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Have you booked and paid for your coach/rail tickets for the National CND Demo in London on June 6th? The date of the Demo was originally decided upon so that it would coincide with the U.N. General Assembly's Second Special Session on Disarmament. However, this demonstration must be bigger and better than last years not only to demonstrate our growing strength but to counteract the publicity which will be given to the visit by Ronald Reagan. Don't miss the opportunity of feeling yourself to be a part of a national movement, of making new friends, having fun and changing public opinion.

Members of N.C.N.D. and Y.A.M. will be a part of the "AMBER MARCH" which is to assemble at Hampstead Road, N.W.1. at 11a.m. Everyone is asked to wear shades of yellow and gold and for this purpose the yellow C.N.D. tee shirts on sale at the Environmental Factshop have been reduced from £3. to £2.

Train and coach departure times are as follows:

Train departs from Nottingham at	8a.m.
arrives Kings Cross	10.09.a.m.
Train departs from London at	6.22p.m.
arrives Nottingham	8.26p.m.
Coaches depart from Mount Street. at	8a.m.

pick up point for return journey not yet agreed.

Members of Y.A.M. are to travel together on one coach.

CASH FLOW CRISIS

Nottingham Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is again in the middle of its annual cash flow crisis with only just over £1,000 in the bank, unfortunately £658 of that is allocated towards the Billboard Campaign. Within the next few days we are faced with the daunting task of paying the following bills -

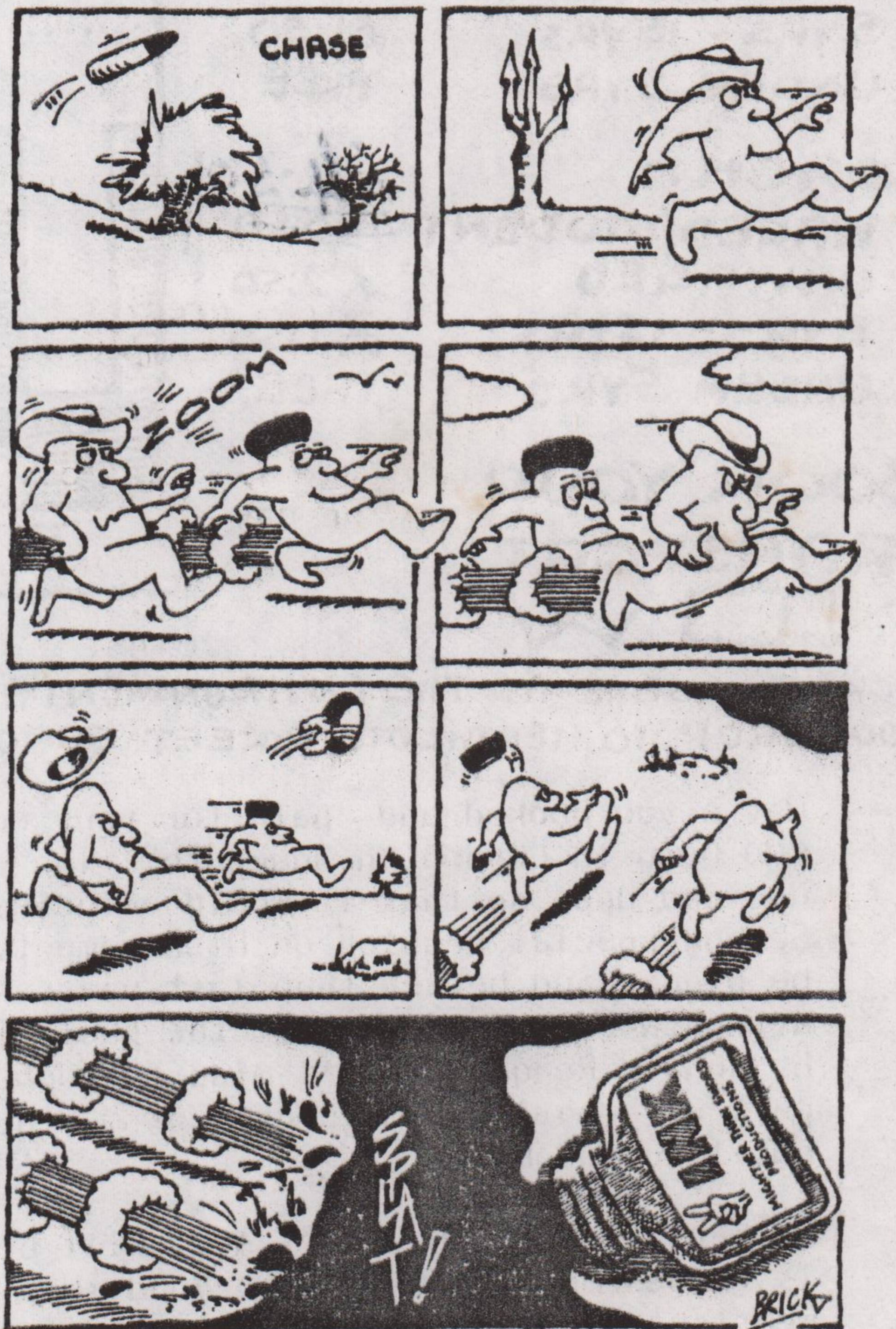
British Rail	£1925.55
Skills Coaches	1390.00
Billboard Campaign	170.00
Facts against the bomb	326.00
Anti-nuclear comic	250.00
	<u>£4061.55</u>

So, in other words, we are desperately looking for cash; those of you who are going on the National Demo can help by buying your coach and train tickets immediately. If you don't, we may not be going to London. Some of our more wealthy neighbourhood groups can help out by loaning or donating the funds they do not need at present. In fact, if each member of NCND donated £2 we could raise in the region of £1700 and this would go a long way to securing our financial future. For those of you who work and want to make a regular contribution to our running costs why not fill in a standing order form at the Factshop. Detailed below is a breakdown of income and expenditure from 1st January to 5th May, it clearly shows the amount of money we need to just survive.

Pete Zabulis

1st January 1982 to 5th May 1982

Income	£
Balance from 1981	1504.44
Facts against the bomb	560.60
Sponsored walks	81.28
War Game	60.00
Billboard Campaign	246.80
General sales	458.27
Silver Jewellery	84.90
Subscriptions	584.50
Meeting collections	101.09
Benefits	109.15
Donations	92.60
Molesworth tickets	90.50
	<u>3974.13</u>
Expenditure	
Printint and Literature	525.96
City wide leafletting	884.50
Postage	228.67
Room Hire	259.40
Silver CND Jewellery	333.50
Train and coach deposit	613.95
Miscellaneous	263.10
Molesworth Coach	96.00
Films	43.82
	<u>3248.90</u>
Balance	<u>£731.73</u>



URGENT APPEAL

The Environmental Information Centre is urgently in need of voluntary helpers who are prepared to work in a small group to help the running of the shop and information centre.

The Centre has been the home of Nottingham CND for some time but many of you may not realise that the shop has been maintained at its present standard by a very small group of people who are finding it increasingly difficult to sustain their input. It is essential that more people get involved especially in the business side.

If you want to help ring Kathy at the shop on 582561 or Nick at home at 280314

NCND Peace Camp



Progress Report

In a mere two weeks we'll be setting up a Peace Camp, on your behalf, outside an American Air Base in Suffolk.

