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LETTERS



M.Fletcher, in his letter in last month's bulletin, seemed to lay total responsibility for the arms race on the USA. While I have no great love for Mr.Reagan and Co., I don't accept that they are wholly responsible for this macabre competition any more than I accept that Mrs.Thatcher will vote Communist next time.

The Russians, with their proposed 'Hair-trigger response' policy, have shown an amazing lack of responsibility and tolerance. M.Fletcher states that "CND should not be afraid to tackle the whole question of the role of the Soviet Union". I entirely agree. But their actions in Afghanistan and Poland cannot be ignored or simply dismissed by asking "What about Vietnam?".

One of the questions I am constantly asked is "What about the Russians?". While they continue to behave as aggressively as described above, the question becomes more difficult to answer, and the "myth of the Russians just waiting to overrun Britain", as M.Fletcher puts it, seems to be uncommitted to be increasingly less of a myth.

CND should not be attacking the US and defending the USSR, but fighting the obscenity of the nuclear arms race.

Simon Chuda



Your correspondent M.Fletcher is absolutely right to criticise the cartoon on the front of the October Bulletin. I too believe that the USSR can not be held equally responsible with the USA for the arms race over the years, each time there has been a new escalation in the "race", it has been at the initiative of the USA in its determination to have superiority in nuclear weapons over the USSR.

M.Fletcher makes a very valid and important point in that if we want to convince people in this country of the need to campaign for nuclear disarmament, then surely one of the first steps along the road is to allay their fears about a "soviet threat", which many of us do not believe exists.

To perpetuate this myth is surely not in the best interests of CND.

I regard this whole question as being too important to dismiss in a few short words about (as you put it) "so called 'peace' initiatives by both superpowers, generally designed to be unacceptable to the other side for varying technical or strategic reasons".

It seems very obvious to me that the Soviet Union has made many attempts since 1945 to initiate peace moves, including the SALT 2 agreement in 1979 which the USA has consistently refused to ratify, in spite of the late President Brezhnev's attempts to bring this about.

Thus, while accepting that CND make a point of equally condemning all countries that possess nuclear weapons, I think we should be clear in our minds as to which among the nations are the offensive and which the defensive. To do this, of course, one has to look beyond the official media coverage of world issues.

As M.Fletcher so rightly says, CND should not be afraid to tackle this question, it is not something that can be ignored.

LETTERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the November AGM Nottingham CND voted to provide Families Against the Bomb at Lakenheath Peace Camp with up to £1,000 for the purchase of a Land Rover. We had £400 in the bank, thus the appeal for funds.

The Land Rover has been bought for £850. This vehicle has not been handed over on a plate. The executive committee, bearing in mind its responsibility to NCND members, met with representatives of the peace camp and came to an agreement that the vehicle will be returned to NCND if and when the vehicle can no longer be used to further the aims of CND by FAB.

The response to the appeal has been most moving in that it has come from individuals rather than groups, with donations varying between £1 and £100, all of which are respected and appreciated. The fund is not closed, we're waiting for your contribution. Please don't send it after you've seen a blinding flash of light in the sky - we're led to believe that your money will have no value after such an event.

The appeal has now brought our finances to the break-even point. NCND will only act as a powerful pressure group with your contributions to finance future projects.

C.A.N.A. (Christians Against Nuclear Arms)

ADVANCE NOTICE: DAY CONFERENCE
Saturday, 29th Jan. 1983, on
"The Church & the Bomb". This
is to discuss the implications of the recent C. of E. Report before the February discussion in the General Synod. We hope to have Kenneth Greet, the Methodist leader, as our main speaker.
(Meanwhile - A Happy Christmas)
Barbara Lacey.

Well, the postman brought me yet another of these chain letters, written in the name of peace - number 8! Had I replied to all of these it could have cost me £7.44 - money which I could ill afford and, if I could, I would have put it to better use than GPO pockets. And, quite honestly, I'd be hard done by to find that many friends to forward the letters to, much less face the embarrassment of having put them in a somewhat awkward situation. How many people actually want to continue chain letters but feel obliged to do so because they've been forwarded by "friends". And who wants to be in the Guinness Book of Records anyway?

Which brings me to another point - of all the names on all the letters I only know three of these people and there are five on each letter. So I can only assume that my name was used because of my being the Basford contact in the Bulletin. It is, after all, easier to send these things to a faceless name than one of ones friends.

Surely, in the name of peace, five stamps or cash would be better going to the women at Greenham Common than continuing a chain letter, which I personally feel doesn't really achieve much.

Barbara Disney

LORRY REQUIRED

We require a lorry in the Spring to transport a 'model cruise missile' around the County. It is envisaged that this would take place on Saturdays commencing March, 1983. If you think you might be able to help in any way please contact the NCND Office for further information.

Flashbacks of the Past

PEDLARS OF DEATH

Interesting, that Mrs Thatcher was so enraged over the French Government's decision to permit the exporting of Exocet missiles to Argentina. Meanwhile - with many apologies and explanations that they are bound by contract - Rolls Royce engines are being exported to West Germany for the equipping of Argentinian naval frigates.

Well, well, well! So it seems that it's business as usual for the "Pedlars of Death". Looking back over the years of wars and double dealings by the Armaments kings brings to mind the history of a man who dealt in the grisly business of war, one of the most powerful arms dealers of the past: Sir Basil Zarahoff.

He is quoted as having said-

"I made my first hundreds of pounds, gunrunning for 'Savages'."

"I made wars so that I could sell arms to both sides."

"I must have sold more arms than anyone else in the world."

(Source - Sir Basil Zarahoff, as quoted by Rosita Forbes, international journalist of the 'Sunday Express' 29-11-1936.)

