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CND AIRBORNE APPEAL

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ALTERNATIVE DEFENCE

A question that often proves difficult for CND supporters to answer effectively is 'But if we didn't have the bomb, how would we defend ourselves?'

Besides the obvious retorts listing all the European countries who don't have and aren't seeking their own independent nuclear capability and other retorts questioning why the Soviets would want to invade us, one has to admit that the peace movement has not yet provided an alternative defence strategy. However an 'alternative defence commission' calling on a wide body of knowledge from across the political spectrum was set up in 1980. Michael Randle, a fellow of Bradford School of Peace Studies, provided an extremely encouraging and well thought out alternative defence strategy at a recent Nottingham University Peace Lecture. Full details are in the book 'Defence without the Bomb, to be published in April by Taylin & Francis.

The Commission worked on the basis that Britain should;- have no nuclear weapons or bases; no one willing to use nuclear weapons on our behalf, with the assumption that threats to our own nation DO exist. Rather than our present policy of deterrence by threatening mass civilian annihilation; they suggest a conventional deterrence followed by a continuing struggle against any possible invaders.

It was suggested that Foreign Policy and Detente are vital aspects of any true defence policy. Less sabre rattling and more trade with the Soviet Union are defence tactics that could be instigated immediately even before we've abandoned nuclear weapons. Thus it becomes more politically embarrassing and economically unviable to attack. This is a far preferable form of deterrence than nuclear weapons.

Should this 'lets behave like responsive adults' approach fail, however, then an aggressor should first face a conventional military defence. This would be similar to the existing non-nuclear aspects of the armed forces. With today's precision guided weapons, military strategists would say that the advantage lies with defending forces, not attacking forces. The military would rely on defensive positions spread through the countryside IN DEPTH (not like the front line and very little else troop deployments in West Germany) The emphasis would be on genuine defence without aggressive weapons; few tanks and no long

range bombers. The regular army could also rely on support from Territorials, with the availability of a fall back strategy to guerilla warfare, so that in the event of conventional defeat or a nuclear ultimatum, a surrender will save the lives of the civilian population.

Guerilla warfare is of course a slow resistance process but it was won in Vietnam and is presently showing strenght in Afghanistan. While there is life there is hope to cast off an oppressor. A pre-planned and organised guerilla war should prove far more effective than the spontaneous Vietnam or Afghanistan resistance. Indeed the Yugoslav's proven ability to fight a guerilla war is undoubtedly one of the important factors that have prevented a Soviet invasion in spite of frequent friction between the Soviets and the Yugoslav's.

However, this could be further supplemented, with non-violent resistance. A few carefully arranged computer 'errors' could cause a dead stop in the countries banking system, electricity supply, taxation processes, and more. Similarly, contractors digging up a road and forgetting to fill it in or everyone developing flu symptoms could cause considerable havoc and make any aggressor wonder whether it was worth the effort. Perhaps non-violent resistance hasn't worked in Poland but a properly pre-organised non-violent resistance could be very effective, especially when supplementing sabotage and guerilla resistance.

The alternative defence commission has also considered the position of alliances within their strategy. The first option would be to stay within NATO but to push it in a non-nuclear direction. This would be good for the following reasons; there would be no possible de-stabilizing in the European Theatre; our strong economic ties with Europe suggest a common defence obligation; and it is perhaps easier to try to change NATO from within. However as NATO is a nuclear alliance, with battlefield nukes, possible first use policy, and the USA strategic nuclear guarantee, would all have to go.

Other problems would remain; when allied to a nuclear power can you de-couple the nuclear element? UK & Europe could get dragged into a war with the Warsaw Pact that had started elsewhere in the world between USA and USSR; when allied to a nuclear power does the other side look at the wider defence picture thereby making the UK a nuclear target? If these problems couldn't be properly resolved then Britain would have to leave NATO.

The first alternative to NATO would be a non-nuclear European Defence Association. This would require most Western European countries to be members, but without the USA's strategic nuclear umbrella. However a nuclear France would be a problem and would Germany try to develop its own bomb? As previously explained, however, a conventional defence could be made to be extremely effective. Should such an alliance not prove possible, then Britain would become a neutral, non-aligned country. Switzerland, Sweden and Yugoslavia are other neutral countries whose defence strategies would offer valuable lessons to us in this situation. While we don't have some of their advantages (ie difficult terrain) a very viable defence policy could be produced. Also as a non-aligned country, the pursuit of foreign policy and detente as important elements of our defence, could prove to be even more effective than if we were aligned.

In summary could I say that I left the peace lecture with a huge feeling of optimism than a non-nuclear defence really not only a viable defence for Britain but the ONLY VIABLE DEFENCE for Britain. I'm now eagerly awaiting the publication date of 'Defence without the Bomb.'

Mark

NEW FORMAT

The new format of the bulletin is due to a decision by the bulletin team to try to reduce costs; we hope you don't mind!

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CND AIRBORNE

At the last Annual General Meeting, Nottingham CND voted to emulate the success of Greenpeace, who with 15,000 members keep 5 ships working for their cause. CND with its membership of 350,000 has a tremendous financial potential. For this reason we are to launch a national appeal for funds to acquire, in the first instance, a HOT-AIR BALLOON with CND emblems and slogans which will be put to tremendous effect advertising our cause THROUGHOUT the Country from 'showing the flag' at times inconvenient to the nuclear authorities, to a presence at demonstrations and many other situations in which loop-holes in the Law have as yet been uncharted.

To some people this new approach seems at first to be out of line with the 'coventional' and predictable nature of CND's campaign. To these people we urge that they give their pre-conceived ideas the licence of five minutes reflection on the image of CND. To the undecided average person the image of a CND'er is a 'lefty dreamer'. CND Airborne would give a dynamic, powerful hook upon which he could hang his hat.

With this appeal you get something tangible for your money. When the Balloon floats over Nottingham and people are looking up you can know that YOU put it there. It'll be yours. What's more, it'll work, it's a natural draw to the Media and will worry the 'authorities'.

It won't be restricted to this area but will be available over the whole Country so it can be put to it's most effective use.

This is a National appeal BUT we need a good start from Nottingham. We need £10,000 in total, my family is giving £50 so that's only £9,950 to go.

Come on..... let's stir things up.

£10,000 needed..... £10,000 needed..... £10,000 needed...



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C/O NOTTINGHAM CND, 15 GOOSEGATE, NOTTINGHAM

TEL 581948

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FOR BALLOON VISITS

PLEASE TICK HERE



YNCND First Meeting

(Youth Nottingham CND).

Are you UNDER 21 + a member of NCND? Would you be interested in joining a new YCND group to be run in collaboration with NCND? 'O.K.' I hear you all say, 'what happened to YAM? For those of you out there unacquainted with YAM's history, -a summary.

YAM was set up in January 1981, it evolved out of NUSS. We were all enthusiastic and full of energy to channel into the movement. It's easy to look back now and say 'It was wonderful then' (I do it all the time) but we were somewhat disorganised though it didn't seem to matter at the time. We went on Demo's to Derby and Manchester as well as in Nottingham, we made badges and magazines as well as our wonderful banner!

However during the early Summer of 1982 after the great success of the April 3rd Demo, Carnival and Concert we felt that YAM was too disorganised. Also, new members with strong political beliefs often found it all too easy to start spouting their views at YAM meetings which caused confrontations among the members and drove away not only many new people who had come along to learn but also those who had been constant and reliable members in the earlier days.

It was argued at the time that although numbers at the meetings had dropped drastically YAM was going to become stronger because we were now 'organised'. But no longer were people eager to print leaflets, magazines and posters. Those who went fly-posting spent much time moaning at those who hadn't helped. It seemed as though it wasn't a voluntary but compulsory organisation.

Everyone begrudged doing anything. Personal and political conflicts alienated new people and YAM did not grow from a more organised position.

The bad communication with NCND was another problem and I maintain that YAM should not take the whole blame.

Several members have agreed that YAM doesn't really exist anymore. BUT DO NOT DESPAIR!

After that quick and undetailed account of the life and times of YAM I can see you poor little folks sitting out there thinking 'is it all worth it anyway??' and the answer of course is YES.

So what can we do?

We'll get in touch with me (Candida) on 607902 or leave a message at the Factshop 581948 'cos we (yes there's more than just me!) intend setting up a new group. It's not being set up to get back at YAM but it's obvious that YAM's gone so far over the abyss that it's impossible to get it really going again. Therefore, members of YAM are welcome to join the new group.

This group will have the same aims as YAM did but will be starting afresh with a new outlook. NCND will work more closely with us and NYNCND more closely with them. We need better communications between the generations! (After all they can't help being old!)

