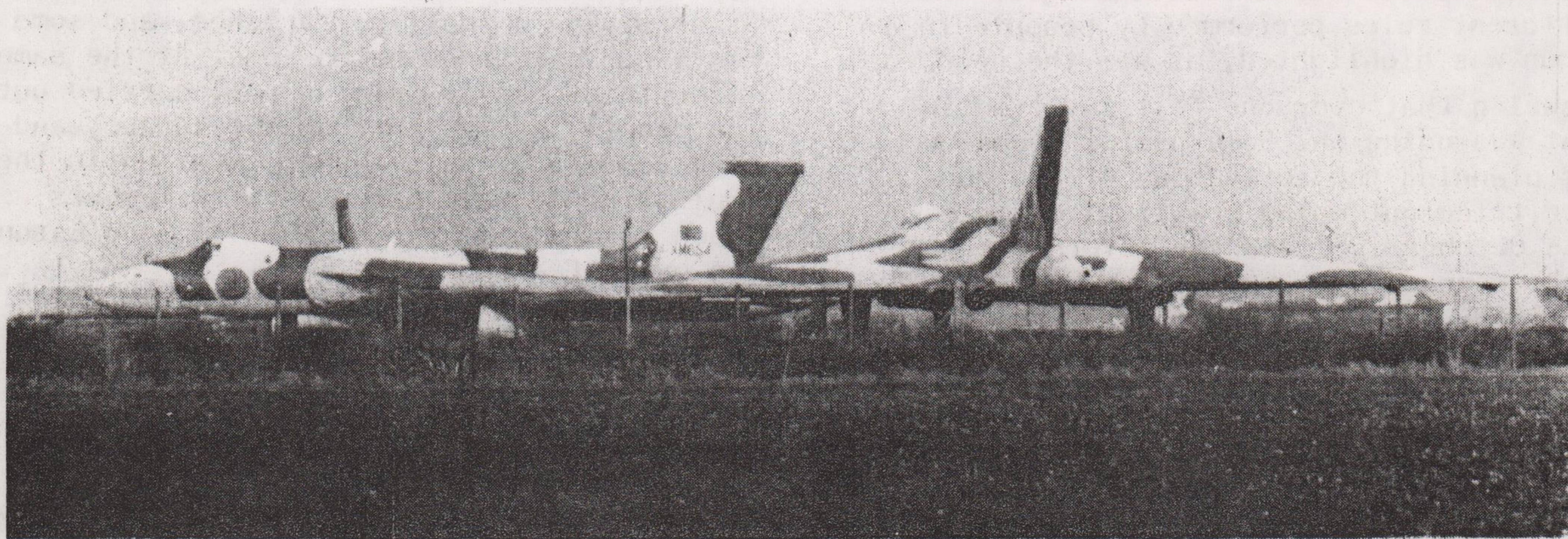
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Nick

FAIRF
John

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Karen
Jenny
Pat C
Jan S

The women at Waddington are feminists who are committed to non-violent direct action. Through their camp they want to demonstrate that they can live together in a peaceful and co-operative manner, sharing decision-making and encouraging each other to use their potential to the full. Women are invited to join the camp either as residents or as weekend visitors

They would welcome support from men, women and mixed groups and hope to make themselves available as a resource centre providing a meeting place where ideas and emotions can be discussed in a positive attitude.



NOTTM.FAMILIES AGAINST THE BOMB SOS

Following the decision of April's monthly meeting the Nottingham-based Peace Camp is now receiving financial support from Nottingham CND, but we would still gratefully accept any donations of either equipment or money. Our appeal in the last bulletin did not have a very successful response and so here again is the list of things that we desperately need. If you can help at all please ring Nottingham 700650 or the N.CND office on 582561.

PUSH BIKES. PARRAFIN FIRES. SMALL GAS COOKER. GAS BOTTLES. STRAW. BOUNDARY MATERIALS. WOOD. LAMPS. MEDICAL KIT. TARPAULINS. POLYTHENE. LENGTHS OF ROPE. LONG AND SHORT POLES. DECK CHAIRS. C.B. RADIO. BIG PANS AND TEAPOTS. ELSAN. TENTS, CARAVANS, TEPEES. BUCKETS. PALLETS. SONG SHEETS. SPADES. HATCHETS. MALLETS. SAW. BEDDING. PAINT. MATERIAL. TRANSPORT. STORAGE SPACE. (CAN ANYONE THINK OF ANYTHING WE MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN?)

P.S. It has been suggested that neighbourhood groups might like to take on responsibility for raising money for a particular piece of equipment.

NOTTINGHAM PEACE CAMP

Following a visit to Greenham Common, we decided that we would like to set up a peace camp in our area. This was backed up enthusiastically by the women at Greenham, and we have since written to other peace camps and they have also greeted the idea with enthusiasm. The initiative came from E.P.Thompson's speech at the October Rally last year, when he said that life cannot be allowed to carry on as normal whilst the threat of nuclear devastation persists.

Whilst working for Nottingham CND as much as our other commitments allow us to, when we return home we are once again anonymous, and by living on a peace camp we are making a continual protest.