For his services to various countries, Sir Basil received many honours:

Knight Grand Cross of the British Empire.

Commander of the Bath.

Doctor of Common Law, Oxford.

Grand Cross of the Order of the Saviour, Greece.

Commander of the Legion of Honour, France. Etc,etc.

Sir Basil made many financial donations to various Universities and charities...

...Conscience money?

Another interesting item from the past comes from a League of Nations (forerunner of the U.N.) document A.81.1921 and makes interesting reading -

"Activities of Armaments Manufacturers:

Armaments Manufacturers have been active in fermenting warscares,

disseminating false reports about armaments programmes of other governments and by attempted bribery of government officials, and by their control of newspapers, have played one government off against another."

The modern "Pedlars of Death" are perhaps less easily identified than the Sir Basils of the past, but today's Military Industrial Complexes have their tentacles deeply imbedded in modern societies, and they surround us all. They have had a hand in the hundreds of small wars since 1945 and have caused the deaths of millions, and, unless we stop them, will sooner or later have a hand in mankind's final terminal war and the death of us all.

WANTED

A major reorganization of the office is planned to provide more storage space and working surfaces.

If you can provide any of the following please contact the office:-

wood or substitutes for shelves, work surfaces; supports for these; tables or desks
cupboards
filing cabinets.

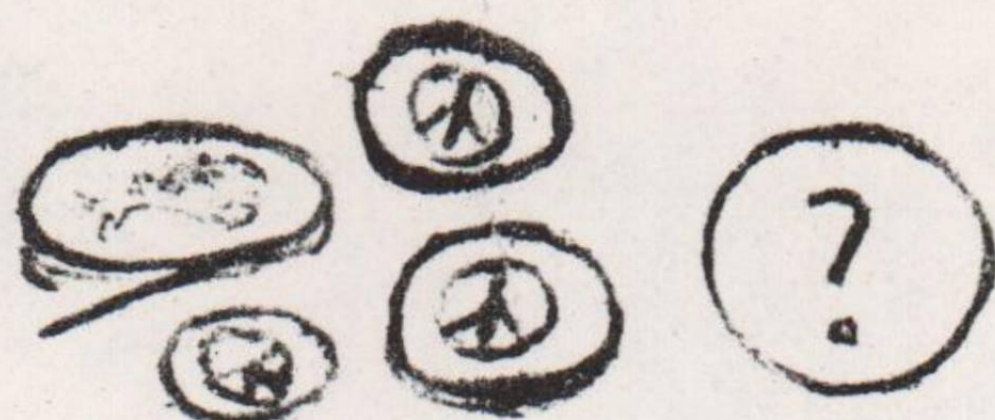
OLD TIN CANS NEEDED

Please bring you empty baked bean tins - and any others - to the office.

They are urgently needed to make torches for Dec. 23rd.



ACTION



NCND CHRISTMAS CARDS

You might just have time to get your last minute cards - Only 10p each, two different designs.

BADGE COMPETITION

Send us your ideas of designs for badges and you could win the first 10 we have made to give to your friends or a year's free membership for you or a friend. Any number of entries neatly drawn or just rough ideas. We want two designs, one for NCND and one on any anti-nuclear theme which could be sold nationally.

SLOGANS - ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Any ideas of slogans/material you think we should produce to make sure that Nuclear Disarmament is a major issue in next year's General Election? Remember CND is non-political so issues rather than parties and personalities are the things to concentrate on.

Whilst you're thinking has anyone got a good short reply to the standard comments "you'd be locked up in Russia" or "load of communists, you lot"? We will print the best ones in a future bulletin.

BULLETIN MEETING - THURSDAY JAN.6th, 8pm NCND OFFICE

Make a New Year's resolution and write something for the bulletin (short and interesting) or better still come along to help juggle bits of paper, cartoons, 'letra-set' and glue - no previous experience needed just ideas of what you find easy to read and interesting.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles, news, dates, letters, reviews, ideas, cartoons.....
Send them to the NCND Office to arrive by the Thursday before the monthly meeting, i.e. Jan.6th, Feb.3rd, March 3rd, etc., covering dates for the following 7-8 weeks. That way people should know about things before they have happened!

SPY BASE 'MORE USE TO RUSSIA THAN ALLIES'

In the wake of the 'Prime' scandal the Washington Post quoted intelligence officers who said that the Russians have 'had access to as many top secrets as anybody in NATO' through the Cheltenham Government Communications HQ. They claimed that the Russians had obtained the locations of all British and American nuclear warheads and day to day reports on NATO equipment and its disposition.

FAB PEACE CAMP

Speakers and Press Cuttings Display available.

PEOPLE RESOURCES

We have one member with legal expertise who has kindly offered his services. We need other types of expertise, eg marketing, publicity, typing, cartoon and artwork. If you can offer any of these please contact NCND now or come to the meeting to prepare for the election campaign on Wed.17th January at 7.30 at NCND Office.

ACTION

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

As a symbol of the real meaning of Christmas and the Peace we all want NCND is organising a torchlight procession on Thursday Dec. 23rd leaving Sneinton Market at 6pm to carry the message to the last minute Christmas shoppers. Everyone who can be there should be to make a good impact: practical help beforehand preparing placards, torches, etc. would be very welcome - contact the office or call in now.

LISTERGATE STALL

Thanks to all the groups who have helped us have a regular stall each Saturday near Marks & Spencers on Listergate. If your group or you personally have not done one yet, or not since the summer, please volunteer for a Saturday from mid-January onwards. Not only does it take the 'message' to the people of Nottingham it is a great help to our finances, with each item sold spreading CND badges and literature still further afield. All you need do on the day is collect the stuff from the office (a car is useful but not essential) and set up in the morning, returning the things in the afternoon. If you've not done anything like it before why not call at the stall one Saturday before then to see what goes on.