However this group will not get off the ground with only me and a couple of others (our wings aren't strong enough!) What we need is people. O.K. don't feel put off if your not a person, near misses will do!

We are having our FIRST PUBLIC MEETING on 4th March at 7.30pm at CLARENDON COLLEGE, showing the film THE BOMB But if you are really interested please give me a ring earlier to give me some moral support so I know I am not alone.

So that's all for now but there will be lots more to come.
Candida . XXX

POSTAL AUCTION

How do you fancy Julie Christie's Welsh slipper socks (with a handwritten message to go with them)? Or a book signed by Bill 'Compo' Owen? These are just two of the 'goodies' for which I will be inviting offers in a postal auction, to start next month.

This is how it works! In the bulletin I will announce which items are on offer, and suggest an opening bid. The highest bid received by the closing date will get the 'goodies'.

People I've written to for offerings include: Billy Connolly, Simon Rattle, Susannah York, Ian Gillan, Glenda Jackson and Paul McCartney.

Watch this space for more details.

SIMON

COMMENT..... YNCND.....

The reasons for YNCND starting a YNCND group restricted to those under 21 years of age seem fairly obvious to me. What is the point of having a Youth Group if old fogies like Hilary, Patrick, Mark, Val etc. can join? I do not include myself in the last category as I have discovered secret of eternal youth. (Peter Pan has got nothing on this kid.) If anyone has a complaint concerning the setting up of this group contact me at the office. Try and remember how you felt at School and College, being told by some 'Brain Dead' wally how to think and behave.

Power to the People (no matter what age they may be)

Rob Nicholls.

THANK YOU

From the Peace Camp
to the donors of £25.00
the paraffin stove and
the clothes.

ERRATUM

The Cruise leaflet contains
a printing error. The
range of Cruise missile is
2,500 kms, not miles

Bulletin Readers Survey

The bulletin is the main line of communication between our members and those who plan and co-ordinate NCND activities in neighbourhoods, in the city as a whole and nationally. It is difficult to make it appeal to everyone but we would like to try, particularly because if you don't read it no one knows what is going on and comes to plan or take part in activities.

To help us to do this we need you to

1. let us know about future events at least 6 weeks beforehand.
2. Send in short articles, cartoons, drawings large and small (preferably relevant to current events) We may not use them all but we will try to get a good mix.
- 3 Offer to help type/draw/cut/stick for the bulletin during the first fortnight of each month or collate and staple it together towards the middle of each month.
4. Send back the questionnaire set out below; fill it in and cut it out now while you think about it.

What changes would you like to see?

Do you think there should be articles from other papers?

Should the layout be changed? and how?

Should it concentrate mainly on events held in or organised by Nottingham?

Which features do you always read?

read when you have the time?

never read?

Do you object to the new reduced format?

INFORMATION REQUEST ABOUT SANITY.

Would you consider buying SANITY or do you buy it already? What type of magazine do you think that it should be? Should it appeal to the general public or appeal to CND members, and are these audiences compatible or not? Should sanity have a new name? Should it have an expensive glossy cover or a cheap 'New Statesman' like cover? Should the articles be more intellectual or are they already too specific? All ideas and suggestions are welcome, as it is important for CND to get its major publication right; please contact Mark Page tel 581 948.

AINSKY'S RULES FOR PLANNING ACTION

Power is not what you have but what the opposition thinks you have.

Stay within the understanding of your supporters.

Keep opponents in the dark - do the unexpected.

Make opponents keep to their own rules.

Ridicule or threat of ridicule can be powerful if carefully used.

Good actions should be simple and enjoyable.

A long drawn out tactic gets boring and loses support.

Constant rising pressure is the most powerful.

The threat of action is often more important than the action itself.

Pick the target carefully, freeze it, personalise it, and keep at it.

The purpose of action is the targets reaction to it.

Action must unite supporters and divide opponents, not vice versa.

Heads or Tails?...or Arms?...or Fingers!...

Oh! It's obvious!

How do you settle an argument? - who goes to the shop? - does the washing up? - gets the next round? Simple! Toss a coin, heads or tails, black or white. What about a 'grey' area? Rational debate! What about Nuclear Disarmament? Debate this and it all seems grey, we go round and round until patience gives up. Most CND supporters believe in their 'obvious' solution, but can they prove it?

This year is crucial to the CND movement as Cruise missiles approach Britain's soil, and a General Election nears. Everyone in CND will be questioned, if only in jest, and their beliefs threatened. Given enough time, enough question and answer sessions, and allowable mistakes, we could all come up with cast iron answers. However, time is short, and one mistake in an argument is all it may take to sway someone the wrong way.

To become confident, all we need is a sound argument on the Basic Principles, then sub-issues can be dealt with without returning to the same

ground half an hour later. Talk to CND members in your group, make your mistakes with them - we should all know the opposite view by now.

If you come up with argument stopper responses, or awkward questions, pass them on to others. To deal with Media campaigns, the Media Group would like to co-ordinate these arguments, discussing one or two topics per issue in the Bulletin. We need to know your opinions on which items are most important or difficult to deal with, and your views on the best ways to counter a particular argument.

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USEFUL TIPS & ACTION PLANNING CHECKLIST

When planning a campaign in your area or on a particular issue a useful approach is as follows:

- 1) If new people have come, or the group has not met before start with a round of introductions: name, where from, what activities they are interested in or have been involved in, etc.
- 2) Introduce why the meeting has been called and outline how you plan to run it: time limits, what you hope to cover etc.
- 3) Either in one group, or by splitting into smaller groups, spend 15-30 minutes 'brainstorming' ideas of what actions could be carried out. The idea of brainstorming is to get every idea, no matter how wild, onto a big sheet of paper. There should be no discussion at this stage of 'ifs & buts', why it might not work etc - that comes later.
- 4) The next stage is for everyone to look at the list(s) and ask any question to clarify what the person meant.
- 5) Before discussing any specific idea, the group(s) should discuss what are the most important things they want to achieve through any action and whom they must seek to influence to achieve this.
- 6) Once this has been established, the merits of each idea and the practicalities can be discussed more fully measuring them up against the agreed objective for the action.

This approach is crucial if you are to avoid jumping onto the most appealing and imaginative idea, without stopping to think about whether it is appropriate in terms of timing, place and the effect it will have on other campaign issues, tactics etc.

WHATSON!

NCND GOES MUSICAL

To finish off the 'Die-In', to be held on Saturday March 19th, people have suggested that we have a NCND band and singers.

There will be two get togethers held at 7.45pm. on Friday 4th. March and 11th March at the Friends Meeting House to which you are invited.....no matter how un-musical your voice or even if you only know one chord on your Ukelele. Percussion is especially welcome.

The response from musicians has been very encouraging so now is YOUR chance to have a go in a band. Die-In participants will be able to join the band at the end so please come along and help us make audible as well as visual impact on the Nottingham Public.



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RED LADDER THEATRE

"Preparations"

A new anti-war play by

Paul Goetzee

Trent Poly Drama Studio,
CLIFTON

Mon & Tues, MARCH 21 & 22

7.30 pm ADMISSION FREE

THE BOMB

FILM: "The Bomb"

The Jonathan Dimbleby Documentary will be available FREE to CND groups from: 18 April to 2 May
Tel: 581948 for bookings ASAP