A group of us from N.V.D.A. group went to reconnoiter various bases, including RAF's Newton, Waddington, Scampton, Witterington, Marham, Feltwell, Wyton, plus USAF's at Alconbury, Mildenhall, Lakenheath. We looked around the bases for water supplies, phones and suitable bits of land, and gathered as much information as possible on the functions of each base. Finally we decided that to set up a camp in the Mildenhall/Lakenheath area would be the most positive thing to do because of their importance in the American occupation of Britain, and in the event of nuclear war both these bases would play a key role. It is a long way from Nottingham (90 miles), and of course home, as is Greenham for the people who live there but the intensified occupation is so overwhelming, that our priority became apparent. A couple of us went to a public meeting in Mildenhall, and we have made contact with people who are eager to help setting up a camp and supporting us whilst we are there.

SOME INFO ON MILDENHALL/LAKENHEATH/FELTWELL

Mildenhall is a very important air base and command centre. Permanently based there are tactical airlift wing, troop carriers consisting of giant Lockheed C130 transporter and electronic security wing, and 15 KC135 Stratotankers, which are crucial to the American war effort, and the presence of such a large group suggests that Britain would play an integral role in refuelling aircraft on route to bomb continental Europe. Based there are also two U2 spy planes and one SR 71 spy plane, two converted Boeing 707's containing surveillance equipment. These aircraft are moved from base to base and are sometimes supplemented by the arrival of extra planes usually U2s.

Operation 'SilkPurse' (codename for operation to lift European High Command high above the chaos of nuclear war) is based at Mildenhall and has four special Boeing 707's on continuous alert, these are flying warf rooms with equipment for in-flight refuelling of escort planes. An official map shows that in a recent nuclear false alarm, sent out on 6th June 1980, five critical overseas bases including Mildenhall were alerted before the alarm could be cancelled, suggesting that the need to get 'Silk Purse' off the ground is given high priority by the Pentagon. Over the past two years special blast-proof hangars have been under construction at Lakenheath to house up to six squadrons of Thunderbolts. It is thought that 70 F111's are based at Lakenheath.

Lakenheath became notorious when in 1979 they finally leaked details of a major accident 24 years ago, when a plane carrying high explosive TNT crashed into a store containing three nuclear weapons, killing all three of the crew. It is thought that the weapons were moved to nearby RAF Feltwell.

The camp will not be possible without you/your groups support. There is a list of things in the Bulletin that we urgently need, please look to see if there is anything you can give or lend. We also need groups to pledge support by holding fund-raising events for us, and the most importantly, people to come to live at the camp. THE DATE IS SET FOR MAY 30TH.

We hope that everyone will understand we need to keep the name of the site secret at present, as we feel that to divulge the site could result in the camp not happening at all. The name of the camp will be 'FAMILIES AGAINST THE BOMB PEACE CAMP', and we want to make it clear that everyone is welcome to come and live at the camp. We feel that we will have to work and live together to stop the bomb, perhaps a lot more diversely than we are used to, and those who are supportive of the camp are as important to sustaining it as those who will be living there.

Any offers of help, advice or ideas would be most welcome. Please contact Sue, Martin, Louise, Ted. 700650 or Nottingham CND 582561.

MONTHLY MEETING

The May open Monthly Meeting is a week later than usual to avoid clashing with Bank Holiday Weekend. So it will be:-

SUNDAY 9th MAY - 7.30pm - FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, 25 CLARENDON STREET

This month we are having a speaker - Mark Laurie - who is involved in both CND and the Troops Out of Ireland Movement in Hackney, London. He will talk on the theme of how the British Army's presence in Northern Ireland is connected to the British Government's nuclear war planning. Printed below is some introductory material on this from Troops Out publications.



Did you know?

Britain has in the north of Ireland nuclear bases that endanger the lives and freedom of all Irish people, both north and south?

The independent 26 counties of Ireland have been neutral, and nuclear weapon-free for sixty years?

An independent neutral united Ireland would be a severe threat to Britain's and NATO's nuclear strategy?

This is one of the reasons for Britain's continued occupation of the six north-eastern counties?

Did you know?

That in a 'state of emergency', not necessarily the imminent threat of nuclear war, radicals of every kind, including CND members will be arrested and jailed in internment camps?

The security forces in this country are collecting vast amounts of information on all of us for just this purpose?

This state of affairs, and worse, has existed in the north of Ireland for the last twelve years?



Ireland and Nuclear War.

The following article is a shortened version of one printed in the Troops Out bulletin in December

LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR

While NATO's nuclear strategy envisaged massive missiles blasting the hell out of the USSR and USA, Ireland had little importance. But the situation has changed with the idea of a "limited nuclear war" - limited, that is, to the theatre between the Urals in the east and Ireland in the west. NATO now fears the USSR's backfire bomber force which is apparently capable of flying from bases around Murmansk deep into the Atlantic and launching its nuclear missiles on Britain and the rest of Europe from the west. This threat has exposed Britain's almost total lack of air defence along its western seaboard.

Also, an Ireland aligned with NATO would provide bases for US forces to stop off at on their way to fight "conventional" battles in Europe. And a non-neutral Ireland would provide NATO forces with a land-based communications system and radar cover much further out into the Atlantic than is currently possible.

The 6 Counties of Northern Ireland are already a nuclear target because of the presence of RAF Bishopscoort in County Down. This has a radar link with the US listening station at Menwith Hill in Yorkshire and microwave links through Belfast to England - including to British military headquarters at Cheltenham.