Weekday Stall - Students, Unemployed, Flexi-time Workers!

Anyone who is free during the daytime (even just for a couple of hours) please offer your help to run the stall, particularly if you have time before Christmas or during the holidays. We have held a stall during the week as often as possible and it is very successful as the "audience" is often different from those who pass on a Saturday.

CRUISE CITYWIDE LEAFLET

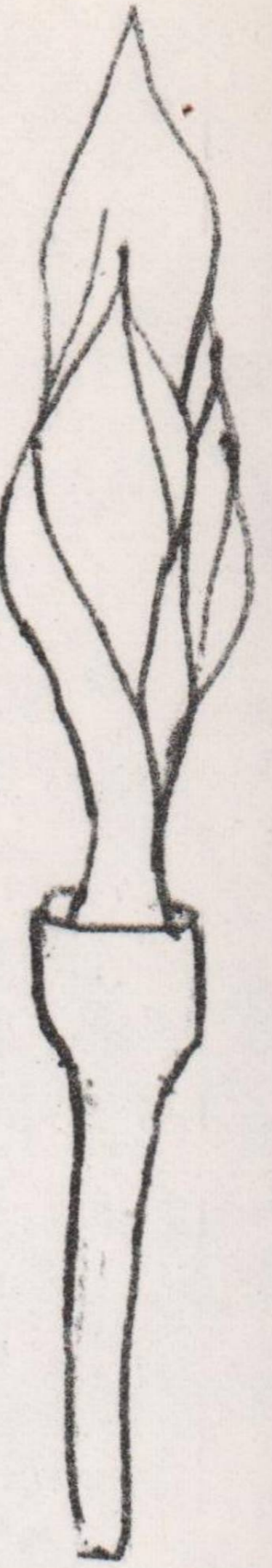
We are planning a leaflet drop to every house in Nottingham, probably in February. This will explain why we should oppose cruise missiles and advertise a meeting with Bruce Kent as main speaker on March 7th.

This means:

1. Organisation - Neighbourhood groups will need to work out how to cover their own area within a limited timespan. Your neighbourhood rep. needs to know you are willing to help and what area you know/prefer.
2. Volunteers - Will also be needed to help out in areas with no neighbourhood group or only a few active members, with organising publicity and with arranging distribution.
3. Co-ordination - To be effective we must make sure there is no overlap or gaps. This could be the chance you have been waiting for to re-activate your local group or find out when your local group meets and do something for the Anti-Cruise Campaign. Meetings for reps. and volunteers January 24th, 7.30pm, NCND Office.

DIRECT ACTION

The January monthly meeting will be on Sunday 9th (not the 2nd) when we hope to show a film about the Greenham Common Peace Camp followed by a discussion on what we can do following their example here in Nottingham.



Commitment ?

At past meetings of NCND and many neighbourhood group meetings, ways of raising money have been discussed, because it seems we are always low on funds. Many fund-raising ventures have been suggested, and there have also been discussions about members' contributions. In its way this is fine, but it occurred to me that, if there is a peace group with over 60 members or NCND membership approaching 1500, then money only becomes a problem through peoples neglect. The simple answer is just to give money. If people want a peace group to grow, and hopefully succeed, they will support it by giving their time or their money or both. A yearly membership fee and wearing a badge are not enough.

In suggesting this, I am fully aware of the distinction between commitment and involvement. For most of us, it has to be involvement rather than commitment, because the peace movement is only part of our lives. And yet involvement must surely mean what it says, and the peace movement must be an active part of people's lives; not a fringe activity.

If you are involved in a relationship but cease to have any contact with the other person, the relationship dies.

If you have a job, but never go to it, you get the sack.

If you join the peace movement, but don't get involved in it,

I know this type of argument is often unpopular. But its converse seemed to justify a laid-back attitude which made me doubt the value of being involved at all. This counter-argument is commonplace - "it is not the thing to make people feel guilty, to be 'heavy'" (or is the word moralistic?). People do not like that. It pushes them away. (Such a line nearly pushed me away.) The peace movement has grown out of a shared vision of the horror of Hiroshima, and out of the awareness of the direct and terrifying threat of nuclear holocaust. Yet still people argue that the peace movement must be gentle, must be nice, must not make people feel guilty.

Maybe I have a simple vision. If there are 60 people in a peace group I think that there should at least be 30 at every meeting of it. Numbers are important, but only if they are visible. If only 9 members of a peace group attend its meetings, then I presume 51 have something more urgent or important to do. Of course there are emergencies: of course there are all kinds of commitments people have to oblige. Yet so often we are talking about such small amounts of time. Yes, I am interested in the survival of the human race but we've got friends coming to dinner. Yes, I think Cruise missiles are an abomination but the meeting completely slipped my mind, etc, etc.

It has taken me a while to get re-involved with the peace movement, and not out of a feeling of hopelessness: I believe, and have to believe, that together we can stop the bomb. My re-involvement comes as a sense of frustration at the lack of urgency and intensity of much of the movement.

To return to money: everybody knows that money is very useful. And it is useful to the peace movement and all groups working within it, however small. And donating money (like donating time) is only meaningful if it hurts a little bit. Surely there must be 20 employed people in, say, the Forest Fields group. If they each gave just £5 per month (about 17p per day) that would be £100 a month for the cause. Is that 'heavy'? More daily than the price of a Bounty bar? More, weekly, than the cost of 2 pints of beer?

My point is that if people are involved, they do such things - they give time, they give money. I am involved again, and glad to be. It does not mean I will be penniless, or have no time to myself: but it does mean I shall give what I can.