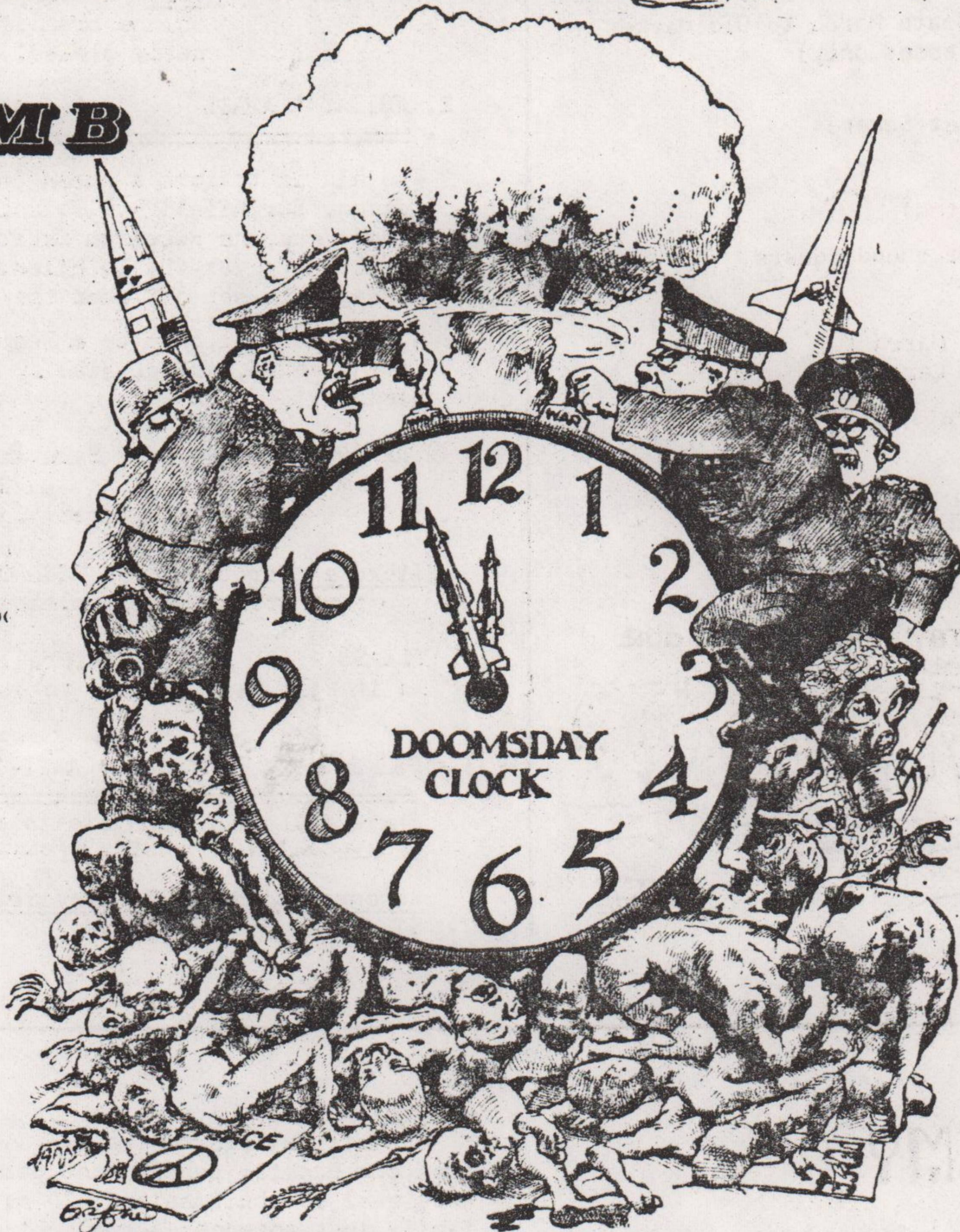
It may also be possible to arrange the loan of projectors.

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SOUTHWELL CND.

'TOGGERS PEACE'. An anti-War Play will be performed at The Admiral Nelson, West Thorpe, SOUTHWELL

on March 16th. at 8.30pm. For tickets or more information contact :- Denis Sabey on Southwell 812479. Prices £1.50p waged or £1.00p unwaged.



LINCOLN
was declared
A NUCLEAR
FREE ZONE
21st Dec
1982

TODAY

FOUR minutes to midnight. Nuclear war officially declared "thinkable" in 1981. US and Russia deploy a greater range of nuclear weapons.

CHOOSE LIFE: A World Peace Exposition

LONDON, 10 - 20 March,

Kensington Town Hall

Tickets £2.50 (children £1) available at door

Sponsored by the NSUK Buddhist (Value Creating Society')

details from NCND Office

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NEW "Nottingham after the Bomb"

Details of the medical consequences of a nuclear attack on Nottingham.

Produced by Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons 50 p

from NCND Office or Stall

Office Volunteers Wanted!



YOUR TIME WANTED :- The Office Staff need YOUR help. If YOU have time to make a REGULAR commitment ie. 1/2 Day to Full Time in all areas of work, eg. Typing, Membership Secretary, Organising Events, Sales/Stock-taking, DIY type work, Research, Writing Letters etc. Please come into the Office or Ring 581948. All welcome.

EASTER ACTION

DIE-IN

SATURDAY 19 MARCH

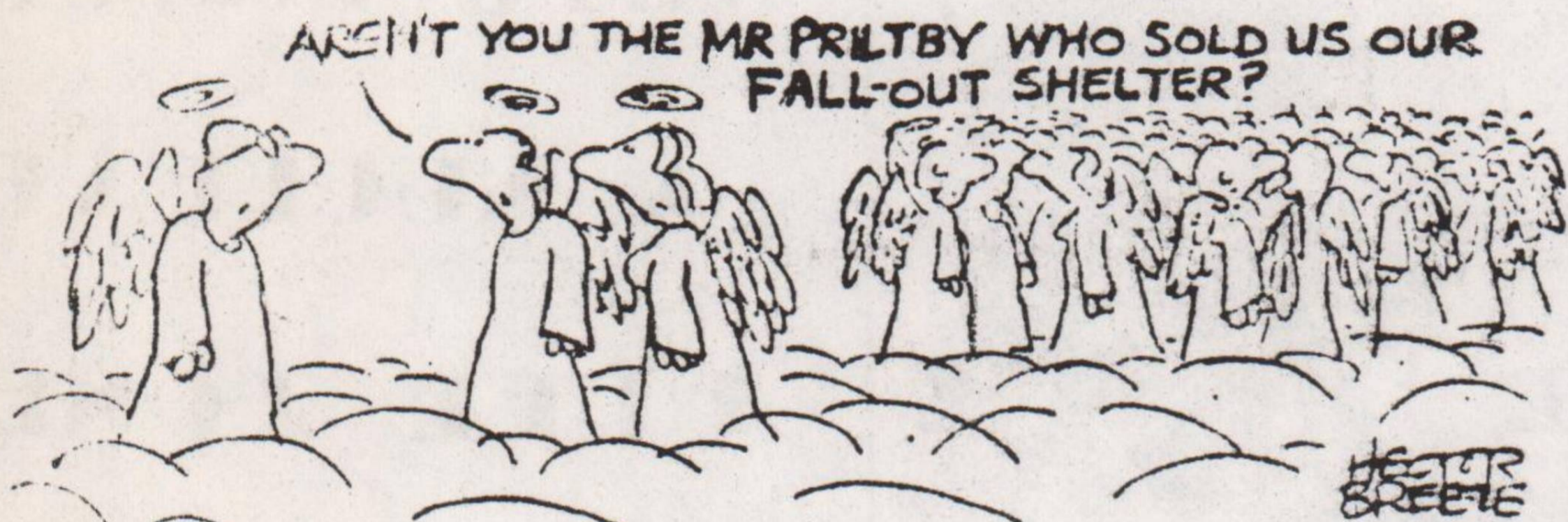
October's Die-In will be repeated twice. There will be Highway Placarding, a Sandwich Board Parade and a Rally in the Square!

- 10.00 am Highway Placarding
- 11.00 am Actor/esses assemble for rehearsal on Forest wearing black clothes.
- 11.30 am Slow, Silent Death March to Old Market Square (Actor/esses only)
- 12.30 - 1.00 pm Die-In in Market Square
- 1.00 - 2.00 pm Speakers
- 2.00 - 2.30 pm Die-In (repeated)
- 12.30 - 2.30 pm Sandwich Parade round Square.

REHEARSAL for Die-In, Sunday 13 March for Actor/esses : 10.30 am Forest Car Park.

Contact: Michael 31 3275 or Patsy 31 2794 for further details.

NEW RECRUITS WELCOME!



THE ENEMY

"The Peace Game" illustrates well the dependence of the Government's arms race policy on maintaining an effective image of "The Enemy". To get people to accept massive spending on weapons of mass destruction you have got to have a good bogeyman.

We should not forget that anti-Soviet propaganda dates back to 1917 when certain politicians and press feared the spread of revolution, that these same people welcomed Hitler as a "Bulwark against Bolshevism". Apart from a brief lull between 1941 and 46, anti-Soviet propaganda has increased steadily on many fronts so that today most people - including some members of the Peace Movement - are conditioned to believe that Russia is not to be trusted and that her peace offers are suspect. Symptomatic of this is Guardian's reference to the Russian 300mile nuclear-free zone proposal as "cleverly crafted" (28.1.83).

As Bishop Baker points out, "The world looks very different when you are sitting in the Kremlin rather than the White House, and the assumption that what the Russians put out in their propaganda bears no relation to reality is a very questionable one." It is important that we do not allow our attitudes to Soviet internal affairs to cloud the Peace issue, and that we understand Soviet fears of the U.S.A. Aspects of Soviet policy which appear repressive then become comprehensible.