RAF Bishopscoort's function is as a tactical control unit in the event of a nuclear war - to direct NATO submarines, helicopters and planes. It also acts as part of Britain's Early Warning System.

Mobile radar is being installed which will serve as a prototype for re-equipped radar throughout NATO. These new transportable radar stations are part of a multi-million pounds scheme that will provide the basis for Britain's nuclear defence in the air until well into the 1990's. This investment, combined with the building of new installations in South Armagh and launching pads in County Derry, shows that military chiefs expect Britain to be in Ireland for a long time to come!

NEUTRALITY COMPROMISED

The 26 County State is coming under great pressure to compromise its neutrality from the EEC, but already it leases out to the British State a microwave channel as a reserve in case the 6 Counties route to Britain fails. The Irish Government says it is up to Britain what it puts on this route - but as British *military* signals are carried along this line, Irish neutrality is already compromised.

MOVEMENT

Increasingly, then, Ireland has great importance to NATO's military plans. This adds to all the other reasons the British State has for holding onto Ireland. Its military occupation of the 6 Counties is failing to do the job - in fact, the more repression from the army, the more support grows for self-determination among the Irish. So the Government is now following plans of a settlement with the 26 Counties which would (they hope) undercut the mass support for republicanism and swallow up Ireland's independence into the belly of Britain's needs.

In Britain we have seen the growth of a massive movement against nuclear weapons and NATO's military strategy. We would like to see a similar sized movement opposing Britain's domination of Ireland and supporting the right of self-determination for the Irish people.

Plans have been revealed by the anti-nuclear movement of what will happen to "trouble-makers" in Britain in the run-up to a nuclear war. These plans include internment, no-jury trials, curfews and summary executions. All these methods of repression have already been used by the British State in Northern Ireland, in their futile attempts to put down the "trouble-makers" there.

By not opposing the British occupation of Northern Ireland we are not only siding with the State against the Irish people; not only standing back while NATO bases are increasing; not only condoning anti-Irish racism in Britain - we are also digging our own grave by allowing the State to strengthen itself and its military techniques. Who knows which of us will be deemed "trouble-makers" one day?

Supporters of Troops Out need to pay more attention to nuclear plans for Ireland. And anti-nuclear activists could do well to think of the implications of remaining silent on the Irish war. 6

FALKLANDS FLASCO:

The Thoughts of Chairman Simpson

In one amazing sweep the Falklands fiasco exposes the lurking belligerence of our national leaders and the shallow hypocrisy of the local Conservative party and the media. The special Saturday sitting of Parliament which debated the invasion was nothing short of a disgrace. Vengeance ruled ok. As speaker after angry speaker talked of 'humiliation' 'national disgrace', 'Shame' and 'dishonour', and proceeded to demand - 'instant reprisals', 'revenge', and 'a fight'(to the death?) for freedom'. This was no reasoned debate of freedom and individual liberty but rather an appalling display of blood-lust. M.P.s of all parties flung themselves together, equals in passion and outrage, but little better than a frenzied brawl of eunuchs trying to display qualities they had long since lost (or never even possessed). If we had been shown to be impotent (or merely foolish) then a display of force and aggression was obviously required to repair the damaged national (male?) ego. Hyped-up on such foolish notions, the Government launched its nautical 'Charge of the Light Brigade' across half the globe to place us on the brink of a war we should never be fighting, for islands we should never possess in the (presumed) best interests of 1800 people, ½ million sheep and 4 million penguins. In the event of a war it seems highly unlikely that many of the interested parties will survive the 'fight for freedom' which would be waged on their behalf. For both the British and Argentine Governments it would seem that a loss of face rather than a loss of life is now principally at stake.

Internationally- The presence of Polaris submarines off the Argentine coastline clearly failed as an effective deterrent to conventional military action. Now it has been suggested that this was entirely due to the problems of illiteracy rather than to any shortcomings in the theory of deterrence itself. (If only more Argentinians could read then they would have understood the theory of deterrence and, having read Protect and Survive would have occupied their time building lean-to fallout shelters rather than invading the Falklands!)

What the whole absurd affair does do is to set out, starkly, some of the challenges which still confront us at an international, national, and local level

Whatever the reason, the nuclear deterrent did not work. Ought we then, as was seriously suggested by at least one person, to have fired one of Polaris' warheads on Buenos Aires 'for demonstrative purposes' in order to let them know we mean business? Could we ever justify that? If not then oughtn't we to take the toys from the boys before they do something irrevocably insane with them. Moreover, if it is true that Argentina is only a couple of years away from having her own nuclear weapons then this sort of brinkmanship becomes even more an act of quintessential folly.

Nationally- The suggestion, by Tony Benn, that the Fleet should be recalled, was greeted with jeers in the Commons. And afterwards when interviewed, the question of 'appeasement' was spat at him rather than put to him. This is not a time to be apologetic about nuclear disarmament. It is a time when the absurdities of the pro-nuclear case are most obvious. But in pointing them out we will inevitably encounter the full wrath of Establishment ire. Even before the Falklands debacle the Foreign Office were committed to putting £40,000 into the British Atlantic Committee to promote the pro-nuclear case (as well as its snide little leaflet for schools)

However, what the Falklands issue has done more than anything else is to provide a sharp reminder of the imperative of a strong extra-parliamentary basis for the nuclear

disarmament movement. Parliament must be given a firm mandate to remove nuclear weapons and nuclear bases from Britain's defence strategies but, as a people, we must also construct the checks and balances which would ensure that Parliament was simply not allowed to lurch into some intemperate spasm which would 'nuke' the first Soviet to pass wind in Western Europe (or anywhere else). Life is simply too important for that.