The Camp will have taken four months of planning. We've chosen a site, (if the Ministry of Defence object there are two more sites which we could use) found support and a lot of useful contacts in Suffolk, visited other camps and sent out begging letters to local firms, unions and local councillors.

At our last meeting we got down to practicalities: how much transport do we need to get down there? do we eat communally? (we will be paying for our own food) who will build and maintain a fire? What about sanitation and rubbish disposal? Who will supervise the children, erect the tents and contact the police, the Camp Commander and the media?

At this late date we need your assistance. We need more transport on the day - Sunday 30th May - to take down people, not equipment. If you can loan us spades, hammers, mallets, axes, and saws so that we can set up the camp quickly please mark them so that they can be returned. We also need ground sheets, tarpaulins, rolls of plastic, dustbin liners, lamps, the loan of a caravan and the materials with which to build a structure.

If you can help us in any way (donations of cash will be gratefully received) please ring Sue, Martin, Ted or Louise on Nottingham 700650 or Ann on Radcliffe (33) 4379.

Yours in peace and friendship,
The Campers.

HARD ROCK

If we are to make any impact in October we must get things going NOW. To this end we suggest each NG appoints a Hardrock person to gather ideas and co-ordinate plans in their area. There is a bunker under most County or District Council offices, so there's a starting point.

Recently members of NVDA have been out gleaning new information about Civil Defence installations in the county. More transport is needed for these journeys, so if you have the use of a car at weekends tell the office now.

We are aiming for a big day of demonstrations and activities in the City Centre in October incorporating die-ins, street theatre and other publicity stunts. If you'd like to participate or help organise this, ring Mike Bassey on Burton Joyce 3275, and come to the meeting on Weds. May 26th 8pm @ the Factshop.

PEACE FESTIVAL

If there isn't a better showing at Peace Festival Meetings it just isn't going to happen. The only neighbourhood groups that regularly attend these meetings are Sherwood/Carrington, Arnold/Woodthorpe, City Centre, Lenton and Mapperley. What's the matter with the rest of you? Please ensure that somebody from your group attends.

IMPORTANT : The deadline for notification of stalls is 31st May.


This also applies to political parties (who must be affiliated to Nott'm CND) Further details - Nottm 414323 after 5pm

PEACE FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING
8PM 24th MAY FACTSHOP - BE THERE!

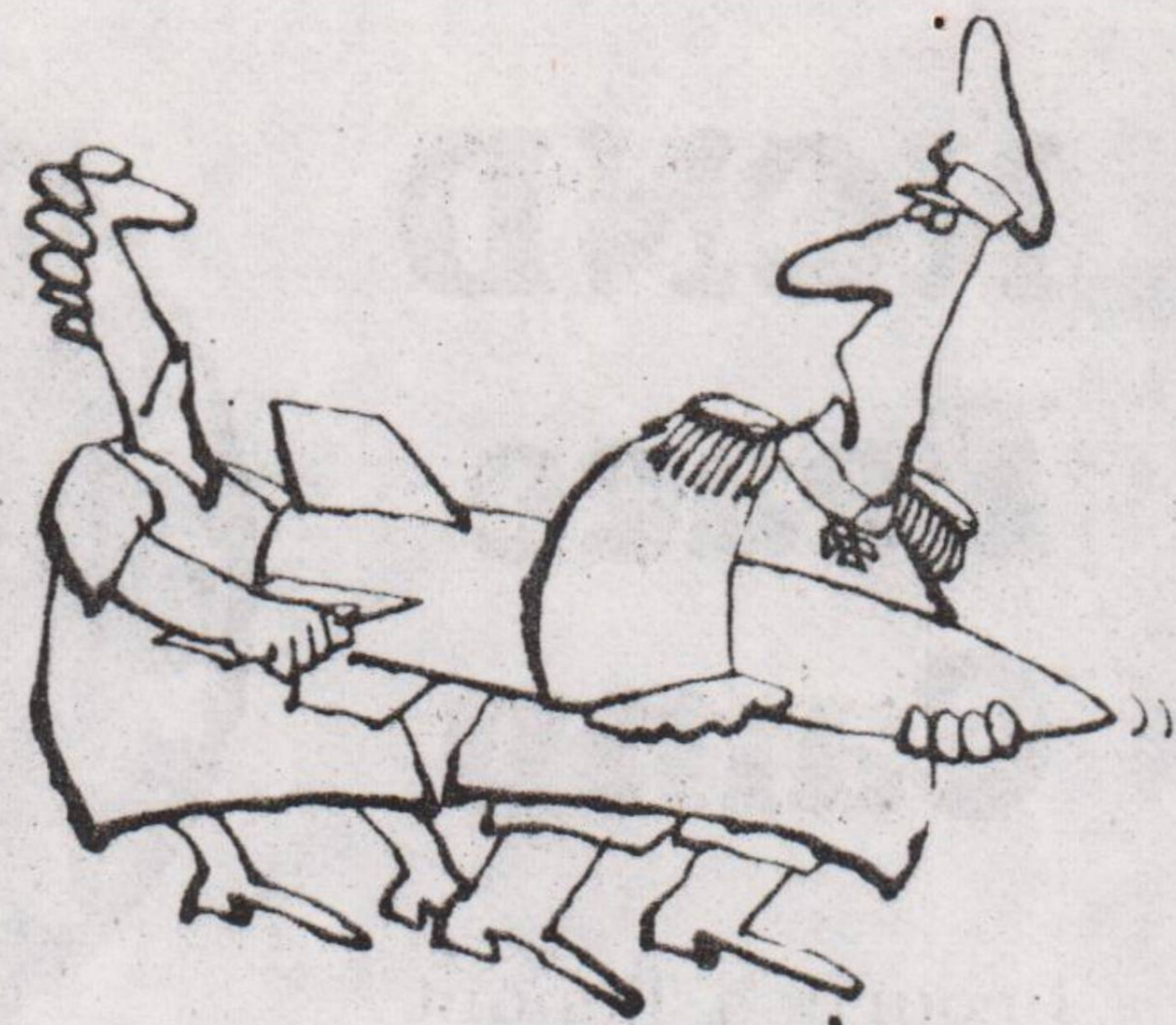


DISCO NARROWBOAT MAY 28

Following the great success of the last CND disco we are having another one on May 28th at the Narrowboat Inn, Canal Street, 8pm start. Particularly bearing in mind the state of funds at the moment we need a capacity crowd so come along and have fun helping CND.



MAY 24 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FOR DISARMAMENT



We invite you to take part in International Women's Day for Disarmament, May 24. On this day, women all over Northern Europe will be taking part in different types of actions to express their horror at the existence of nuclear weapons and to demand an end to them.

Nottingham's Women Oppose Nuclear Technology group is holding a symbolic protest against the siting of the American cruise missiles. We would like all women to take part in and support this action. We demand that cruise missiles be refused in Britain, and a start be made towards unilateral nuclear disarmament. We believe that women should play an important part in making this demand.

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DONATE A PLANT FOR PEACE

Plants will be collected on Saturday May 22 in the city centre outside Marks & Spencers, and at local collection points. Women are invited to sign a card saying "I donate this plant as a symbol of my resistance to the siting of cruise missiles in Europe".