Commitment ?

We talk of a peace movement. The stress is placed on 'peace' and rightly so: but 'movement' is important too. 'Movement' is activity, moving towards a goal. In this case the goal is an end to threat of nuclear devastation. I would guess most people would see that as an important goal. So if a person is involved, it means that they are doing their utmost, given the specific conditions of their lives, to make the movement succeed.

If this happens then surely funding problems will come to an end.

It is always important to try not to hurt people's feelings. But for me, it is ten million times more important to try to act together to stop a war that would cause the end of all feelings for a whole civilisation.

I enclose a day's wages.

Les Parsons, November 1982

This article has been edited.

Please see BANKERS ORDER FORM

JUMBLE SALE

The NCND Jumble Sale was successfully held on December 4th. After spending a whole day on Friday sorting out and loading the mini-bus, we moved en masse to the YMCA. More sorting was done and then (fanfare!!) - the doors were opened at 1.30 and the crowd poured in.

Much lemonade was drunk by all, three new members were gained, £3.04 was taken in donations, and a lot of fun was had by all.

The proceeds from the jumble sale have been worked out as £67.00, the room costing £10.00, so we made a profit of £57.00.

Many thanks to those who helped out by giving jumble, but special thanks to those who helped with the sorting-out and selling. See you at next year's jumble sale.

Simon

PS We've got some jumble left if any neighbourhood groups want it for a jumble sale of their own. We can also provide assistance for these jumble sales.

SPEAKERS SCHOOL

For anyone who thinks they have the ability to speak at public meetings but, has no experience of such events, we are hoping to start a speakers school early next year. At the moment we have an excellent but rather small group of speakers. If you are interested please contact Rob Nicholls at the office 582561 or home 414323.

BUNKER VISITS

It is now possible to visit the council bunker. Groups of up to six people can now arrange to be shown round by the Emergency Planning Officer. We, therefore, suggest that each Neighbourhood Group tries to arrange a visit. For further information either contact:- Mr. Tinsley, Emergency Planning Officer, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Or contact the NCND Office.

F.A.B. PEACE CAMP

Article taken from "Nottingham Trader, by Jim Mercer.

Peace campaigners from Nottingham have been served with another eviction order at their camp outside the US military base in Lakenheath, Suffolk.

Last week they were preparing to move to another site, but bad weather bogged down caravans.

The Campers left Nottingham in May as part of the Families Against the Bomb campaign. They are protesting against nuclear weapons in Britain. The court order was granted to the local parish council, who own the land onto which the campers moved after being evicted from their original site owned by Lord Iveagh.

A spokesman for Mapperley CND group who visited the site recently reported that campers were suffering from the wintry weather. He said: "Several tents were waterlogged, in spite of carefully dug trenches surrounding them. There was a fast flowing stream down the half-made track and a lake two feet deep covered the open space in front of the caravans!"

The campers - who include children - are appealing for equipment to help them through the winter.

Lakenheath "Families Against the Bomb" were given one week to quit their present site by the magistrates at Bury St. Edmunds Court on Nov. 16th. At that time the camp site was so muddy that Louise wrote to the bailiffs asking to be given more time to move. The notice was then extended to 1st. December. However, when the day came the camp site was no more accessible than it had been earlier. The campers decided that if the bailiffs came and could move them onto the road they would co-operate and move onto a new site.

At 1.p.m. on Dec. 1st, two members of the parish council came to inspect the site and saw that it was going to be impossible to move them off. Since then they have been threatened with visits from child welfare officers, but suspect that this is to try to urge them to move off the land as soon as possible, under their own steam. They are now very uncertain as to when they will move, seeing no reason why they should try to move if even the bailiffs cannot move them.

FIRST PEACE CAMP BABY

On the 8th of December, after a labour of only 2 hours Louise delivered a daughter with the aid of Ted, her husband. Mandy, Bernie and the midwife arrived soon after the birth to confirm that all was well. Louise and Ted have not yet decided on a name for her.

CND National Conference

Summary of the resolutions debated:-

(Where the numbers do not run consecutively it is because that resolution was withdrawn)

Resolution 1 - Increased the number of vice-chairs from one to four. This was carried.

Resolution 3 - Proposed a unified membership scheme so that Scottish CND becomes the sole agent for CND within Scotland; and created a new category of national organisation (eg Scotland, Wales and Ireland) which would have the right to collect fees from individuals, groups and affiliates at the same rate as for CND and would pay a fixed sum to "British CND". This was carried.

Resolution 7 - Proposed that the conference should approve in principle the idea of a unified national membership scheme and instructed the national council to look into this and report back to 1983's annual conference with appropriate proposals. This was carried.

Resolution 8 - The amended version proposed that CND should organise a "Questionnaire for Survival" on the issues of Cruise and Trident between March and June, 1983. This would involve a door-to-door canvass linked to the distribution of a nationally produced leaflet and suggested that local groups should involve local councils and other groups in the launch of the campaign against Cruise. This was carried.

Resolution 9 - Proposed that "non-violent direct action" and "civil disobedience" tactics should be seriously considered with respect to Cruise and Trident sites; that NVDA was one tactic to be used in conjunction with other campaigning work; that NVDA must always be peaceful; that National CND should co-ordinate NVDA when required; that national council should investigate ways of setting up a separate legal aid fund to be used for activists legal fees. This was carried.

Resolution 10 - Conference noted the situation in Turkey regarding the imprisonment of peace protestors, the abuse of human rights, the repressive nature of the military regime, and the support that Britain gives to that regime. Proposed that CND campaign to bring to light the plight of peace protestors and to pressure the British government to withdraw its support for the Turkish regime. This was carried.