NFZ Council Reports

County Council

After investigating various possibilities the City Labour Group has agreed to make facilities available to Nottingham CND to publicise its message. The principle issue underlying the offer to N.CND is that they must raise their own finance for such publicity. For the Council to finance the publicity a good many legal restrictions are to be overcome. The Group has though agreed to allow N. CND to use the market square for an event ; to take part in the Nottingham Festival ; to exhibit either in the Theatre Royal or in the Castle; to publicise the declaration of a nuclear free zone in programmes being broadcast to Nottingham's twinned cities; to write inviting the twinned cities to join Nottingham in its free zone status. The Group will also facilitate the advertisement of the movement in small posters on city transport. For the time being advertising in the form of a painted bus will not be possible because the number of buses available for advertising is limited by contract with the advertising company.

However, if an application is made by N. CND it may be possible to process the application once a bus is available,

Some months ago the City Labour Group gave authority for community centres to receive information on disarmament. The City Council wrote to Minsk once the free zone had been declared asking its twinned city to follow its example. To date no reply has been received. The Policy and Finance Committee has also lent its weight to a nationwide call for a call for a ban on the transportation of nuclear waste. 'Nottingham Arrow' has acknowledged Nottingham's nuclear free status and will carry points on the campaign from time to time. The leader of the Council, Len Maynard, in answer to a question in Council has agreed to ensure that supplies of nerve gas are not dumped in the city as part of NATO's supply. We haven't exactly sat back on the nuclear free zone declaration and we hope to help N. CND to advance its case further in the next year or so.

Chris Brotherston.

CITY COUNCIL/NCND LIASON GROUP

The three Labour County Councillors liaising with N. CND reported to recent meeting of the Labour Group making a number of points which are to be looked at by the Group Management Committee to see if the policies are being implemented, eg. youth groups in schools, free use of County Council premises, checking on possibility of putting up nuclear free zone signs, making sure a letter has gone to the MOD declining to take part in Hard Rock.

The possibility of a grant to N. CND is being looked into as it does not come any specific committee, we have to find out the mechanics of how to process it.

On 'How to Deal With A Bully' leaflet, Councillor Riddell is gathering information on whether it has gone in to any of our schools. It has not been decided whether to ban it or to produce a counter-leaflet of our own. It seems there are other leaflets circulating in schools in other counties (copies have been handed to Councillor Riddell) by the Foreign Office; these emanate from a European organisation and contain articles by Margaret Thatcher, Dennis Healey and similar peace-loving characters and were described as being very dangerous.

A circular has been sent to head-teachers instructing them that youth peace groups are allowed free use of schools provided there is an adult who will accept responsibility. Some people will have seen Wednesday 31st March edition of 'The Evening Post' headlined article 'Fury On Peace Studies Plan' where some Tory Councillors have picked out and distorted one or two items from reports of the working party on peace studies. It is vital that parents in particular are made aware of the real nature of the proposals, which will be brought to committee after the final meeting of the working party. The proposals include a number of possible ways of introducing peace studies into the normal school curriculum, one of the best ways being to include them in a social education course where this exists. As far as primary schools are concerned, the intention is to encourage non-aggressive behaviour and democratic practice in a way which can be easily understood by young children. Naturally as part of peace studies there will be material about CND, effects of nuclear weapons, history of international negotiations etc. as these are an essential part of any study of peace.

HARD ROCK - A' GONNA FALL

£12million for the TA. 12 new TA centres. TA expansion from 70,000 to 86,000 including the equivalent of two new regiments, specifically for home defence. And a 4,500 strong 'Home Service Force' (HSF) to secure 1,000 key points vital to the war effort; these were just some of the military expansions announced by 'Defence' minister John Nott last March. (Funny how everything to do with keeping tight order has 'Home' in it).

Internal Security

The HSF, consisting of ex-soldiers and police trained in 'drill and teamwork' (Times) would 'protect telephone exchanges and other key points in the event of a Soviet invasion' (Daily Mirror). Invasion? Aren't the nukes meant to deter that? Virtually all the press described the new force as a Home Guard, which it is not; far from being popularly based it is basically a TA extension, its function being 'assistance to the regular forces in the time of tension and war.' (Nott)

The official keenness to dress up the HSF in the image of Dad's Army has a rationale. While 'The Times' was obsessed with 'crack Russian troops' ready to drop in (Nott spoke freely to reporters about SAS-style saboteurs) 'The Daily Mail' editorial let the cat out of the bag. It thought the HSF would be just as useful in preventing internal opposition to a nuclear war as much as any external threat.

This brings us to the timing of the HSF. There'll be four pilot companies of 95 men in each. The Eastern military district - comprising East Anglia and the East Midlands - will have one company, based at Bury St Edmunds. And these companies begin trial-runs from September - just one month before Operation Hard Rock, the first Home Defence exercise against which the CND conference has resolved to take direct action. The Government is getting worried!