On May 24 itself, a group of women will take the plants and cards to the air base at Molesworth (one of the two bases where cruise missiles are to be sited from late 1983), where they will be planted near the gates, spelling out a message of protest.

You can help by:

- donating plants or helping to organise their collection;
- coming to Molesworth on May 24;
- talking to friends, family, neighbours about nuclear weapons;
- raising the matter in your trade union, church group, tenants/residents association etc.

HELP US MAKE THIS ACTION A SUCCESS. Posters and leaflets publicising this event are available from: Women Oppose Nuclear Technology, tel Nottingham 53587.

UKAEA makes Exhibition of itself

Extensive research has shown the close link between nuclear weapons and nuclear power. The anti-nuclear movement must be prepared to set out its arguments against nuclear power with the same ruthless efficiency as the pro-nuclear lobby does. Take a recent day at the National Exhibition Centre near Birmingham. Midlanders turned out in droves for a day out at the Ideal Home Exhibition. Now your idea of an Ideal Home may not include an input of expensively-produced nuclear produced electricity, but the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority clearly saw this as a wonderful opportunity to put across its pro-nuclear propaganda.

Not only was its stand centrally situated, well-manned by well-heeled and knowledgeable engineers. It was visually attractive and stacked with free pro-nuclear publications, with plenty more where they came from. A mesmerised small boy played with the controls of a toy AGR.

The w.h. and k. engineers fed visitors with a constant stream of soothing patter, carefully streamlined to reassure any doubting Thomas who might be drawn to the attractive stand. 'Pressure Water Reactors, Oh! None have so far been built in this country' burred the engineer-spoke-person, who must have heard of Sizewell.

From my calculations, thousands of innocent visitors must have been brain-washed by the steady flow of misleading information proceeding from the Exhibition special, and who was there to put the case for the opposition? Not a banner waved, not a nuclear power - no thanks badge flashed!

Do you want to know the route of the famous train with its load of deadly waste. Go and ask the helpful man at the Exhibition stand. Do you want to know what it looks like? The helpful man will give you a beautiful picture of it. He does not fear your opposition. He will laugh all the way to Three Mile Island at your puny attempts at sabotage. Thrice armed is he who can afford expensive display stands, who can hand out beautiful pro-nuclear publications free and above all twice blessed is he who has done his homework.

PEACE STUDIES DEBATE

Sitting through the debate at County Hall was ^{NOT!} exactly like dipping into the Well of Enlightenment, but in some respects it was certainly an eye opener. Until Conservative Councillors pointed it out I had for example, failed to appreciate that those quiet ladies from Burton Joyce, Radcliffe or Arnold who sat in the public gallery with me were really Militant Activists; nor that the elderly couple sitting in front of me masquerading as retired people were really Trotskyist infiltrators. These were amongst the most illuminating points made by those opposing the Peace Studies proposals from the County Council. The Conservatives may well have drawn some comfort from their 'Trotskyists in County Hall' rallying cry. They did at least succeed in ensuring that those who sat through the rigours (rigour mortis?) of debate were denied the customary invitation to join the Councillors in a cup of tea at 'half time'. Fortunately it was the only notable success they achieved. The rest of their contributions were less profound than the renderings of Harry Corbett and Sooty, and certainly less entertaining.

The emotional furore whipped up in the Evening Post about indoctrination and mind control in schools had attempted to invest the Conservatives with a degree of honesty and integrity which they simply never possessed. What came over most strongly from their speeches was a deep rooted fear of school pupils openly questioning official wisdom of any sort. 'Would you want your children to be taught about PACIFISM!' 'Will they be teaching rioting and sedition in schools next?' At one point Councillor Mrs. Minkley blandly asserted that 'these teachers would be better employed teaching the children maths' - a comment which got it's instant come uppance in a murmured reply in the gallery . . . 'so they can count the dead'

Ten forty-three. In exactly TWO MINUTES I'll ring the FIRST BELL and they'll all stand still! All that is, except your potential DEVIATE! Your FLEDGLING REBEL! Your incipient BOAT-ROCKER! THEY'LL try to move all right! THEY'LL have to learn the hard way not to move!



So I'll SCREAM at 'em and take their NAMES and give them FIVE DETENTIONS and and EXTRA HOMEWORK! NEXT TIME they won't move after the first bell! Because when they've learned not to question the FIRST BELL, they'll learn not to question their TEXTS! Their TEACHERS! Their COURSES! EXAMINATIONS!



They'll grow up to accept TAXES! HOUSING DEVELOPMENT! INSURANCE! WAR! MEN ON THE MOON! BOOZE! LAWS! POLITICAL SPEECHES! PARKING METERS! TELEVISION! FUNERALS! Non-movement after the first bell is the backbone of Western Civilisation!



What was most surprising, however, was not the shallow and shabby arguments of the Conservative group but the sense in which some of the Labour members responded by suggesting that this initiative nicely maintained the sense of balance in discussions about Defence Policy. In some cases there was an almost overweening desire to stress that the issue was not political, and there was virtually no attempt to detail how 'political' defence issues had already become in relation to propaganda aimed at young people. The Government has really stepped up this propaganda war over the last couple of years by (amongst other things)

- financing the leaflet 'How to deal with a bully' and the accompanying filmstrip 'A better way to peace', both of which are pro-nuclear arms and aimed at school children.
- giving £40,000 (through the foreign office) to the British Atlantic Committee to promote pro-nuclear arguments throughout the country.
- obtaining NATO funding for the British Atlantic Youth Organisation so that the message that 'we have no choice' can be got across to young people.
- producing a variety of pamphlets, posters and booklets (often again via the foreign office) promoting the government line on nuclear weapons, and
- (presumably) sanctioning the use of armed forces visits to schools to also put across the importance of the role of nuclear arms in the modern army.

This is a far cry from anything resembling neutrality or balance. To pretend that it is to accept the heavy 'political' bias of military propaganda which the government wishes us to swallow. What Mrs Minkley and her colleagues convinced me of was that if the country's proposals do no more than help to produce a generation of school leavers whose attitudes towards other people are less belligerent, more open, and more reflective than the gung-ho gunfighters of County Hall then the Labour Council will have done the County a favour that it might just live to enjoy.

Alan Simpson
Co-chairperson
Nottingham CND

US 'freeze' movement hots up

"The nuclear-disarmament issue is the issue of the 80's and it will do to Ronald Reagan what Vietnam did to Lyndon Johnson."

America is beginning to catch on. Reagan's war-mongering rhetoric and spending has not gone unheeded. Los Angeles Democrat Midge Constaza's above quote may seem something of an optimistic notion at the moment, but if the truth be told, the American peace movement is in a rapid state of growth urged on by America's rapidly growing nuclear stockpile.

The American peace movement is focused around the freeze proposal. Initiator of the proposal was disarmament researcher Randall Forsberg, who has been one of the leading lights of the whole movement. The proposal is simply that both America and Russia should halt manufacture and deployment of their present nuclear arms, and as soon as this position was reached, talks would immediately begin on reducing weapons already deployed.

Reagan's reaction to such a move is predictable.

"If steps are not taken to modernize our defences the United States will progressively lose the ability to deter the Soviet Union from employing force and threats of force against us and our allies."