Over the Easter weekend CND is organising three National Days of Action.

1. THURSDAY 31 MARCH 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. N. V. D. A.

WOMEN'S BLOCKADE of the 7 gates at GREENHAM and MIXED BLOCKADE of BURGHFIELD R.O.F. (where Britain's nuclear weapons are made)

The aim is to stop all traffic in and out of both establishments.

TRANSPORT: Minibus leaving 6p.m. Wed. March 30.
Cost: £6 (hopefully). £4 for those on the breadline (only the really needy please!)

2. FRIDAY 1 APRIL ARMS ARE FOR LINKING

The aim is to form a human chain linking Greenham Common, Burghfield R.O.F. and the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment. It will take 40,000 to cover the 14 miles. Bring balloons with messages to set off when the chain is complete.

There will then be a Festival at Aldermaston with theatre, music, stalls, etc. (Contributions needed.)

TRANSPORT: Coach from Salutation Inn 8.30 a.m.
Return 9.30 p.m.
Cost: £4 waged; £3 unwaged.

Tickets for both from NCND Office. (Postal Applications S.A.E. please.)

PLEASE APPLY EARLY - before 1 March if possible - as it will be difficult to obtain coaches at Easter.

3. SAT 2 APRIL GLASGOW ANTI-TRIDENT DIE-IN & DEMO

There will be a mass die-in at 11 a.m. followed by a Carnival with music, speakers, theatre etc.

Accommodation CAN be provided. For more info. contact Simon, Day 581948 or Eve 708673 or Scottish CND 0413312878

Most visitors to the U.S.S.R. speak of their conviction that the Russian people want peace. The last war is still very real to the Russians; 20 million died; just about every family lost someone; school children are taught about it; there is a constant file past the eternal flame on the tomb of the unknown warrior in Moscow. Unlike the Americans the Russians know what war - conventional war at least - means.

The American economy is heavily dependent on armament and related industries. Arms reduction would mean severe economic dislocation and increased unemployment. In addition there are powerful military and scientific lobbies. While there is doubtless a similar military lobby in the U.S.S.R., the economic motive does not apply. Far from the socialist economy of the U.S.S.R. flourishing on armaments, they are crippling it, and using up resources that the government needs to raise the living standards of its people. Russia has every reason to want to halt the arms race.

CND's policy of non-alignment - of blaming the super-powers equally for the arms race has tended to re-inforce anti-Soviet attitudes. If we are going to persuade the mass of the British people that we don't need Cruise, we have surely got to take positive steps towards dispelling the myth of the Russian bogeyman.

JOS WOOD

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTEBOOK

WEST BRIDGEFORD intend to run monthly DAY TIME MEETINGS those who want to be active but can't get out in the evenings. Young children welcome. Ring JANE on 232387 for details.

ARNOLD/WOODTHORPE held a public meeting to show and discuss "The Peace Game" - one of the Government's "free" anti- CND films. 30 people attended, and the discussion led by Susan Parsons was informed and interesting and could have gone on all night. The other Government film "A Better Road to Peace" is being shown at the end of February and the group hopes for an even better attendance.

EASTWOOD showed Jonathon Dimpleby's "The Bomb" to over 50 people and made 8 new members. Eastwood's Library Exhibition closed on Feb 7th and is now available to other groups. Contact the Office for details.

SNEINTON meet regularly on the first Tuesday in the month 7.30 at 26 Lyndhurst Road (off Sneinton Bvd.) The next meeting will hear a tape of Duncan Campbell's talk on Civil Defence Plans. After doing the Lister Gate stall, the group plan a Sneinton stall.

NEW GROUP

CLIFTON CND members are calling their first meeting for a film and discussion on TUES MARCH 1st. (see Diary) Leafleting has already brought in extra members.

PLEASE send in info about activities for the next Bulletin or ring Jos Wood on 33 3637.

WEST BRIDGEFORD DAY TIME MEETINGS.

Due to the fact that many West Bridgeford members are unable to attend official evening meetings, Jane Ripley has found a suitable venue for the day time. For all those interested in meeting during the day ring Jane on 232387.

GET GENNED UP ON "THE PEACE GAME"

Available at the office is the full text of the commentary to the Government's anti- CND film, "The Peace Game" together with an excellent commentary on the commentary by Nicholas Humphrey and Robert Hinde of the Cambridge University Disarmament Seminar.

Likely to prove invaluable to groups planning to show and discuss "The Peace Game" as Arnold / Woodthorpe group have done recently.

RESOURCES

The Chairman of Nottingham City Leisure Services has kindly given permission for C. N. D. groups to use the facilities available at the Arts Centre, Castle Gate; that is 16 m.m. projectors, screens, display screens, etc. To make further enquiries and bookings: Ring 411881. Ask for Bob Chaffen or Miss Jean Jackson.

May DayParade

The Trades Council has proposed that CND participate in the Annual May Day Parade which this year will be on the theme "Jobs not Bombs".

Besides a mass turn-out with banners, sandwich boards, the cruise model, etc, it has been suggested that CND groups might undertake to decorate and people floats, each on a different peace theme. There is also the possibility of running stalls with profits to CND.

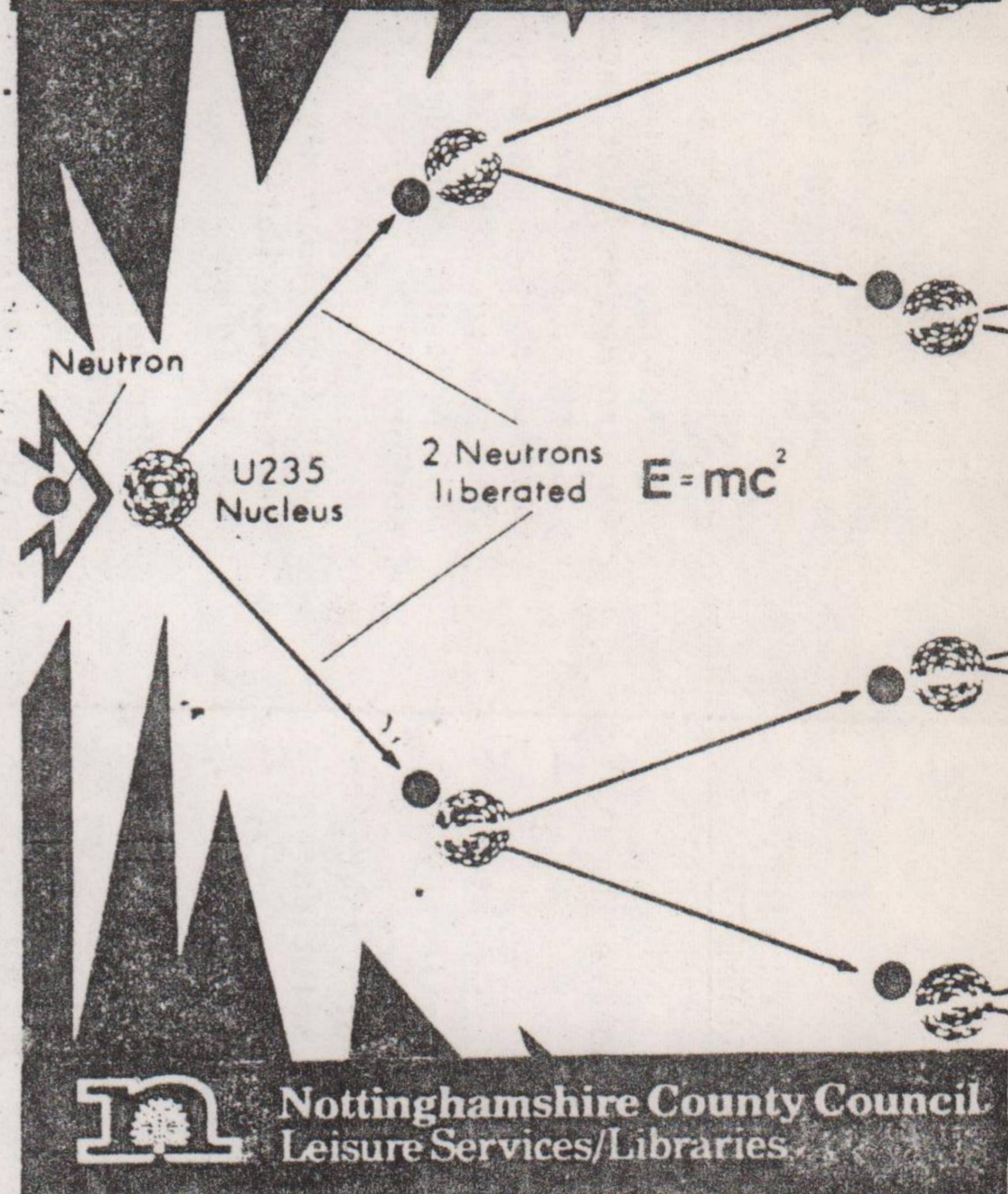
Would groups please discuss, and if willing to participate, Ring Peggy Westaway on 33 3046 or the office with ideas before the next Trades Council meeting on 9 March?