HARD ROCK

Hard Rock is one of a series of usually biennial exercises co-ordinated by NATO (Inside Right 1975, Scrum-Half 1978, Square Leg 1980) to test Britain's home defence capability. 'Square Leg' was one-third of a largesabre-rattling jamboree 'Crusader' alongside two troop-mobilising components, 'Jogtrot' and 'Spearpoint'. This time things are going to be quieter; the usual secretive paper exercise of totting-up paper casualties and burying them, and feeding, housing and 'controlling' the survivors - with the emphasis on the last aspect. Our aim should be to give maximum exposure to the whole sordid mess, and disrupt those parts we can. The County Council, limp as ever, has backed off from freezing Hard Rock. Their position is to comply to the legal minimum - which in practice means unbridled participation. (the legal minimum for Emergency Planning Teams is 1 - the Home Office merely recommends 5 - but the Council recently expanded the team from 7 to 11 and the Labour Group decided merely to 'inform' the new personell of Labour policy and leave it at that). CND groups elsewhere - notably in Bristol and some Welsh counties - have nuclear free resolutions to be fine words and little more; the Nottinghamshire experience is certainly confirming that trend. NCNC will need a high profile on this one to succeed. Hard Rock will involve local government (2 county bunkers, a dozen district bunkers) police (at least 2 bunkers) military (various command posts), TA and civil service for starters. Then there's the Royal Observer Corps, with another dozen bunkerlets; this might not take part and that's whether or not the govt. adopts a non-nuclear attack as its assumption. (This latter has been rumoured to confuse the issue). Voluntary groups such as SJAB, Red Cross and WRVS definitely will be taking part to some extent.

The last NCND monthly meeting conclusively agreed that in accordance with national policy 'Hard Rock' should be disrupted. An adhoc 'Hard Rock' opposition committee is already in embryonic existence, with an initial 30 names. Each neighbourhood group should now be appointing its own 'Hard Rock' co-ordinator. This co-ordinator should:

- (i) be acquainted in detail with the likely content of 'Hard Rock'.
- (ii) be aware of all respects in which 'Hard Rock' affects that neighbourhood.
- (iii) be thinking of, and preparing, ways of exposure, obstruction and effective protest.

Some groups may have to 'shadow' other geographical areas which are 'interesting' and resources like transport will have to be pooled here.

The committee meets to thrash out the first draft of the plans on April 21st at 8pm, The Factshop.

OPINION POLL RESULTS

(NOTHING TO DO WITH THE HILLHEAD BY-ELECTION).

On Saturday morning in Slab Square a group of NCND members conducted an opinion poll on people passing through the square. We managed to fill in some 280 questionnaires and the results are below. From left to right the results are first broken up to the particular age and sex of the people questioned. The first table being the age group 15-20, and then 21 - 25, 26 - 35, 36 - 50, and 51plus.

1) Do you consider nuclear weapons to be deterrent against war? - If so, why has Argentina, a non-nuclear nation invaded the Falkland Islands knowing that Britain does possess nuclear weapons?

		15-20		21-25		26-35		36-50		51plus		Total		M+F
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
M	60	38½	62½	37½	62½	35½	64½	79	21	47½	47½	51.9	46.8	46.35 (YES)
F	42	52½	68½	26	68½	33	67	53	41	50	35	40.8	53.2	50 (NO)

2) Do you feel safe knowing that Cruise missiles come under the direct control of the Americans rather than the British?

		15-20		21-25		26-35		36-50		51plus		Total		M+F
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
M	28	60	79	17	79	13	77½	21	68½	21	79	20	72.8	17.35 (YES)
F	10½	73½	82	26	58	5	78	7	82	25	65	14.7	73.3	73.05 (NO)

3) Trident will cost the British taxpayer, over the next few years an estimated £10,000million. Do you think this sum would be better spent on investment in national economic recovery?