Resolution 11 - Proposed that over the next year priority should be given to the campaign against Cruise and Trident; that the campaign should emphasise the issue of American control of the nuclear missiles based in Britain; that the national council should work with the labour movement to attract support for a mass demonstration to be organised by the labour movement; that a campaign of mass action protests, including NVDA, be developed, focusing on Aldermaston, Burghfield (ordnance factory) and Greenham Common. This was carried.

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Resolution 12 - Proposed that national council campaigns for British withdrawal from NATO and publish a pamphlet explaining CND's aim of unilateral abandonment by Britain of nuclear alliances. The campaign to adopt the slogan "NATO out of Britain, Britain out of NATO". This was carried.

Resolution 13 - On the development of Peace Education was referred to the national council.

Resolution 14 - Proposed that priority be given to establishing CND workplace branches and CND TU groups and to involve activists in the labour movement in developing these groups; that CND groups work with local trade unionists in a variety of ways - such as issuing bulletins, campaigning for support from all levels within the TU and labour movements, campaigning for alternative uses of technology, emphasising links between military expenditure and public service cuts and how the Tebbit legislation will affect TUs being involved in the CND campaign. This was carried.

Resolution 15 - Proposed that CND should be involved in the Sizewell Enquiry - especially on the links between nuclear power and weapon plutonium; and that the national council make a firm financial commitment to this enquiry. This was carried.

Resolution 16 - Proposed a campaign against the development, manufacture and sale of advanced conventional weapons; to reject any policy which shifts the emphasis from nuclear to conventional weapons; to oppose all military actions and occupations outside the British mainland. This was rejected.

Emergency Resolutions - on the freeze campaign - was referred to the national council

on the jailing of the women from Greenham Common - it was agreed that CND national would mobilise support for the December action at Greenham and that this would be the major priority for CND in early Dec.

Various reports from the different committees were received (eg the international committee, the projects committee, the conference steering committee) as well as the secretary's and treasurer's reports. These are all available from the NCND office for anyone interested.

Some points to note about proposed future action:-

- lobby of Parliament on Cruise and Trident in Feb.
- peace canvass in March-June
- Easter Action at Glasgow, Greenham Common and Aldermaston
- Festival for Peace - May 7th
- Mass rally in London on Oct.22nd
- Labour party demo on Hiroshima Day

as well as working on building up CND's support, educating and training of CND members and others, building up anti-Cruise and Trident campaigns and opposing civil defence exercises, etc.

CND National Conference

If anyone wants to know more about the conference and the debates or/and workshops please contact any of the NCND members who went to Sheffield, eg Rob Nicholls, Dave Smith, Mark Page, Patrick Hatton, Val Harris, Hilary Trengrouse.

Val Harris

CND Annual Conference elected the following:-

Chairperson: Joan Ruddock

Vice-chairs: Cathy Ashton
Annajoy David
Mike Penz
Roger Spiller

Treasurer: Mick Elliott

Members:

Pat Arrowsmith
Alasdair Beal
John Cox
Fran De'ath
Sue Lamb
Dan Smith
Annie Tunnicliffe

Candy Atherton
Meg Beresford
Chris Dalton
Jay Hurcombe
Cathy Lonke
David Spreckley
Simone Wilkinson

Penny Auty
Phil Bolsover
Ian Davidson
Helen John
Angela Phillips
Edward Thompson

THE MONTHLY MEETING

All members may not be aware that NCND holds a monthly meeting for members & friends at the Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street on the 1st Sunday in every month - except next month when owing to the New Year holiday the meeting has to be postponed until Jan. 9th.

Four times a year the meetings are for members only to discuss NCND affairs & take policy decisions. The other meetings are devoted to varied topics, sometimes introduced by an outside speaker. This month, for example a speaker from the Anti-Apartheid Movement spelt out South Africa's nuclear potential & the threat it poses to world peace. Next month the subject is "Peace Camps" with - we hope - a video of Greenham Common.

What topics do members want for future meetings? Ideas to the office. please.

"FACTS AGAINST THE BOMB"

NOW - 50p.

This is our own pamphlet written by a group of Nottingham members. It does exactly what the title says. (48 pages)

To get our message over we need to sell far more copies. For a start every NCND member should own one.

To promote sales:-

Price reduced to 50p.

Special offer to Neighbourhood

Groups: 40 p per copy on bulk orders; discount to group funds.

The same terms also apply to "IN SAFE KEEPING". Cartoon book (12"x 16")

A good Xmas present?



atomwaffenfreie Zone
Partnerstadt Nottingham
- Karlsruhe



"Our twin city Nottingham declared itself a nuclear free zone - When will Karlsruhe do the same?" So the banner hung over the local authority offices in the marketplace of Karlsruhe, West Germany, read in May earlier this year. Local campaigners cordoned off the area surrounding the Nottingham town plaque and declared it a nuclear free zone. The demonstration was repeated over a July weekend when campaigners formed a peace village with tents and peace activities in the town. Local peace groups in Karlsruhe have used the Nottingham declaration as a lever to put pressure on their own authorities to go nuclear free.

THE VOTE AGAINST M.X.