Thus at present we have the U.S. Govt intending to spend 240 billion dollars on B1 bombers, MX missiles and other strategic weapons.

The proposal offers a straight-forward goal for a mass movement, and support comes from a very wide cross-section of the American public.

The church, in particular, has played an important part with a number of Catholic bishops coming out in public support for the freeze. A young Catholic man called Mitchell Snyder has very recently come off a 60-day fast against the naming of a nuclear-powered submarine called Corpus Christi. It seemed likely that Snyder was going to die but at the last moment the authorities decided to rename the sub City of Corpus Christi.

Doctors and scientists have also formed groups to fight the issue. Amongst the scientists are people such as Nobel physicist Hans A. Bethe who actually helped make the atomic bomb. Bethe, a supporter of arms-control from 'the day the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki' favours a plan that calls for the United States to unilaterally reduce its nuclear arsenal by 5%, and challenge the Soviets to do likewise. After this has been achieved both countries would reduce arms by 5% annually until their stockpiles were halved.



The largest propaganda stunt so far undertaken by the movement took place recently in April and was called 'Ground Zero Week'. In 150 major cities and 500 smaller communities there were banners proclaiming - 'In a nuclear war, if this were ground zero, everything and every person within 2 miles would be destroyed.'

In June The U.N. is holding a special session on disarmament (see other article) and many activists see this as an opportunity for large demonstrations. The freeze proposal has maybe its most significant support from the 1984 Presidential hopefuls, Senator Edward Kennedy and Gary Hart of Colorado who realise that this movement had to be embraced. (New Statesman described it as 'a period of band-wagon-jumping not seen since the ecology movement got launched with the original Earth Day') Kennedy, along with Mark Hatfield manifested this embrace with a resolution that urged the States and Russia to pursue a complete halt to the arms race, to decide when and how to achieve a mutual, verifiable freeze on testing production and further deployment of nuclear weapons and then to pursue mutual and verifiable reductions in the strategic stockpiles.

American support for the freeze is in the majority - 68% according to a Newsweek opinion poll. It would nothing is going to stop the issue being a dominant factor in the 1984 election, as is realised by Reagan political aide Edward Rollins -

REAGAN SPEAKS OUT!

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NEWSPAPER - BIG FLAME

Big Flame: Do you really want a nuclear war?

Ronald Reagan: That's not something we've fully resolved as yet. We could really shake up the Russians, and it would help to perk up the Western economies, especially our own, if we had a bit of a skirmish around the Iron Curtain, perhaps using some of the tactical weapons at our disposal. But there's the underlying fear that it could get out of control and that we'd have a full-scale war on our hands. I think that might be a little hard to justify to the folks back home.

There's another problem, too. We don't really believe that the Russians will invade the West. I think you would find very few generals who see this as likely. The onus is on us, then, to provide the initiative without being seen to—and this with tens of millions of lives at risk. No, I think a war is not a policy option right at this moment.

BF: How then do you explain the theatre war strategy that you've introduced. Surely this makes a war more likely because tactical weapons—that is, usable weapons—have become the priority, and there is a clearly defined arena for war, namely Europe.

MAD

RR: You have to see this in context. The strategy that held sway before was that of Mutually Assured Destruction, or MAD. This strategy meant that there was little danger of war, because each side was too frightened of what the other side could do to it.

Some people took advantage of this situation to introduce détente and all that went with it.

People stopped thinking about the Russian threat, and started thinking about their own petty concerns. Women became obsessed with equality in every sphere you can think of, upsetting all those women who were quite happy with the way things were. Homosexuals began to flaunt themselves publicly. Blacks got above themselves.

EXCLUSIVE

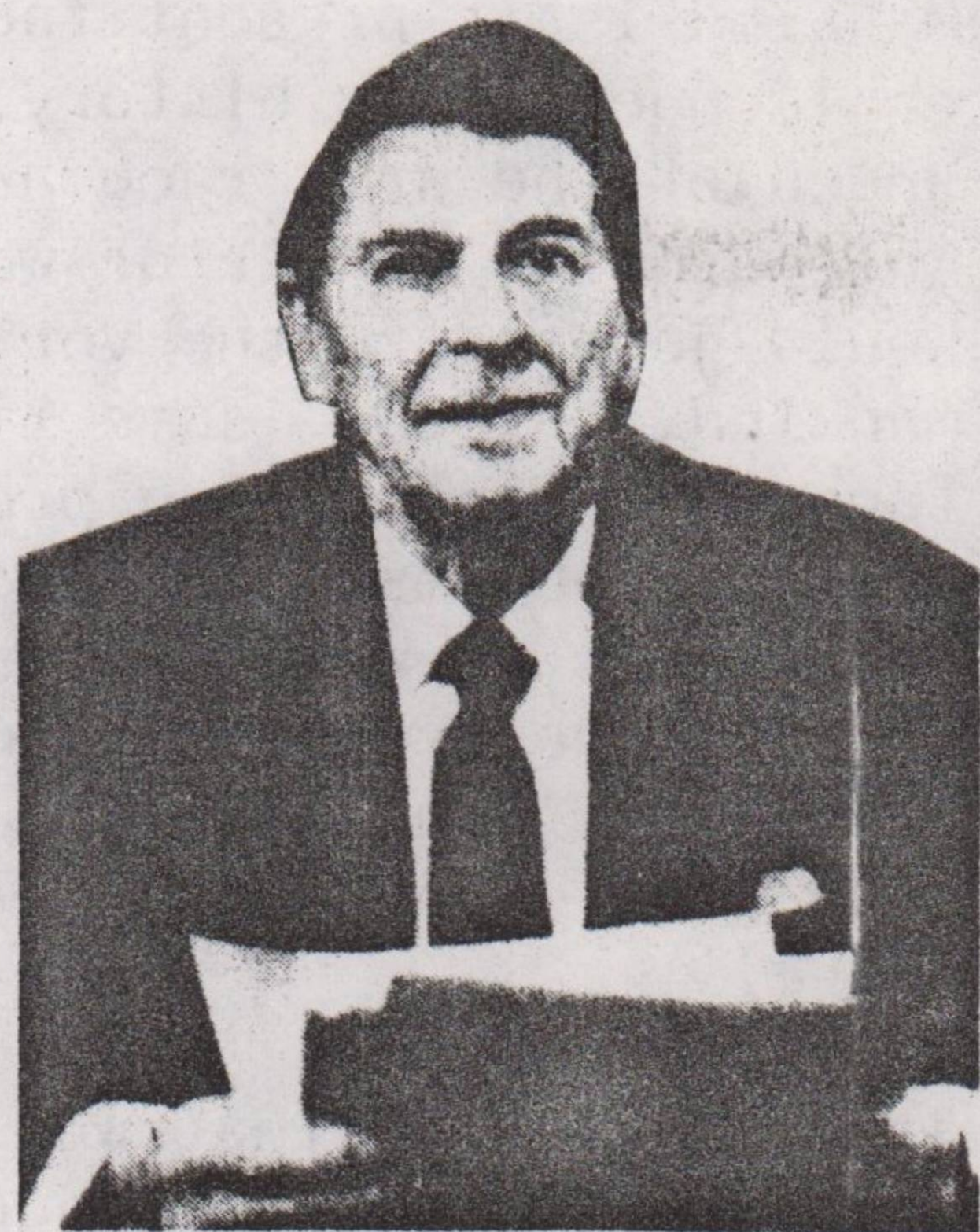
Abroad, we lost Vietnam, Angola, Mozambique, Grenada, Iran, Nicaragua. The Russians got Ethiopia and Afghanistan. The German and Japanese economies grew so strong that some of our industries suffered. All in all, we became a namby-pamby nation, catering for all the weaklings of the world, failing to help our best allies when in need and losing national morale. This can largely be put down to the soft-line we took on the Russians.