DATE: Monday 2 MAY. 10.30 a.m. starting from the Square.

The Nuclear Debate List of selected books

Available from your local library!

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



MEMBERSHIP

Wanda, our wonderful Membership Secretary, is about to bring into the world another CND Activist! and has had to give up her valuable work. Also Eleanor Parsons is at the moment unwell, and unable to come in. Therefore, we are desperate to have more volunteers to take on this work, Especially at this time, because with the citywide leaflet being delivered, our new memberships have increased dramatically.

If you can give 1 day per week, Please contact the NCND Office.

RENEWALS

To help with the current situation:-

Please check that your membership is not due for renewal: IF IT IS:- Please send in your Membership Card + the Subscription Due, to the NCND Office. This will help the people doing the Memberships and allow them to get up to date with the New Memberships.

On 2 February, Michael Foot denied a Times report suggesting plans to dilute Labour's pledge to nuclear disarmament. The paper's political editor alleges that Labour disarmament moves wouldn't be "unilateral" so much as "subject to negotiations" with NATO.

Interviewed on The World at One, Foot claimed "the report is not true... it bears no relation to the work of the (manifesto) committee which is not yet completed...".

Robin Day: "But are you not going to have to fudge in your eventual document because is there not an irreconcilable difference between... unilateral disarmament and ... staying in NATO?"

Foot: "No, well, the two decisions are there, we take account of both of the decisions and I must ask you and others to await the report...". Foot then left the question to electioneer against Cruise and Pershing.

Day: "...can you just confirm...that the Labour Party will go to the country in the election committed to giving up altogether British nuclear arms?"

"WAIT AND SEE"

Foot: "We will go to the electorate on the basis of the document which we are now drawing up, and which in turn will properly and fairly represent decisions at our conference. I must ask you to await a few more days (and) not to be misled by reports that are, er, not, don't bear any relation to the facts..."

Day: "But you're not prepared to confirm that it will commit a Labour government to giving up nuclear weapons altogether?"

Foot: "You will have to wait and see the terms in which it is stated..."

After calling the Times report extremely misleading without elaboration as to why Foot turned to attack Reagan's phoney "zero" option. He did, however, hint that Labour was looking at a Canada solution:

"We are in favour of adopting a non-nuclear defence strategy for this country."

Day: "Yes, but at the same time to stay in NATO, and Mr. Healey" (not to mention the bulk of unilateralists - author) "has said, Mr. Foot, that these two policies are inconsistent."

Foot: "Well, he's said he's been fully prepared to have the discussions which we have had." Foot then turned to the safer ground of the Andropov proposals, and also suggested that 3 years ago the government didn't take up US offers of dual launch control of cruise missiles.

Foot was compromised in having not to pre-empt the party's top manifesto committee which is finalising the details of Labour's commitment. However his bet-hedging ought to be judged in the context of a less than reliable personal record.

Typical of Foot's public face was his gaseous demagogy at CND's October 1981 rally, in which he avoided any commitment about what an incoming Labour government would actually do.

2.2.83 Labour nuclear policy faces radical change

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The high level Labour committee working on the outlines of the party's election manifesto is moving away from the conference's commitment to close down unilaterally American nuclear bases in Britain.

Early drafts of the "campaign document" being drawn up by a six-man committee headed by Mr Michael Foot do not contain, in their critical passages, the outright unequivocal commitment to unilateral dis-

to negotiations between Britain and its allies.

The changes have been made in the committee at the insistence of Mr Denis Healey, Labour's deputy leader, who has said that he could not serve in a Labour Cabinet committed to the unilateral closure of American bases. Not all the modifications he has proposed have been accepted in a

of the international committee, and Mr John Golding, the moderate chairman of the home policy committee.

Although the right and the left are confident the accommodation which is being arrived at will be acceptable to the full national executive, the far left inevitably sees it as a retreat from conference policy.

They have suspected from the start that the procedure



Thatcher rebuff

In private, Foot abstained at a key meeting of Labour's executive in June 82 on whether to include unilateralism in the manifesto explicitly.

Later in 1982, it took him three months before clearly renouncing some intimidatory claims by NATO general Bernard Rogers that Labour's unilateral posture is for show only. (Are we to believe that no bartering went on during this period - or that there had been no NATO pressure in private before Rogers's outburst?)

At issue here are two questions which increasingly Nottingham CND will not be able to ignore.

1. The nature of NATO. The close and interdependent integration of member countries' military units into the NATO unified nuclear structure makes their forces of little use to NATO if non-nuclear. There can be no "Canada option" for an essential Forward Operating Base like Britain without NATO extracting a punitively high price in the form of massive conventional re-armament rather than better health, housing, transport and social services.

NATO is lauded as "the peace movement" by its supporters, but chose a key moment of Central American instability to hold exercise Ocean Venture in the Caribbean, offered military intervention behind Thatcher against Argentina, and currently gives solid backing to the Turkish junta.



Shouldn't the behaviour of NATO regimes be subjected to the same moral criteria as Hiroshima? The Turkish teacher shown had acid poured in his eye sockets in May 1980; today a whole people continues to live in fear thanks to the unstinting US economic and military aid which Al Haig re-pledged last year to an "irreplaceable member of the Alliance".

Peace and freedom are questions which are inseparable from the strategic plans which motivate the brasshats.

2. Control of the Labour Party. Policy disputes after the flouting of conference decisions by Labour governments, have drawn out in recent years an unmistakably anti-accountability element. Part of it has split off, while the other part retains a commanding influence. The ructions over Labour accountability affect all members of CND insofar as the real prospects of getting unilateral nuclear disarmament go; there are plenty of ways for Labour policy to be ditched or diluted.

Late in January, for instance, Labour prospective candidates attended a party HQ briefing in which Healey told candidates to oppose Cruise & Pershing and to demand a nuclear freeze - and no more. Asked about the closure of US and British nuclear bases (which Conference agreed by a 2/3 majority) Healey said it clashed with Conference support for NATO. The message is clear!

And on 6 February the Sunday Times revealed that the decision to back Pershing and Cruise as a lever against SS-20's was taken in December 1978, by Callaghan, Owen, Mulley and Healey - with Peacemonger also in attendance.

The Labour Party isn't the only body which needs keeping on course. Nottingham CND adopts an arbitrary and often rambling approach to a number of political issues of key importance.

- * Is civil defence a purely medical issue or more fundamentally a political issue about the bona fides of the state?
- * Is the county council doing enough to comply with its Nuclear Free fanfare? Is CND doing enough to make it comply? Several breaches were ignored by the Bulletin in 1982.
- * How can the antinuclear movement avoid diversion up a disastrous blind alley of conventional militarism?
- * Are wars caused by misguided aggression by "our" leaders or by tensions basic to the world's economic system?

These and other matters will be taken up by the new LABOUR CND group.

John Batchellor

CAMPAIGNING

T.A.C.T.

TORIES AGAINST CRUISE AND TRIDENT

Millions of British people who vote Conservative are opposed to the deployment of Cruise missiles and the proposed purchase of the Trident system. As you all know, CND is non-political and therefore welcomes support from all sections of the community. To encourage the growing numbers of Tories opposed to the Government's bellicose attitudes, an organisation called Tories Against Cruise & Trident, has been founded and has been affiliated to CND.

TACT has 2 categories of associates

1. Supporters who are not Conservative voters but believe in making unilateralism appeal to everybody, no matter what their political views.
2. Members who are Conservative (though not necessarily card-carrying) who wish to redress the political imbalance of the unilateralist movement.

Amongst the NCND membership now approaching 2,000, there must be some who could found a local TACT group.

If you are interested, send for details to:-

Sue Cosslette, 115 Ivanhoe Road, Camberwell, London.

Alternatively, phone Patrick Hatton, Langley Mill 61409 who says, for the record, that he has no great regard for any political party but would be pleased to help make CND more accessible to its full potential membership.



It was going to be the ultimate deterrent

M.C.A.N.W.

The Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons has had an active branch in Nottingham for about 15 Months. Our numbers have increased from the 3 people who took part in the original meeting to 40 members and about 30 "friends". One of our main aims is to educate the Public as to the medical consequences of a nuclear attack on Britain and in particular on Nottingham. To this end we have formed a group of speakers who are available to talk to large or small audiences, with a medical or more general insight into the Nuclear Debate.

Our exhibition is on show in Angel Row library. It has been booked for a series of libraries until June when it will be available for further bookings. The library service has produced a booklist of titles on the Nuclear Debate. These should be on show in ALL libraries, though some are tending to keep them under the counter. If your library has run out of copies do encourage them to re-order, and request some of the titles from the list. (they are also available at the NCND Office.)

The most ambitious project to be undertaken by the group to date is the publication of a booklet entitled "Nottingham After the Bomb". This was launched at the end of January. The booklet gives a graphic if somewhat harrowing account of precisely how Nottingham would be affected by a one megaton bomb above the castle, giving details of medical, social and long term consequences. The booklet is available from the NCND office and stall.

The mcaw is open to all who work in the NHS. Those who are not eligible for membership are invited to become "Friends". The latter involves no regular commitment other than a donation on joining and support for our aims.

Madeleine Wells

Tel 264905

LABOUR C.N.D.

A lot of individual members of the Labour Party, and a number of local branches, have already developed strong links with NCND. What has not happened, however, is the emergence of any organised CND lobby within the local Labour Party. The Party's commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament will be one of the key issues in the next general election.

In an effort to improve the situation all sympathetic Labour Party Members + Supporters are invited to join a group which held its first meeting on Feb. 13th. with the objective of developing a clearer idea of how to campaign on the issue, educate each other on answering awkward doorstep questions, etc. Above all the aim is to ensure that the Party campaigns vigorously + effectively on the disarmament issue in the May Council Elections and puts the policies into practice in the new Council.

If you can help in this campaign or want more details contact :- Alan Simpson, 222 Bluebell Hill Rd. St. Annes, Nottingham or Tony Morris 56 Bute Ave, Lenton.

NEW BADGES

A NEW RANGE OF BADGES, STICKERS, AND PAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE AND ON THE STALL.

LOCAL GROUPS CAN ALSO HAVE STOCK ON A SALE OR RETURN BASIS FOR MEETINGS, EVENTS ETC. (PLEASE RETURN THE STOCK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE). ANY GROUPS WHO HAVE STOCK ON S.O.R. PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE OTHER GROUPS TO HAVE IT. SIMON ON 581948 WILL BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUERIES.

THE PEACE CANVAS

The success of our campaign depends ultimately on our ability to win the support of the mass of the ordinary people. CND National Conference in November decided to ask local groups to make a door-to-door Peace Canvass a main activity during 1983. The idea was endorsed by the last NCND Members' Meeting.

The core of the canvass is a short questionnaire on nuclear weapons. This, however, is only to provide a reason for approaching people. The main purpose of the canvass is not to gather opinions but to change them. By getting into conversation we can help the hesitant and uncommitted to make up their minds. We can have leaflets available for those who need more information. It is a means of locating our supporters. Canvassers will not waste time arguing with those who are convinced "deterrence" mongers.

Those who canvassed with the World Disarmament Petition found it a rewarding activity bringing contact with a wide range of opinion and enabling them to find local supporters. The Peace Canvass provides an even better opportunity.

The approach of the election makes the Peace Canvas particularly urgent. All votes for candidates who oppose British nuclear weapons are important, but they are particularly important in the more marginal constituencies. Those of us who live in safe Tory - or Labour - constituencies might well consider helping with a Peace Canvass in a marginal constituency.

The office have full particulars about the Peace Canvass. How about getting started, N.G.'s?

A Lot Can Happen in Two Months....

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN TWO MONTHS....

selected headlines from the Guardian.

- 30.11.82. Moscow threatens to switch to launch on warning response to cruise & perishing.
- 2.12.82 . General Rodgers hints at a shift from nuclear to conventional battlefield weapons.
- 3.12.82. Nott pours cold water on Rogers plan.
- 4.12.82. Foot makes disarmament speech.
Minister for civil defence urges NFZ councils to plan for post attack.
200 mile nuclear free zone proposed by Sweden.
- 7.12.82 Soviet defence minister threatens to develop own MX missile system
- 10.12.82. 'Fall back' US command to be established in Britain at High Wycombe
Pym sans final decision on cruise has now been taken.
- 13.12.82. 30,000 women encircle Greenham common.
Government admits to US war centre plan at High Wycombe.
US rejects Soviet offer of halving intermediate range weapons.
50 US bases in Germany face hourly blockades by demonstrators.
- 14.12.82. Armed forces minister says Greenham women hinder Peace Talks.
Greenham scuffles as women seal off base. Police instructed not to arrest but to bodily move hundreds of demonstrators.
- 15.12.82. London Peace camp set up in Jubilee Gardens.
Germany uneasy about political effect of US Fall-back HQ announcement.
- 18.12.82. Students set up Peace Camp outside High Wycombe base.
Rhodes Boyson warning to teachers wearing political badges.
- 20.12.82. Royal college of Physicians warns on futile civil defence.
Greenham women sneak into servicemens disco.
Attack on Londons peace camp by gang of youths.
Healey admits Chevaline modernisation decision was a mistake.
- 21.12.82. 10,000 protest march to Italian cruise base.
- 22.12.82. Andropov offers to reduce intermediate weapons by two-thirds to match numbers held by Britain & France in exchange for no cruise and perishing;
Also offered no-first-use mutual agreement for both nuclear and conventional weapons.
Rejecetd by US.
- 23.12.82. Soviet threat to break off Geneva talks if cruise is deployed.
- 28.12.82. Foot puts his weight behind cruise campaign, visting Greenham women.
293 German demonstrartors changed the police bill under new state law.
- 29.12.82. Russia to trst new replacement for SS20 missiles.
Tory chairman to launch counter-offensive on CND arguments.

- 31.12.82. Andropov offers summit meeting with Reagan.
- 4.1.83. Mitterand rejects Russian inclusion of French missiles in European balance.
44 Greenham protestors granted bail after new year protest.
Andropov briefs Warsaw pact on nuclear debate.
- 6.1.83. Warsaw pact offers to sign a non-aggression treaty with NATO.
- 11.1.83. European NATO governments urge US to be flexible on zero-option.
- 12.1.83. Greenham Peace campers win voting rights case.
- 14.1.83. USSR ready to negotiate on warheads and scrap or withdraw SS20s
US negotiator dismissed from Geneva talks,
Reagan confirms Soviet offer is unsatisfactory.
- 16.1.83. Romania calls for arms spending freeze with 20% cut by 1985.
New defence minister Heseltine rejects dual control idea for cruise.
- 18.1.83. Greenham protestors disrupt the House of Commons.
Reagan urged by Germany to compromise on zero-option.
- 21.1.83. Reagan refuses to move from zero-option stand.
Marplan poll shows 56% disapprove of Trident, 61% of cruise.
- 28.1.83. Russia proposes 300 mile nuclear free zone.
- 29.1.83. Owen and Healey urge response to Russian proposals.
- 31.1.83. Government plan for £1m anti-CND advertising campaign.

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On Monday 7th Feb. 2 Nottingham women who took part in the action at Greenham common were arrested. They will appear in court in Newbury on the 18th April. Anyone who wants to go down to support Bee and Deb, contact either the NCND office or Dory at Ouroborous on Mansfield road.

BLOCKADE AT LAKENHEATH

A meeting was held at the FAB Peace Camp, on Saturday 12th February, to talk about plans of action for the coming year.

The meeting involved about 100 people from all parts of the Country, including many from East Anglian CND and other Peace Groups.

The Camp has decided to hold a Mass Demo on Sunday 24th April, followed by a Blockade of the Base on the following day. Details have not been fully worked out as yet, but the theme will probably be for a mass kite flying and Balloon launch.

This action will be Co-planned by The FAB Peace Camp, NCND, and other East Anglian Groups.

Further details will follow in next months Bulletin including details of transport arrangements. OR phone the office on 581948.

Watch Out! There's a Police Bill about...

The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill currently in its Committee stage in Parliament is designed to give Police wider powers which could have devastating effects on police/community relations (bad enough already), on individual liberties and on the hard-won freedoms of speech, assembly and political dissent. It would confer increased powers, ripe for misuse, in the areas of:-

- stop and search
- road blocks
- arrest, fingerprinting and taking 'intimate body samples'
- detention (up to 96 hours PLUS WEEKENDS, 48 hours before being allowed to contact a solicitor or family)
- searching premises of innocent people for 'evidence'
- searching confidential professional records; doctors social workers, probation officers, even priests!