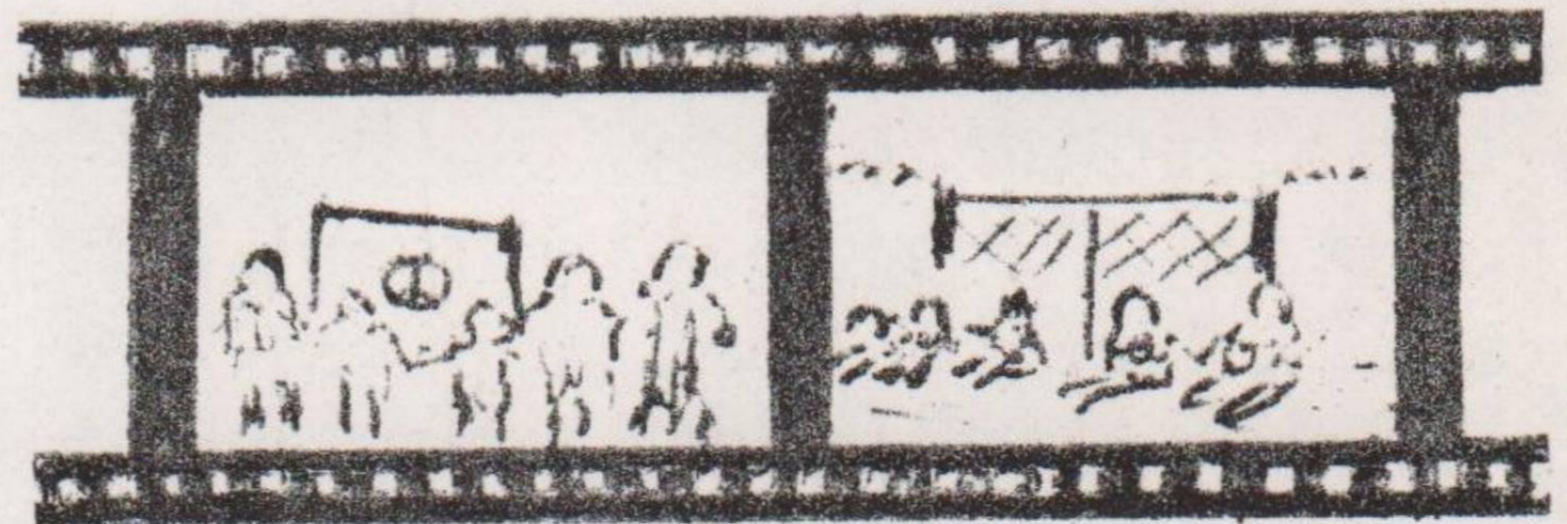
On Dec. 7th, the The House of Representatives voted against allocating 988 million dollars of the U.S. defence budget to the production of the M.X. missile. Needless to say Reagan was not impressed. He said the vote was a grave mistake and would obviously set back efforts to protect the nation's security. He also accused those who voted against of "sleep walking into the future!"

It would appear that at last the "doves" in American politics have the courage to stand up to the irrational and bellicose ravings of the not so White House. We can but hope that the days of warmongering and mendacity are coming to a close. Perhaps even the sycophantic Thatcher will change her attitudes toward the "saviour of democracy!"

PUBLICITY MEETING

For those people who work, have worked, or who have some interest in the "Media" or Advertizing, there will be a meeting at the Factshop, on Jan. 17th at 8.p.m. The following three points will be discussed at the meeting:

- 1) The organization of publicity in the local Media to co-incide with the Anti-Cruise Citywide leaflet.
- 2) As everyone is no doubt aware a General Election can be called at any time within the next 18 months. We must, therefore, have our responseready so that we can react immediately; before Election publicity restrictions come into effect.
- 3) It is also planned to hold an Activists workshop in February and hope that the publicity/pressworkshops can be arranged at this meeting.



PHOTO'S AGAINST THE BOMB

A number of anti-nuclear photo's are available through Rentasnap, a Socialist Photo Library based at 118 Workshop, 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. Anyone wanting to use photo's for exhibitions or publications can contact Rentasnap through 118 Workshop (tel.582369) The Arts & Crafts Centre (tel. 782463) or John Birdsall (tel. 788575). Equally, get in touch if you have any photo's that could be put to use - you don't have to be a professional!

CO ORDINATING COMMITTEE

YOUTH CND CONCERT AND DEMO

YCND plan a "Rock against Cruise" concert on 19 March to which they hope to attract youth from all over the midlands. The C.C. agreed to supplement this with a demo in the afternoon. It was felt this should take a different form from the standard march from the Forest to Slab Square. A repeat of the "die-in" is being investigated. Other ideas will be welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Only a few groups had discussed the proposed changes. It was agreed that subs remain as at present except that students on grants now qualify as unwaged.

EVENING POST

NCND's current policy of not supplying press releases to the Nottingham Evening Post because of its dispute with the NUJ was discussed. No decision was reached pending further investigations by the media officer.

It was agreed that it is important that members follow and contribute to the letter column.

To monitor our effectiveness, groups are asked to keep copies of letters sent in to the Post or any other paper, and record whether they are published or not.

Please keep the office informed of results.

GOVERNMENT ANTI-CND FILMS.

Educate yourself with the militarists' arguments -

"A Better Road to Peace" and "The Peace Game" will be available for local groups on the following dates - 7th and 9th to 11th Feb inclusive. Please contact the NCND office to book the dates. They will also be shown at the Friends Meeting House on Clarendon Street at 8.00pm on 8th Feb.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

We are supplying quite a lot of torches, but it would help us if some of the people who are coming on the procession could bring their own.

How to make a torch-

You need a piece of cane, old rags, a tin can, parafin, aluminium foil and wire.

1) Wrap the top 6" of the cane with foil (for heat shield)

2) Use wire to bind the can to the cane top leaving the open end of the can 1-2" above the foil wrapped cane. Two or three rounds of wire, twisted with plyers should secure the can.

3) Soak the rags in parafin overnight and place in can.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD

NOTEBOOK

MAPPERLEY instigated a new form of publicity with a poster display on Woodborough Road. Eight members took part. They stood well spaced out by the side of the road each holding a large poster which formed part of a sequence as follows:

1. HIROSHIMA
2. picture of mushroom cloud
3. 70,000 DEAD
4. NAGASAKI
5. mushroom cloud
6. 50,000 DEAD
7. NOTTINGHAM ?
8. JOIN C.N.D.