BF: That's crazy! You're bringing us to the brink of war—even a war you don't necessarily want—just to make people frightened about the Russians.

RR: The Russian threat to the West is the most urgent political problem facing the Western powers.

BF: And what about the Western offensive against the Russians? While the Russians are quivering in their boots about Poland and coming unstuck in Afghanistan, it's the West that's expanding outwards: Western banks are starting directly to influence economic policy in Poland, multinationals are moving into Soviet bloc as a whole, Cruise and Pershing missiles are about to be targeted at the heart of Moscow...

RR: You fail to see the point. The point is that the Soviet threat looms large in the public imagination. By talking theatre war, we have made the Soviet ogre look bigger, brought it to the forefront of people's minds. This is largely what the Cold War is about. If you want to push through some pretty tough economic measures, if you want to set back things like the movement for women's rights or homosexual rights, then you get people uptight about the Soviets. It's not all you use, but it's a wonderful tool. The only people who see through it are those who are hit by it. The more they shout the more they isolate themselves. Meanwhile you're moving in against the unions, hitting the Blacks, cutting back welfare, cutting the taxes paid by the rich. You have a ball.



BF: You seem obsessed with ideology, with people's minds. What about the economic benefits of the arms race, or relations with Third World countries?

RR: Well, all these things are related. A lot of our companies do very well out of the defence contracts, and this can help to rejuvenate certain sectors of the economy. There's also the technological developments, like the micro-chip, whose huge research and development costs can be swallowed up in the military budget. Nevertheless, there is tremendous economic wastage that results from deception by arms companies and their friends in Congress and the Military, from mighty technological balls-ups, from programmes getting totally out of hand.

NEUTRON BOMB

And you have to look at the Third World, where we are now able to act with much more confidence and style. We have sent chemical weapons into El Salvador which five years ago would have been condemned in every international arena. And we have re-introduced the neutron bomb, which we may never get to use in Europe, but which may prove extremely useful if ever we are faced again with a situation like Iran in 1979.

But the benefits you reap cannot be measured simply in monetary terms. You can't easily measure the increases in productivity derived from drawing the nation together as one big family united against an outside threat. You can't measure the economic benefit of our new aggressive stance in the Middle East, where we have overriding strategic and commercial interests protected now by both the Rapid Deployment Force and our friends in Egypt and Israel.

Bread or Bombs for Third World?

Mankind is at present facing the greatest challenge of its history. The level and speed of the arms race are bound to increase the danger of war, war which would jeopardize the very existence of all mankind. At the same time the world is faced with increasing problems of development, problems which are both complex and urgent if we are not to bring about our self-destruction by neglecting issues of health, education, food production and global development in which we can all share.

It is estimated that world wide some 50 million people are engaged in militaristic employ of one type or another. Of this figure approximately half is accounted for by the worlds armys, navys and airforces and the other half by workers in arms factories and components producers, and approximately 500,000 scientists and engineers engaged in research and development for military purposes.

One of the most conspicuous features of the military build up since World War Two has been the rapid rate of change in weapons technology. In terms of research and developments this race for technological advances has meant that approximately 25% of the worlds R. & D. resources both manpower and finance are now directed solely towards arms development, a figure which is again boosted if we include a proportion of the \$10,000M spent on space activities much of which has been dedicated to the launching of space satellites, etc.

There are also two other spin-offs from the technology race. One is the increasing use of land for military use e.g. give a general a bigger bomb to play with and he will demand a bigger playground.

The second spin-off is the increasing diversity of materials used in building arms and increasing use of scarce material resources.

Worldwide, the above use of men and materials accounted for \$500,000M in 1980, or approximately \$ 110 for every man, woman and child on earth.

At the same time the worldwide distribution of arms expenditure is changing, and again at a rapid rate, e.g. The massive increases in arms expenditure by the developing world as shown below.

Distribution of world military expenditures

(Percentage)*	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980
Developing countries	3.3	4.5	5.9	7.2	13.5	16.1
of which:						
Middle East (e)	0.6	0.9	1.3	2.2	7.3	7.8
South Asia	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.1
Far East (f)	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.9	3.6
Africa (g)	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.2	1.8	1.7
Latin America	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.8

* Source: World Armaments and Disarmament, SIPRI Yearbook 1981

These in countries which can afford the least to spend money on arms as opposed to development. (Not that any nation does itself a service by wasting money on bombs)

The facts and figures documented above, and thereby the manpower, resources and skills they represent, all or which have been so ardently commandeered by the worlds military, can be summed up in one word - waste. Waste that is of precious resources the like of which we can ill afford to fritter away on the whims of a few megalomaniacs. The ingenuity which has fuelled the military machine must if we are to not only rid ourselves of the dangers of nuclear weapons and by the same principle all other weapons, be pressed into the service of eradicating the urgent requirements of global development.

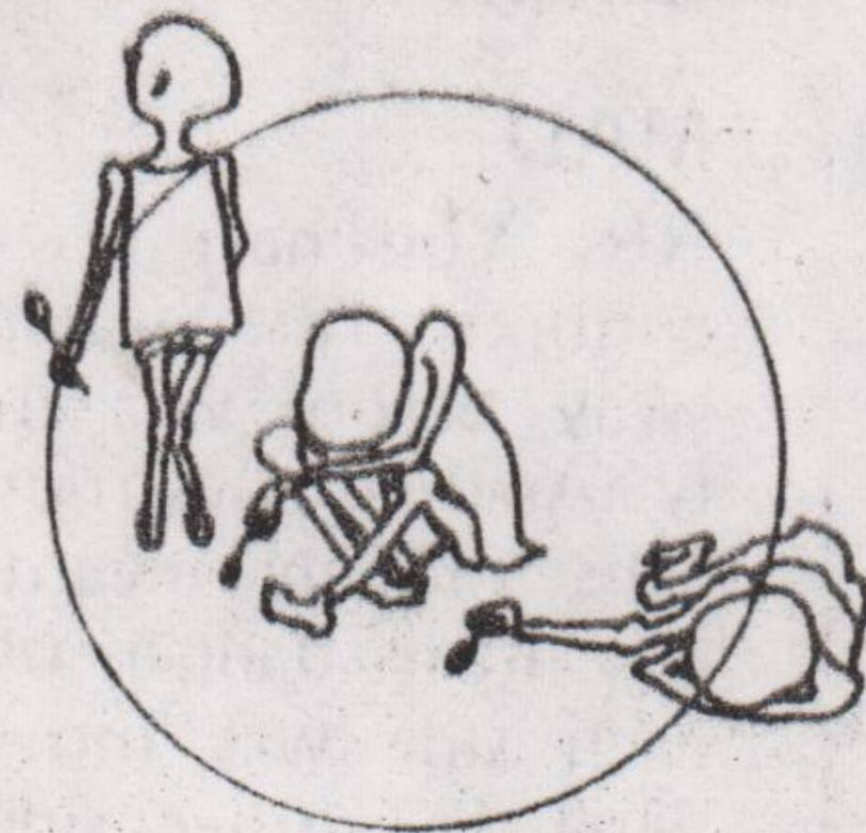
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UN Special Session

From June 7th - July 9th, 1982 the U.N. General Assembly will hold the Second Special Session on Disarmament. This follows the 1st Special Session, called for by the non-aligned Nations of the U.N. in 1976 and held May 28 - July 1, 1978.