It would allow them to fingerprint 10 year olds without consent, to interview juveniles and mentally handicapped people without an independent adult present AND to present any 'confessions' so obtained as evidence. Evidence illegally obtained would become admissible while the code of practice for police behaviour would have no real sanctions included.

The changes proposed in the Complaints Procedure are cosmetic only and give the public no improved access to redress for wrongful police actions. Nor are the public to have any improved control - the liaison committee proposals include no powers, no democratic representation and not even any duty for the police to attend or take notice of them!

Groups such as NCND are directly affected, along with trade unions, gays, ethnic minorities and youth - all those who are already harrassed. The Greenham Common action could have been ruined by searches of all the coaches for 'offensive weapons' - tent poles, keyrings, anything. And the office or individuals members houses could be searched after just one arrest for evidence e.g. of 'conspiracy'.

Don't think it won't happen - they've done it to the Welsh language activists already, they did it in Brixton, they do it on the streets every day. The difference will be that it will all be legal and there'll be even less we can do about it. The innocent have plenty to fear - ask Stephen Waldorf!

"Any Act based on this Bill....will probably be the source of greater dispute than the alleged faults it seeks to remedy" Police Review!

"...tips the balance too far towards the police" Law Society

"...replaces policing by consent with policing by coercion ...would do nothing to prevent or solve crimes," Patricia Hewitt NCCL Gen.Sec.

The National Council for Civil Liberties is mounting a national campaign against the Bill and is supported by many concerned groups, including, since the policy-making monthly meeting on 6th Feb, by NCND. Official letters are being written but YOUR help is also needed.

- WRITE to your MP as an individual or neighbourhood group
- PASS motions at your party, union community group meeting
- GET others to do the same.

MODEL LETTER (a postcard will do)

Dear

I am writing as one of your constituents to express my concern at the provisions of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill which dramatically increases police powers without adequate safeguards for suspects and the innocent. It will do nothing to increase public confidence in the Police, making crime detection more difficult whilst destroying the traditional concept of policing by consent. I urge you to oppose this bill,
Yours faithfully.....

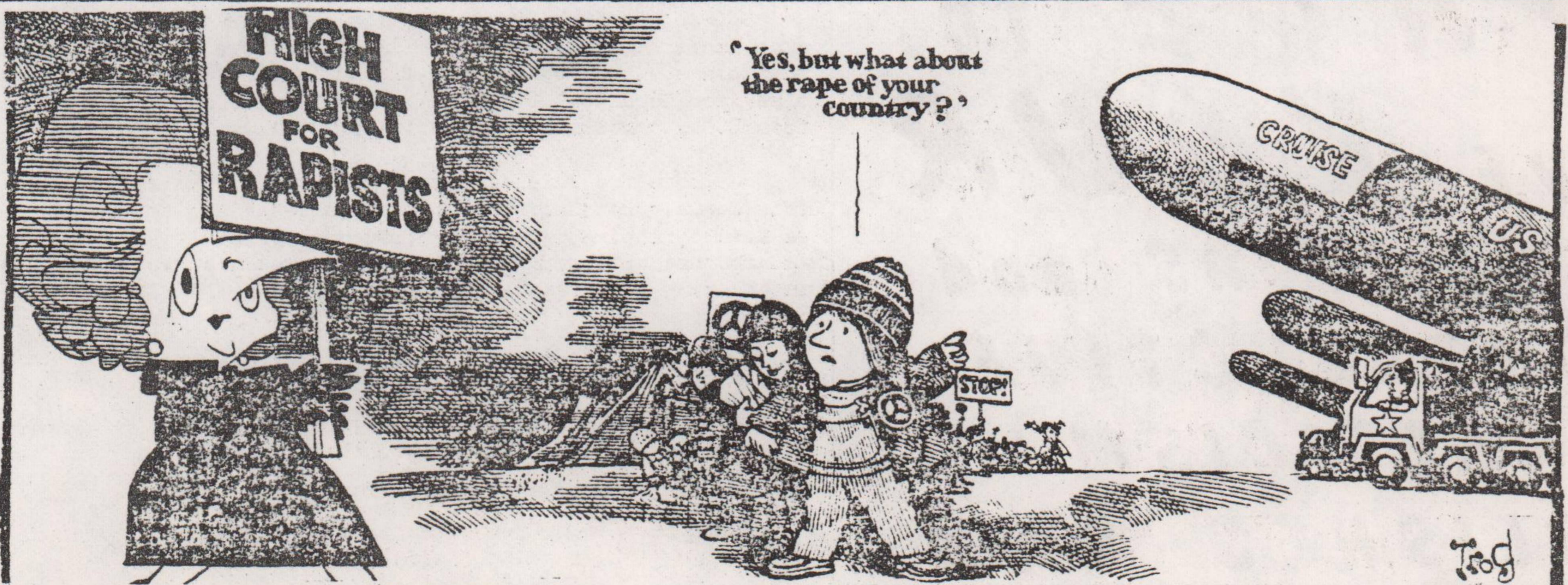
Address it to your MP by name at the House of Commons, London SW1. A similar letter to William Whitelaw would not come amiss either. Unfortunately none of our local MP's are on the committee but it will be before the House as a whole very soon.

MODEL RESOLUTION.

This (branch/group etc) condemns the Governments Police and Criminal Evidence Bill which gives the police major new powers without adequate safeguards to prevent abuse. We note that such powers can and will be used against (trade unionists/gays/ethnic minorities/political organisations/animal activists etc as appropriate) especially during (pickets/demonstrations/actions etc) and that the Bill therefore poses a new threat to effective organisation of legitimate (protest/activity/campaigning). We call on (exec/regional/national or whatever depending on your organisation) to protest against the Bill by (letting writing, representations to sponsored or sympathetic MPs etc as appropriate) and to support the National Council for Civil Liberties in their Campaign Against the Bill.

FURTHER INFORMATION and any help, literature, speakers available from NCCL Nottingham Group on Nottingham 222699.

Kristian Ravnkilde.



THE OBSERVER, SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 1982

LETTERS

Dear NCND,

The Anti-Cruise Campaign is running high. With 'opinion polls' consistently showing 60% of the population against Cruise coming to Britain, victory looks increasingly likely. But the same opinion polls show support for Unilateral Disarmament - CND's PRINCIPLE AIM - at only about 25% of the population.

This clearly isn't enough. Stopping Cruise must be a starting point. Once it has been achieved unilateral disarmament MUST follow. We are building the base for this next campaign now but 75% of the population have still to be convinced. We must back up the Cruise campaign with complete unilateral disarmament or we will NOT have achieved our objective.

Yours in Peace,

P. Newham.



Dear Friends,

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the Spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were going direct the other way."

This is taken from the first paragraph of "A Tale of Two Cities", by Charles Dickens.

You may be wondering why I'm quoting this particular piece. After my experience on December 12th at Greenham Common, this paragraph sprang to mind and I think it expresses our mixed feelings of hope and despair and also the practical choices which lay before us; to build for peace and a better society, or war and the destruction of everything. In other words, as Shakespeare said "To be or not to be"...

Whilst acknowledging it is very important to present as much factual information to the general public, as they are capable of assimilating. We must not neglect the emotional side of human beings, particularly the need to be inspired. Inspiration is necessary and very often releases inhibitions and energy in people, which can help them to redouble their efforts. I can also help to nudge people off the fence and into the mainstream of our campaign. I have been told by many people in recent months, that witnessing certain types of events, which had a strong emotional appeal, finally made them do something positive about campaigning for peace; whilst previously they had kept pushing it to the back of their minds. This has applied particularly to the Die-In held in the Market Square in October and their experience at Greenham Common. Obviously, as many different approaches as we are able to cope with are necessary. We must remember, however, that people can feel that something is wrong as well as know something is wrong. I wish everyone in this country could have experienced that electric feeling of excitement and strength and unity that was abroad that day at Greenham Common.

CHRISTINE GORDON

Dear Friends,

It has come to my attention that the Peace Movement and particularly CND is using 'military' terms to describe its activities and Alternative Strategy. I have therefore decided it is time that an alternative vocabulary, ie. 'Peace Words and Phrases', is developed.

The incident that sparked this off was last weekend when my daughter, Jessica, when asked what she wanted for breakfast, requested 'boiled eggs and soldiers'. This quite upset me and have since come up with 'boiled eggs and peace campaigners' as an acceptable new 'peaceful' description.

I am working on other aspects of our common usage of 'military' terms in every day language and hope to present a list of alternatives. I feel this to be most important in our struggle for Peace. If anyone has any other suggestions I am sure the NCND office would welcome them.