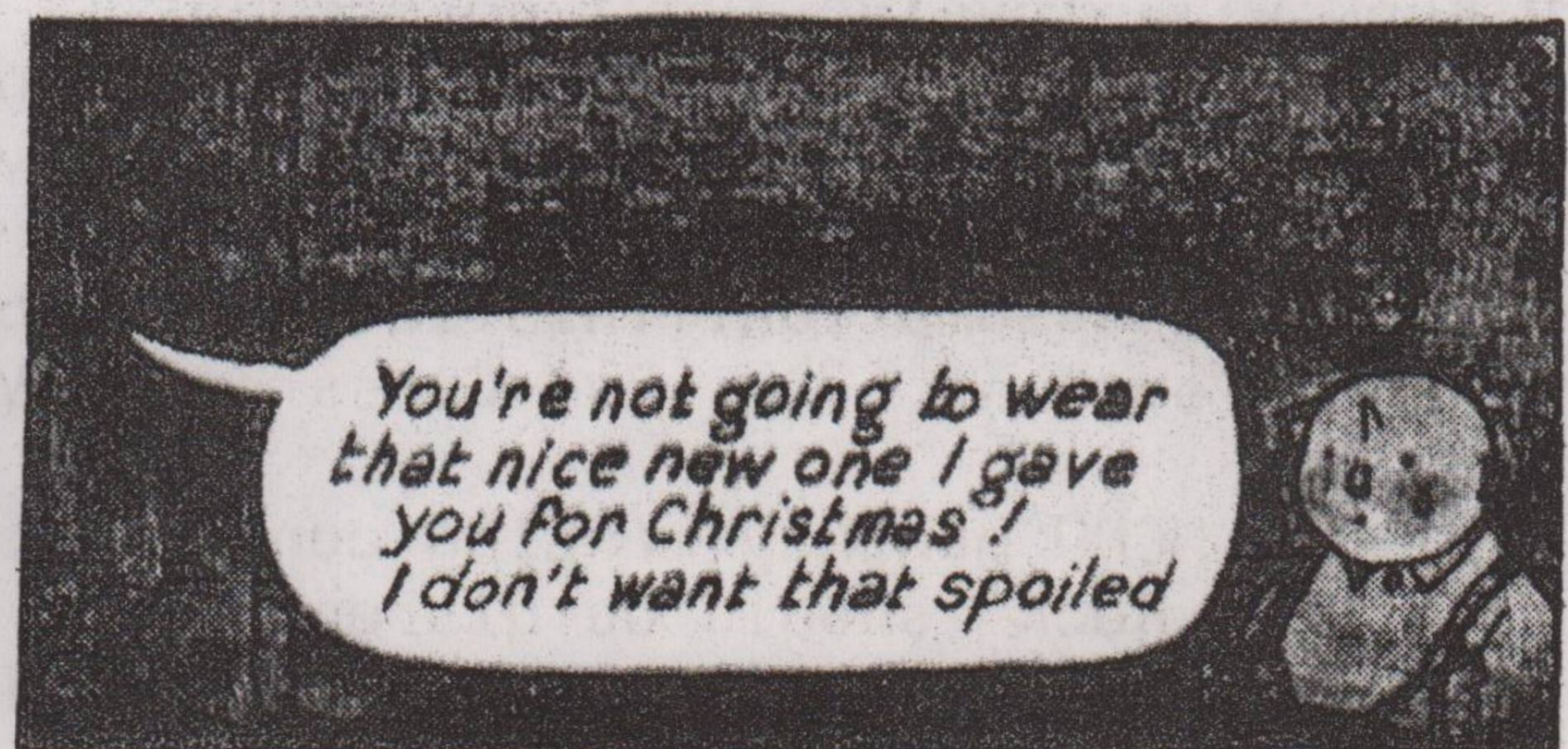
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		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
M	77	18	75	21	77½	19½	63	21	63	31½	63	71.1	22.2	76.2 (YES)
F	89	11	84	16	83	17	76½	17½	75	20	75	81.4	16.3	19.2 (NO)

4) Do you think that the presence of American nuclear bases makes Britain a more likely target in the event of a nuclear war?

		15-20		21-25		26-35		36-50		51plus		Total		M+F
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
M	56	33	75	21	71	13	58	42	52½	42	42	62.5	30.2	67.4 (YES)
F	95	5	58	37	72	28	76½	17½	60	20	60	72.3	21.5	25.8 (NO)

5) Did you realise that both Nottingham City Council and Nottingham County Council have declared themselves Nuclear Free Zones?