RESULTS OF 1ST SESSION

(1) 149 Nations signed the final document, which basically called for general measures towards Multi-lateral disarmament. It included no specific proposals and whilst agreed by the General Assembly was not by the Security Council,

(2) Whilst hankering with the U.N. machinery, setting up

The Committee of Disarmament

The U.N. Centre for Disarmament

The Advisory Board on Special Studies

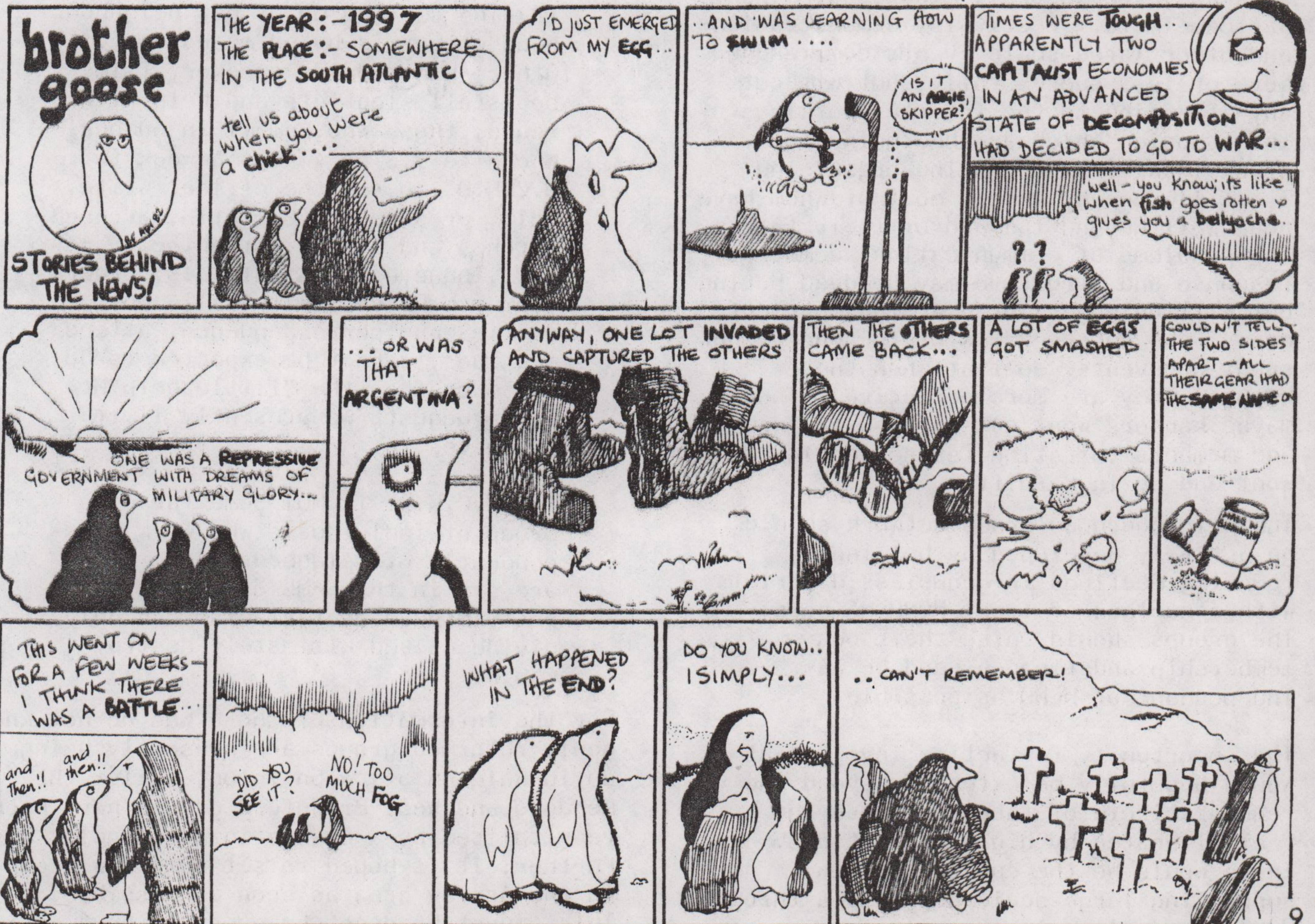
it brought out no new initiatives and failed totally to mention the links between Nuclear Power and Nuclear Weapons and the links with conventional weapons limitation/disarmament.

The Second Special Session could quite easily turn out to be as meaningless as the first, the only possible advantage to be gained is that whilst there is a forum of debate, we in C.N.D. must try to influence it. On April 10th, 1981 the British government stated to the U.N. that it is

"essential that this Second Special Session should take full advantage of the work already done by the 1st Special Session the final document continues to be the most comprehensive document on disarmament ever accepted by the world community ... The validity of this document should be re-affirmed at the beginning of the 2nd Session as one of the starting points for its work.

On the basis of this we must pressurise our government to follow this up with specific proposals which we can use to question the level of their intent.

YOUTH AGAINST THE MISSILES - GIG
JUNE 2nd...AD LIB CLUB..10.30pm.
with STUMBLE, DARK LEGION and PEP-
PERMINT LOUNGE. Unwaged 75p/1.25waged.



LETTERS: Neighbourhoods

Since it began, NCND has always tried to campaign in a way that will reach and involve the maximum number of people. Neighbourhood groups were set up so that people would find the disarmament message on their doorsteps, rather than at some remote meeting in town.

The success of this approach has led to a big increase in membership which is beginning to cause serious organisational problems in some of the larger groups and in NCND itself. Because there are still many districts of Nottingham with no local group, a neighbourhood group may find itself trying to operate in a large, vaguely defined area in which there are many NCND members (which the group's delegate is supposed to represent at coordinating meetings) who don't attend its meetings. Conversely, many members of local groups are not paid-up members of NCND, and don't attend NCND meetings.

The work 'neighbourhood' attached to 'group' implies a very localised organisation whose formation has been left to individual NCND members. For this first step, there seems to be little help from NCND for those not used to organising things, apart from some leaflets, speakers, the last 27½ minutes of 'The War Game' etc. Festivals, demonstrations and other large-scale events come and go more or less successfully, but without any attention to the internal workings of the campaign which are beginning to creak loudly. The routine organising is still done by a few, most of whom have gone well beyond the end of their tether. The problems of communication, democracy, response and structure may be dead boring but will only get worse as the movement grows, and deserve some of the energy now spent on events, so that when these happen, they are more effective. Then maybe banners won't get left on trains, and members thirsting for action in London won't end up in Cardiff.