Some people did join on the spot.

Mapperley intend to repeat the display in the new year. In the meantime they are holding a reading and carol-singing session at the Mapperley shopping centre on Dec. 18th at 10.30 a.m. Supporters welcome.

Mapperley members have also visited the Peace Camp. They record their admiration for the campers' stamina and determination.

LENTON have had a meeting with their City (District) Councillors. They discussed the City Nuclear Free Zone and how it can be made effective.

WOLLATON decided to use the "War Game" for a second time in a different district. About 60 people attended and a good discussion followed.

ARNOLD ran a stall at their library with a display about Greenham Common and collected for it.

RADCLIFFE experimented with a Saturday stall in the village centre. To be repeated.

WEST BRIDGFORD are re-organizing. Members are urged to come along to the next monthly meeting. See Diary.

11 . 11 . 11 . VIGIL

STAPLEFORD Peace Group staged an 11 hour vigil from 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, i.e. Armistice Day. It took place at the Stapleford war memorial in St Helen's Church. 50 candles spelling out the word PEACE were lit by visitors to the church during the vigil. The local press published detailed reports.

20 Stapleford members visited the Lakenheath camp on a wet, wet taking food, clothing, cycles, toys for the children. They returned filled with admiration for the campers and determined to continue their practical support.

NATIONAL MEMBERS

Neighbourhood Group Contacts are being sent the names and addresses of National CND members in their areas. so that contact can be made with those who are not already Nottingham members. It is not possible to provide the Bulletin free to national members.

FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP

Group members have been leafleting and talking to people going in to "Who Dares Win" - the anti-CND film at the Odeon. They intend to continue as long as the film is on.

PLEASE

Do send in regular reports of your activities - even if there are only a few of you and your impact seems negligible. It helps to know what other groups are attempting and whether their problems are the same as our own.

DIARY

DECEMBER

- 23 Torchlight Procession. From Sneinton Market 6.00-7.30pm.
- 25 Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.
- 31 Upper Heyford Peace Camp Demonstration. Contact NCND office for details.

JANUARY

- 4 Carlton/Gedling Group Meeting 8.00pm at Frank Wheldon School.
- 6 Bulletin Production Team Meeting 8.00pm at NCND office.
- 9 Monthly Open Meeting 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House on Clarendon Street.
- 12 Radcliffe Group Meeting "A Pacifist Viewpoint" 7.30pm at 13 New Road.
- 13 Co-Ordinating Group Meeting 8.00pm at NCND office.
- 17 Publicity Meeting 8.00pm at NCND office. See article inside.
- 19 West Bridgford Group Meeting 8.00pm at The Wolds, Loughborough Road.
- 24 Leafletting Meeting 8.00pm at NCND office. See 'Action' article, Cruise Citywide Leaflet, inside.
- 26 Duncan Campbell talk. 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House on Clarendon Street.
- 29 Christians Against Nuclear Arms - Day Conference. Details from Barbara Lacey or the NCND Office.
- 29 Sandwich Board Procession. All volunteers meet at the NCND office at noon.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Radcliffe Group showing 'THE WAR GAME'. Details from Peggy tel 33-3046.
- 7-11 "Better Road to Peace" and "The Peace Game" Government propaganda films available from NCND office.
- 8 Above films shown at Friends Meeting House on Clarendon Street, 8.00pm. Learn the militarists arguments.

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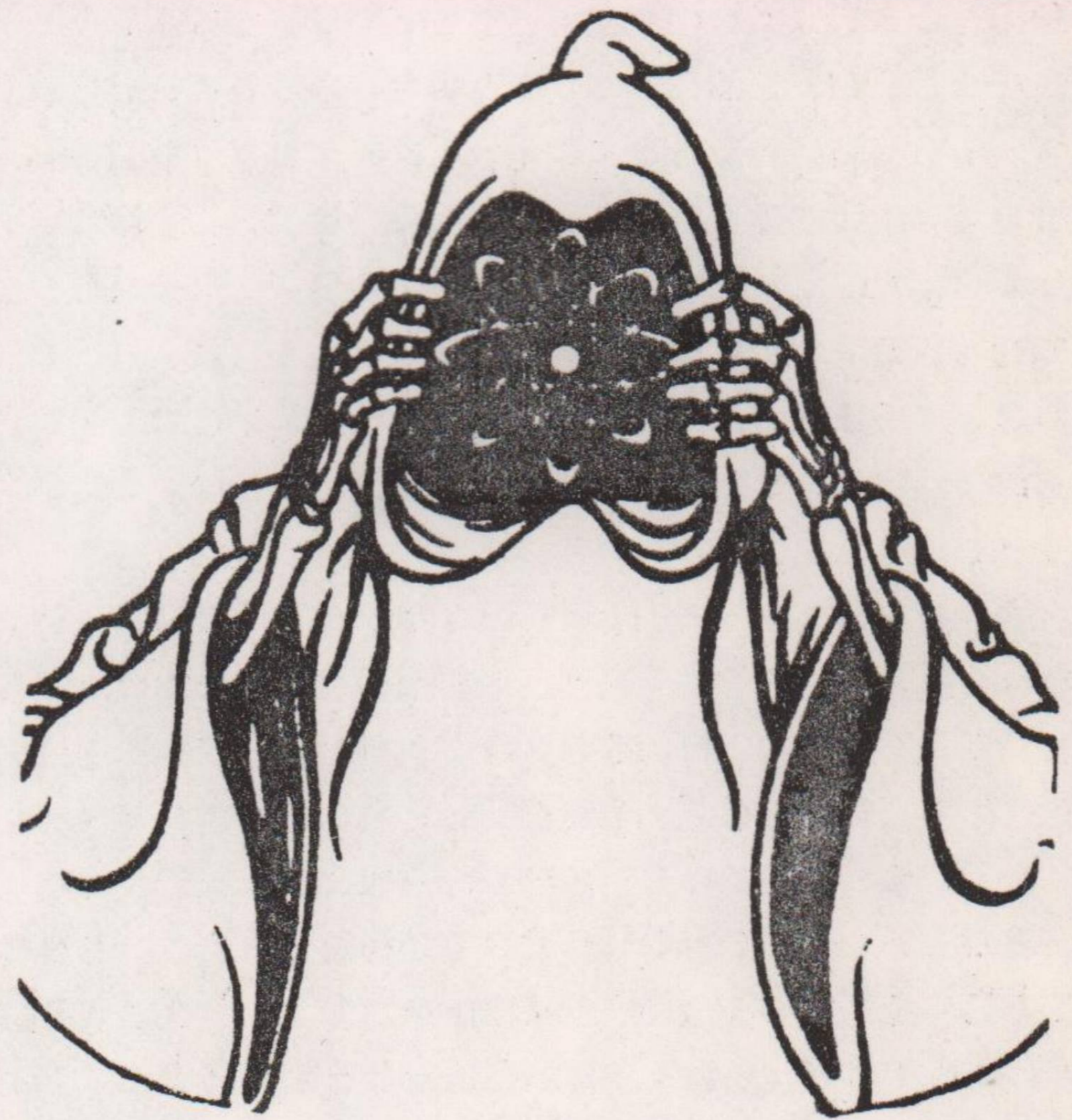
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- £3 Family/More than one person at same address