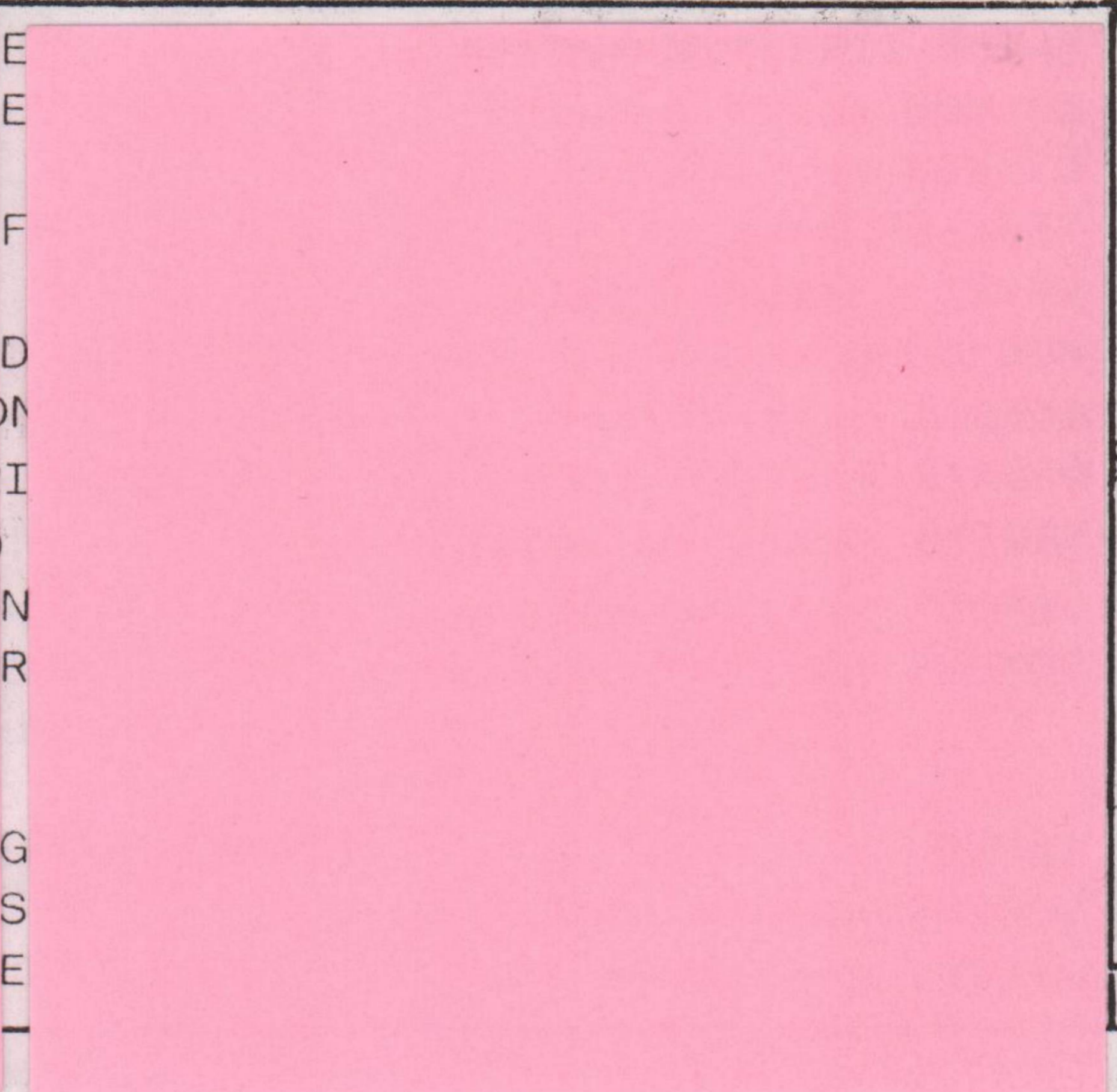
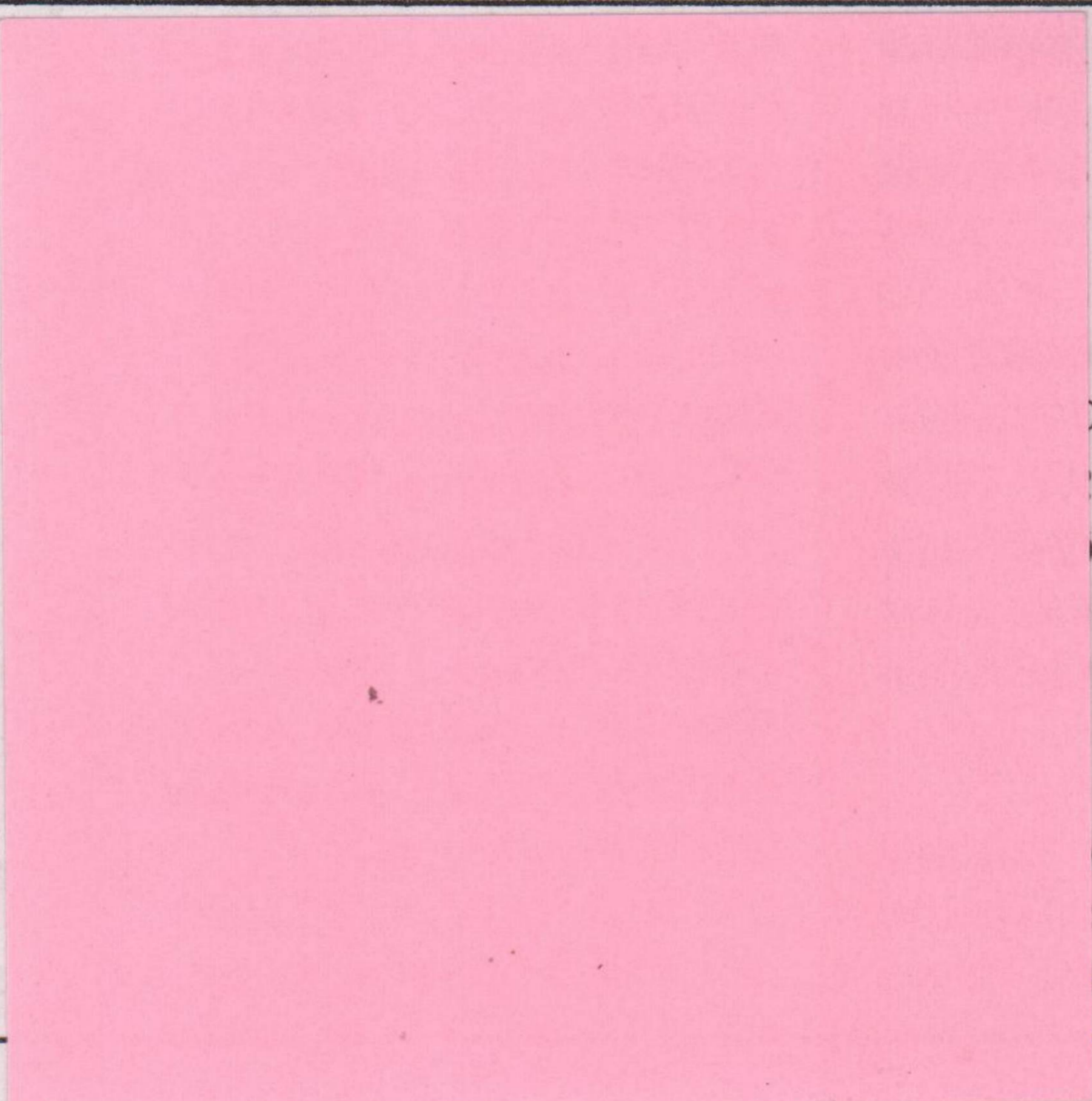
		15-20		21-25		26-35		36-50		51plus		Total		M+F
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
M	38½	56	42	54	35½	58	37	58	58	42	42	42.2	53.4	34.85 (YES)
F	21	79	42	58	22	78	29½	70½	25	75	75	27.5	72.1	62.75 (NO)



You will probably recognise the above illustrations from the new children's book by Raymond Briggs called WHEN THE WIND BLOWS. Briggs has never been a conventional children's illustrator with past books such as 'Fungus the Bogeyman'. This time though he's chosen the theme of nuclear devastation and the effect it has on two normal old age pensioners. There is an article about the book in this month's 'Sanity' and the media coverage has been very extensive. It is a brilliant and harrowing book.