The neighbourhood group network should be actively developed by holding founding meetings in groupless districts with a nucleus of local NCND members. The groups should raise their own membership and finance, and be as independent of NCND as possible.

The opportunity for active involvement would hopefully be extended beyond the regular circle of faces to those who feel alienated by big organisations. There would be the choice between supporting large-scale activities through NCND or equally vital small-scale neighbourhood activities. NCND should

be able to call on neighbourhood groups for help in organising specific aspects of big events, or in carrying out routine chores like addressing envelopes, and the groups should be able to draw on NCND's resources of information and experience.

It's easy to start a campaign on a wave of enthusiasm, the hard part is to keep it going until the objectives have been achieved. BOB CANN

(This letter has been edited).

A REPLY

To answer this extremely critical letter in full would take considerable time, therefore, I shall suggest just a few observations in answer.

(1) It is true that some neighbourhood groups have grown beyond their strict geographical boundaries. I do not see, however, that this is a major problem, for whilst certain areas thought it better to amalgamate (e.g. City Centre, St. Ann's, Meadows, for certain projects) there is no reason why others which have over-stretched the limits of neighbourhood should not sub-divide where appropriate.

(2) The setting up of new neighbourhood groups is by no means easy. Other than provide speaker, film, bookstall, leaflets and help with venue, those who, small in number who give 5, 6 or 7 days a week to N.C.N.D. to run the office, write, edit, produce the bulletin, arrange marches and stalls, organise transport, peace ~~fix~~ festivals, orders from C.N.D. deal with daily enquiries and correspondence, attend meetings, cannot be expected to do any more than the "little help" Mr. Cann suggests we presently limit ourselves to.

(3) N.C.N.D. is NOT some far off group of individuals who work independently of neighbourhoods. We are all in the SAME organisation, petty minded sectarianism can only divide us and ultimately destroy C.N.D.

For the information of those who do not know, newly reformed groups are presently being set up in Raleigh St. & Sneinton, whilst the Meadows and West Bridgford groups have been re-vitalised by a change in personnel. Further, it is hoped to set up a new group in the Aspley area as soon as possible. This cannot be done, however, without active members in those areas. Contd next page

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The real reason why the same circle of people turn up at every meeting is that they are the only ones who can be bothered to do so. Mere payment of subscription does not entitle anyone to self-satisfaction, we can all do something. Finally, what takes me "beyond the end of my tether" is criticism which is unconstructive and attacks those who give their all to the organisation.

MARK COLE.
ORGANISING SECRETARY

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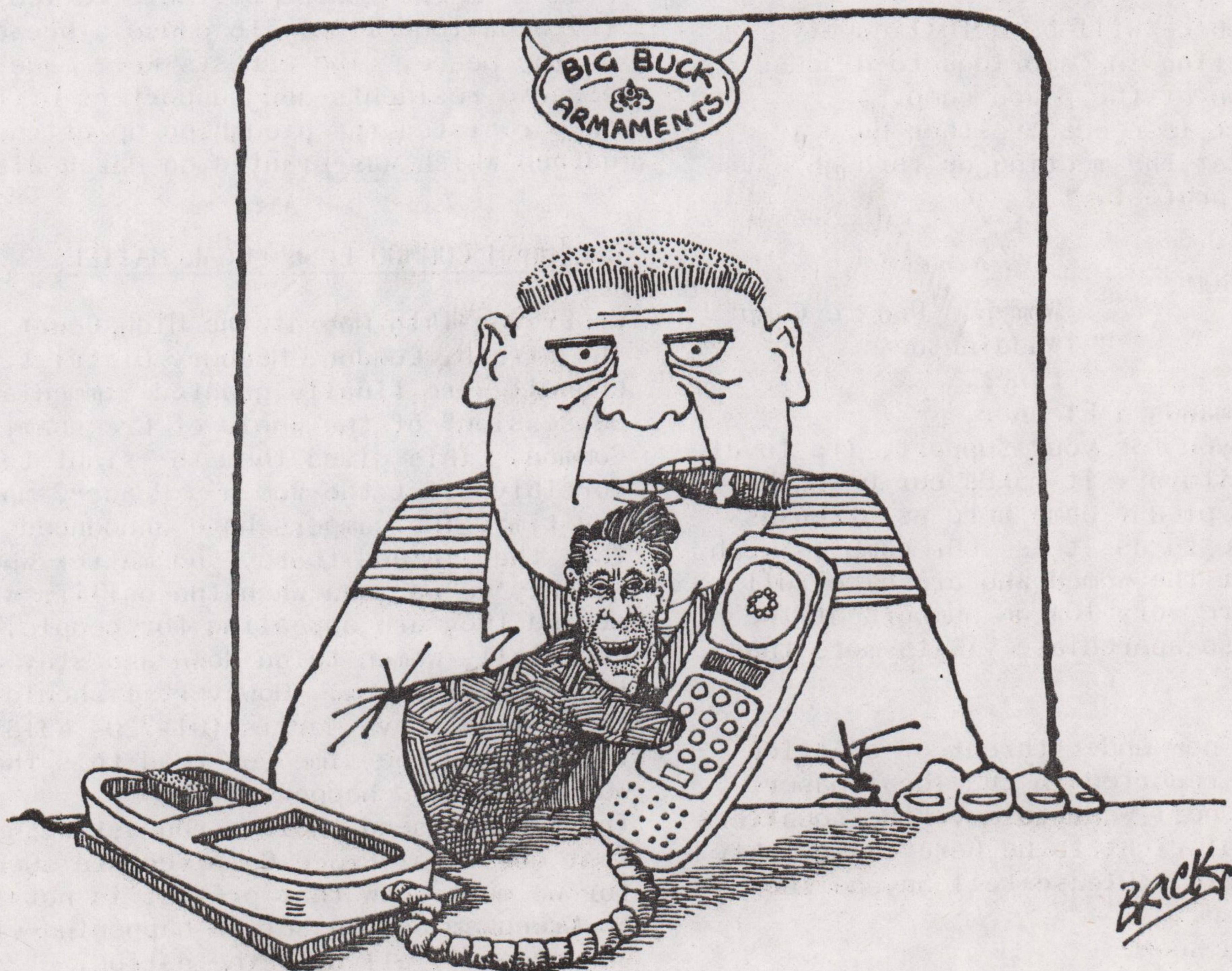
'Limp Council'

Dear Bulletin,
Is Notts County Council 'limp' as John Bachelor claims? ('Hard Rock a Gonnafall' - April Bulletin). Hardly, when you consider its record. It declared the Nuclear Free Zone within five months of taking office - not bad timing in view of the amount of business their immediate reversal of Tory policies generated. They are pioneering a Peace Education programme for schools; peace organisations now have free use of school premises for meetings; peace petitions adorn library notice boards and many other measures implementing the N.F.Z. are in the pipeline as Marie Yuill reported - also in the April Bulletin.

Local authorities clearly cannot break the law. The London fares case illustrated how simple it is to bring in a judge to halt progressive measures. Failure to comply with statutory requirements on Civil Defence would result in prosecution and the return of a Tory Council.

We are so accustomed to battling with government and authority, that it is hard to adjust to having local government on our side for a change. It is vital that we make this adjustment and give the County and City Councils all the support we can in implementing the Nuclear Free Zone.