I want to join NND and enclose £ for a year's membership
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GREENHAM COMMON

Sunday: Encircling the Base

About three hundred people, in coaches, mini buses and cars, left Nottingham for Greenham Common early on Sunday morning. After various trials and tribulations, including a coach breaking down and terrible traffic congestion, everyone finally arrived, generally having walked the last couple of miles or so. All the women encircled the base and made the hand to hand link at about 3.30 pm. In most places it was shoulder to shoulder around the base rather than hand to hand, and that certainly overcompensated for the few scattered sparsely covered sections. There were at least 30,000 women around the nine mile perimeter with probably 6 - 8,000 men present as well (though one unofficial police estimate put the total numbers at 75,000). The whole of the fence was decorated with photos of family and friends, messages, banners, woollen webs etc, making a moving contrast between objects symbolising our joy in life, our fear of destruction through nuclear weapons and the hostile, inhuman face of the nuclear base. It gave everyone a tremendous feeling when there were so many people together showing the feelings of the peace movement. The atmosphere was of friendship, co-operation and the strength of the movement. As the evening drew on, candles were lit all around the fence and peace songs and carols were sung. It seemed unfortunate that it had to end, but people gradually began heading back towards their coaches. (It was somewhat chaotic re-embarking in the dark, but as far as we are aware, no-one from Nottingham got left behind.)

The mixed-sex minibus occupants all met at the 'Change' gate and pitched tents for the night. After various (fruitless) searches for missing equipment and the lost ingredients for 2,000 cups of coffee, the evening was rounded off with a campfire, discussions of strategy and a singalong (of course).

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Monday: The Blockade

The campers arose sporadically between 6 and 9 am, and camp was broken by 10 when the women had a non-violent direct action training session. We went around to Gate 4 to boost the numbers of blockaders.

The police started moving a convoy around on the inside of the base, from gate to gate, looking for a point to try to break through. On their second appearance at gate 4, they took bolt cutters to the gate and managed to push it open. Approaching 400 police, including riot police, came through and started dragging off the 400 or so women who were there. The women who had been moved, however, just went to the far end of the blockade and sat down again. Before they managed to get their half dozen vehicles through, each woman must have been moved on at least twenty times.

In general the police were trying not to be too provocative, probably 90% of them seemed more embarrassed than anything else. Some were being quite aggressive however. There were various injuries over the three gates where the police tried to break the blockade, including a dislocated shoulder, a broken nose, someone run over by a police motorbike and various minor soft tissue injuries. There were only three arrests however (there could have been a thousand).

The Nottingham minibus left at about five o'clock, as did most others, when it was too dark to continue effectively.

We'd like to offer a special thanks to the women from Nottingham who were at gate 4 who, at time of writing, are undoubtedly covered in bruises. Thanks Eleanor, Helen, Meg, Hilary, Sharon, Jane.

SUPPORT THE PEACE CAMP AT -

COMISO

Comiso in Sicily is the second intended site for Cruise missiles in Europe. We would like to show our support for this Peace Camp who are not only facing the harassment of the Italian authorities but also the violence of the local mafia. A petition is being circulated supporting the camp and copies of this are available from the NCND office.

There will also be a 24 hour vigil outside the Italian Embassy in London from 10.00am on Monday January 3rd until 10.00am on the 4th. If you would like to go for some or all of that time, please get in touch with NCND tel 582561 and we will arrange transport as appropriate if the response is sufficient.

UPPER HEYFORD PEACE CAMP

"LINK ARMS ACROSS THE GATES"

on December 31st

"Come and help...Decorate the fence with symbols of peace... Accomodation available the night before...6.30am to 6.30pm or whatever hours you can be there...for the link up across the gates at 11.00am"

Telephone Steeple Aston 40461 for further details.

CHRISTIAN C.N.D. RALLY & CONFERENCE

Details of the C.A.N.A. rally and conference are yet to be decided. Further information will be published in the next Bulletin.