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LENTON

The group has offered to help with publicity for future events, in particular, preparing leaflets and posters to publicise the London National Demonstration on June 6th and the Peace Festival on July 4th.

Every house in our area received the Nottingham leaflet and we followed this up with a public meeting at which we put on our first attempt at theatre, acting out the instructions contained in 'Protect and Survive' with various amendments. Some of the group are currently designing and making a large and colourful banner to take to the National Demo.

WEST BRIDGFORD

We followed up the leafletting campaign with a Public Meeting which attracted several new members who promise to be a great asset to the group. We are organising a dance with a live band and disco on Saturday April 17th at the Test Match Hotel in order to raise funds for the Billboard Campaign. Our next meeting will be on NB. David Lane (tel 816049) is taking over from Sue Thomas as telephone contact.

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The final date for material for the May edition of the bulletin is WEDNESDAY 12th MAY. All material should be handed into the NCND office, Environmental Information Centre.



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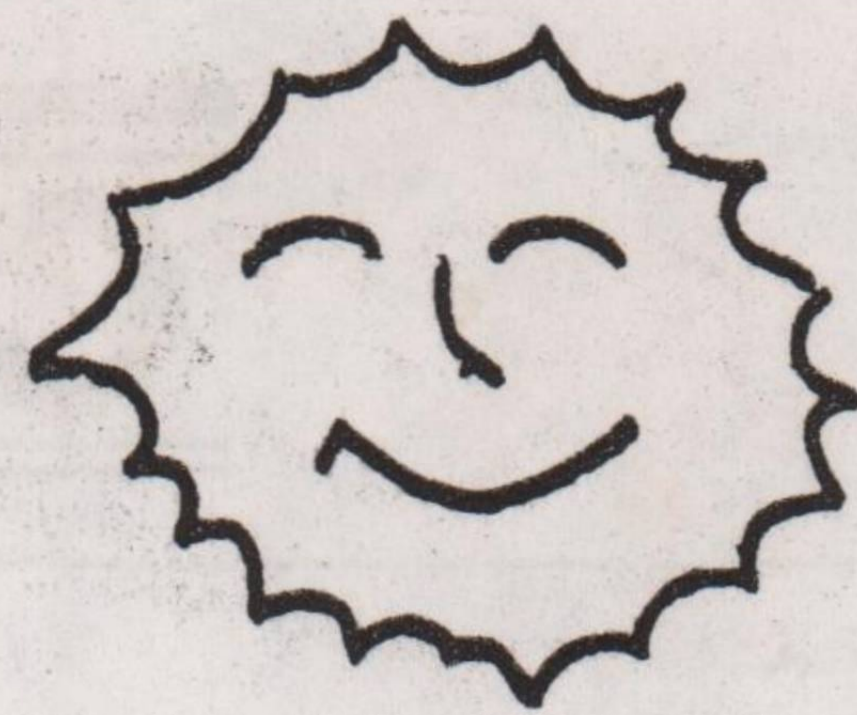
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April

- SATURDAY 17th - 2.00 - Forest Fields Peace Group Jumble Sale, St Augustines Church Hall, Gawthorne St, New Basford.
- 8.00 - West Bridgford Disco at Test Match Hotel.
- MONDAY 19th - 7.30 - Meadows group meeting, Queens Walk Community Centre. Alan Simpson speaking.
- 8.00 - Events Group, Environmental Information Centre.
- 8.00 - Woolaton group, workshop evening. Bramcote Lane Library.
- 8.00 - Mapperley group meeting at 38 Ernest Road.
- TUESDAY 20th - 7.30 - Radcliffe group meeting at 3, Wharfe Lane.
- 7.30 - City Centre + St Anns + Meadows group meeting, Environmental Information Centre.
- WEDNESDAY 21st - 8.00 - Hard Rock meeting, Environmental Information Centre.
- THURSDAY 22nd - 8.00 - Direct Action group meeting. Phone office for details of meeting place.
- FRIDAY 23rd - 7.30 - Long Eaton group meeting. Community House, Derby Road, Long Eaton.
- TUESDAY 27th - 7.30 - City centre and St Anns' groups meetings in Environmental Information Centre.
- 8.00 - Peace Festival meeting, Environmental Information Centre. Could all neighbourhood groups send a rep for the allocation of various jobs.
- 8.00 - Arnold group meeting, Library Front Street. 'Technical Aspect of Nuclear Weapons.'

May

- SUNDAY 9th - 7.30 - NCND Monthly meeting, at Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon Street. A speaker from the Troops Out of Ireland movement.
- THURSDAY 13th - 8.00 - NCND Co-ordinating group, Environmental Information Centre.

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