Jos Wood



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS - Please write in protest at the National Trust decision to lease some of its land to the Ministry of Defence for the construction of an underground bunker. Also let the office of Nottingham CND know that you are a member so that we can organise joint action of this issue.

"MIXER"

A Nottingham Fringe Festival concert in aid of Nottingham CND
Thursday June 10th 7.30 p.m. Black Boy Inn Cellar, Market Street
featuring: Patio Doors and the Sun Loungers, The Pieced Together Blues Band and the Richard Hallam Jazz Band. Tickets available from the NND Office.

Nottingham CND/Community Arts Centre photo exhibition

Nottingham Community Arts and Crafts Centre wants to mount an exhibition of photos of Peace Demos - Festivals - Marches - Meetings etc. The exhibition will consist of about 40-50 black and white 8 x 10 prints reprinted from local photographers negatives (n.b. we can reprint colour negatives onto black and white paper). We intend to set up a group of people to select, reprint and mount the exhibition. So if you are interested in contributing photos for selection and/or being involved in organising the exhibition, then contact with Pat Shammon or Colin Huggins at the Arts and Crafts Centre, Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green Tel 782463 for further details.

There is new material in the office which mainly consists of posters and pamphlets (including Phil Bolsovers "Civil Defence the Cruellest Con Trick" E. P. Thompson's "Beyond the Cold War", and new stock of "Facts Against the Bomb" Get the "Reagan - Wanted" Poster for June 6th, plus loads more to choose from, all available on Sale or Return.

STOP PRESS - Peace Camps under threat.

PEOPLE'S PEACE CAMP MOLESWORTH

May 18th. There will be a full county council meeting in Cambridge to discuss the eviction of the peace camp. Your support is needed, either by attendance at the meeting or through letters of protest.

A LETTER FROM

Women's Peace Camp
Waddington
Lincs.

Dear Ann, Amanda & Eleanor,

Thank you for your support, its lovely to have visitors - it makes our being here worthwhile, please come here as often as you are able to as it is your camp as much as it is for the women who are here full time. We are very low on numbers at the moment and so appreciate visits more than ever.

We are now under threat of eviction - it has been reported in the local paper that the Council want to move "the squatters with no legal right to be here" as quickly as is possible. Please tell anyone who is interested.

See you soon.

In Peace, Cattryn.

May 27th. Trial of the Molesworth Nine.
Venue - Pathfinder House, Huntingdon.

The charges are (1) obstructing the police in the course of their duties (2) behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. The arrests were made because residents and supporters of the camp resisted the ploughing up of the garden which was planted on March 21st.

GREENHAM COMMON LOSE LEGAL BATTLE

On Friday 14th May at the High Court in The Strand, London, Newbury District Council were finally granted "immediate possession" of the whole of Greenham Common. This gives them the right to forcibly evict the Women's Peace Camp at any time. The campers have announced that they intend to say, no matter what. As they've no idea when the bailiffs will strike they are appealing for people, especially women to go down and stay at the camp from now. However, I should check with Steve Morris (01-720- 4318) first as by the time you read this the worst may have happened. The campers send their strongest wishes that our local Peace Camp venture succeeds for we must show that protest is not limited to Greenham Common but is happening vitally and urgently all over the nation.

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FOREST FIELDS

Forest Fields Peace Group Balloon Race held on 3rd April 1982 at the East Midlands Youth Demonstration.

Approximately 150 balloons were released between 2 and 4 p.m. We have received 12 cards back from various places, including Europe, which suggests that many balloons came down in the North Sea.

Postmarks on the return cards are:- Grimsby, Retford, Spilsby (Lincs), Lincoln, Upper Sheringham (Norfolk), Market Rasen and Boston (Lincs).

From Europe we received 4 from the Netherlands and 1 from Germany.

The winning card reached Dortmund and was sent by Jean, 15 Springhill, Kimberley who will receive a £10 gift voucher.

BULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLINEBULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLI

The final date for the June edition of the bulletin is SUNDAY 6th JUNE. This is only a few weeks away so get writing. And whilst we're talking about it the bulletin needs some new blood. Any help would be appreciated as those of us who have been responsible for the last few issues aren't going to be around for the next few months. As usual, the material for the next bulletin should be handed into the NCND office, Environmental Information Centre. Plus, what about a new name for the bulletin? Let's have a few suggestions. (Fave at the moment is 'Bombs Away') And finally, thanks to Alex Higgins for inspiration.



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May

- WEDNESDAY 19th - 7.00 - Direct Action group visit County Hall bunker.
- 8.00 - Forest Fields Peace Group. 96, Burford Road, Forest Fields.
- THURSDAY 20th - 7.30 - Radcliffe group meeting. Discussion on Hard Rock. 3, Wharf Lane
- 7.30 - Wilford group, showing 'The War Game'. St Wilfred's Church Hall
- 7.30 - Burton Joyce meeting. Burton Joyce old school.
- FRIDAY 21st - 7.30 - Long Eaton group meeting. Community House.
- SATURDAY 22nd - noon - Falklands demonstration (see attached leaflet)
12 - 4 WONT plants stall for Molesworth peace camp. Listergate.
- MONDAY 24th - - Women's Day of Action. WONT are going to Molesworth (phone 53587 for details)
- 8.00 - Peace Festival Planning Meeting. Environmental Information Centre.
- TUESDAY 25th - 8.00 - Basford group meeting. 31, Isanddula Road.
- WEDNESDAY 26th - 8.00 - Hard Rock meeting. Environmental Information Centre.
- 8.00 - Woodthorpe meeting. Arnold library.
- 8.30 - Raleigh Street group meeting. 120, Portland Road.
- FRIDAY 28th - 8.00 - A.N.G.L.E. Folk Evening, Labour Club, Lawrence Street, Long Eaton. 50p.
- 8.00 - N.C.N.D. Disco. Narrowboat Inn, Canal Street.
- SUNDAY 30th - - Intended date of setting-up Peace Camp in Suffolk.

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June

- TUESDAY 1st - Lenton group meeting. Ring Andy for place and time.
- 7.30 - Sneinton group meeting. 26, Lyndhurst Road, Sneinton Dale.
- WEDNESDAY 2nd - 10.30 - YAM benefit gig. Ad-lib club. £1.25 waged/ 75p unwaged.
- FRIDAY 4th - - Round market square cycle race.
- SATURDAY 6th - - National C.N.D. demo.
- MONDAY 7th - 7.30 - Mapperley group meeting. 10, Denmark Grove
- TUESDAY 8th - - Ring contact for details.
- THURSDAY 10th - 7.30 - Nottingham Fringe benefit jazz concert, Black Boy.
- SATURDAY 12th - - Berry Hill Miners Gala. N.C.N.D. stall.
- SUNDAY 13th - 7.30 - Monthly meeting. Friends Meeting house, 25 Clarendon Street.
- WEDNESDAY 16th - 8.00 - West Bridgford meeting. Ring contact for place.
- 8.00 - Forest Fields peace group. 62, Windermere Road, Forest Fields.
- THURSDAY 17th - 7.30 - Radcliffe group meeting. 3, Wharfe Lane.
18th, 19th & 20th - Glastonbury festival.
- FRIDAY 18th - 8.00 - Co-ordinating group. Environmental Information Centre.
- SATURDAY 19th - - Sherwood garden party.

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