Yours in Peace

WARREN. A.R.E. SISTER

F.A.B. PEACE CAMP

Hello! from Families Against the Bomb Peace Camp at Lakenheath.

We, the campers at Lakenheath would like to keep in touch more with our supporters at home in Nottingham as in the past we feel that we have become distant from N.C.N.D.ers. We thought it would be nice for us to let people know who we are.

There are usually nine adults and four children at the camp as permanent residents. Life down here is much more comfortable now that we are all living in caravans. Our caravans come from local C.N.D. groups. We get quite a lot of support from C.N.D. groups and individuals locally.

We come from all different scenes of life: from off the dole queue, from University, from tool-making, from school. We aren't hippies, wierdo.s, drop-outs or social misfits; we are just ordinary people - like yourselves. We have animals on the camp - two goats, seven chickens and a kitten called Sweetums.

Please let us know that you still support us!

Sometimes we feel that we are being neglected and no-one knows we are here. Please write, visit or phone us -

Phone contact Mandy or Bernie 0638-716556

Address: F.A.B. Peace Camp, Maids Cross Hill, Lakenheath, Suffolk.

And remember: we aren't here to do your direct action for you; We are here for YOU to use for YOUR direct action.

Peace and Freedom,

Jackie (For Families Against the BOMB)

USE THIS SPACE TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS, IDEAS and CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM PUBLISHED Send letters to: NCND Office.

Action Campaign

In 1983 with the possible deployment of Cruise (unless we stop it) it is essential that CND dramatically improves its ability to effectively and quickly mobilize supporters.

NCND is therefore launching an

'ACTION CAMPAIGN'

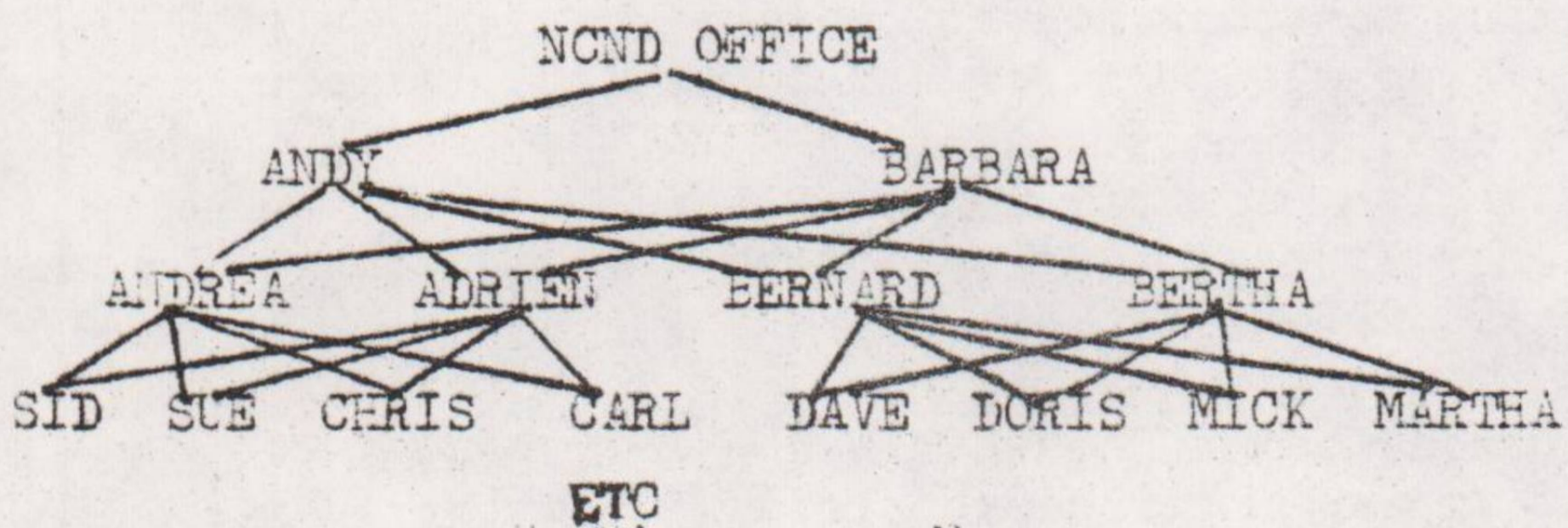
This consists of three main elements:

- 1) An effective, large scale Telephone Tree
- 2) Determining which supporters are available to participate in which events
- 3) Expanding and encouraging more Affinity groups (for Non-Violent Direct Action)

The idea of a telephone tree has been suggested before, and some of the neighbourhood groups have set up their own trees. However, most NCND members are not on a telephone tree, and should a message need an urgent dispersal, most members could not be contacted. A telephone tree where each person was phoned by two others should prevent problems of a breakdown being caused by a few people being unavailable. (See diagram.) Existing neighbourhood groups' trees could be incorporated into the larger scheme. It is important that people know the names and numbers of the people on the next level of the tree structure beyond where they would normally phone. Thus if they can't get their normal contact, they should call their contact's contacts.

FOR EXISTING GROUPS' TELEPHONE TREES, CAN THE NCND OFFICE PLEASE BE INFORMED OF THE TOP TWO LEVELS OF THE STRUCTURE.

NCND has now started one (NVDA) affinity group. However, it is our aim to try to get lots of groups going. Perhaps each of the larger neighbourhood groups can discuss starting affinity groups of their own. (Each group member should of course be on any telephone tree. Being able to send well trained affinity groups to all important demonstrations (esp at Peace Camps) may prove to be particularly important to CND this year. Beside helping to initiate these groups, the 'Action Campaign' form will be very useful to NCND when resources are needed for vigils, marches, festivals, pickets, and our own NVDA.



I would like to take part in peaceful actions to prevent the installation of Cruise Missiles, to inhibit the preparations for their installation, and to work towards British unilateral nuclear disarmament.

PLEASE TICK TO SHOW THE TYPE OF SUPPORT YOU CAN OFFER

I am willing to offer practical support at demos/events.
I am willing to picket/participate in vigils/marches.
I will consider participation in non-violent direct action (you will be given training etc by the NVDA group)

Name.

Address.

Telephone;

Days and times unavailable;

Please indicate whether you have your own transport and if you could supply transport for others and how many?
Are you willing to be part of a telephone tree?

NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

Most people with experience of NVDA will tell you that vital ingredients for success are a combination of careful planning and mutual trust among the participants. If there is the slightest chance of anyone getting arrested or hurt, everyone needs to know what the others will do, how far they are prepared to go, and trust in each other not to opt out and look after No 1 at the expense of the group. Action at Greenham has already shown how effective NVDA can be as peaceful protest - Escalation of the Cruise campaign will require increasing numbers of people who have been trained in and experienced NVDA. It is therefore vital that we start forming groups now, including a broad cross section of people: old and young, those who will provide back-up publicity, support etc, as well as those who are prepared to take actual direct action. These could meet in neighbourhoods, church groups, community centres etc. If you are prepared to get involved, contact the NCND office for details of the NCND group which has already started meeting. Why not arrange for your local group to hold a training session for NVDA and come along to the next action at Greenham.

NON VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION.

UPPER HEYFORD

Upper Heyford is the base for 71 F-111 bombers; a huge nuclear strike force. Therefore Upper Heyford Peace Camp are organising a four day blockade of the base from May 31st until June 3rd. Different regions are being asked to provide groups to cover the gates for 12 hours periods and the Midlands coverage is June 1st noon till midnight.

Anyone who wants to participate in blockading, however, must have had some NVDA training (we don't want people who don't know what they are doing, equally we don't want anyone who may resort to violence if provoked. But we do need lots of support as this is a large scale national event.

So please everyone who is willing, or anyone who would like more details, get in touch with the NCND office (581946) and come to the next NVDA meeting.

An exciting audio-visual exposition—

- Exhibits
- Children's paintings
- Amazing machines
- Video shows
- Films
- Lectures
- The Garden of Peace
- United Nations
- Lights & sounds
- Refreshments
- Informal talks
- and more



WHEN? March 10th - 20th 11am to 10pm (except 16th and 17th 6pm - 10pm)

WHERE? Kensington Town Hall, London.

HOW MUCH? £2.50 per day, £1.00 for children.

LETTERS cont.

Dear CND,

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Yours in Peace
Paul Newman.

Trident Postcard Campaign

WHAT IS IT? A campaign launched by parents for survival to show that the Trident Missile can be outweighed by public opinion. We know public opinion opposes Trident. The postcard campaign will show visibly that the British people don't want a needless escalation in the Arms Race.

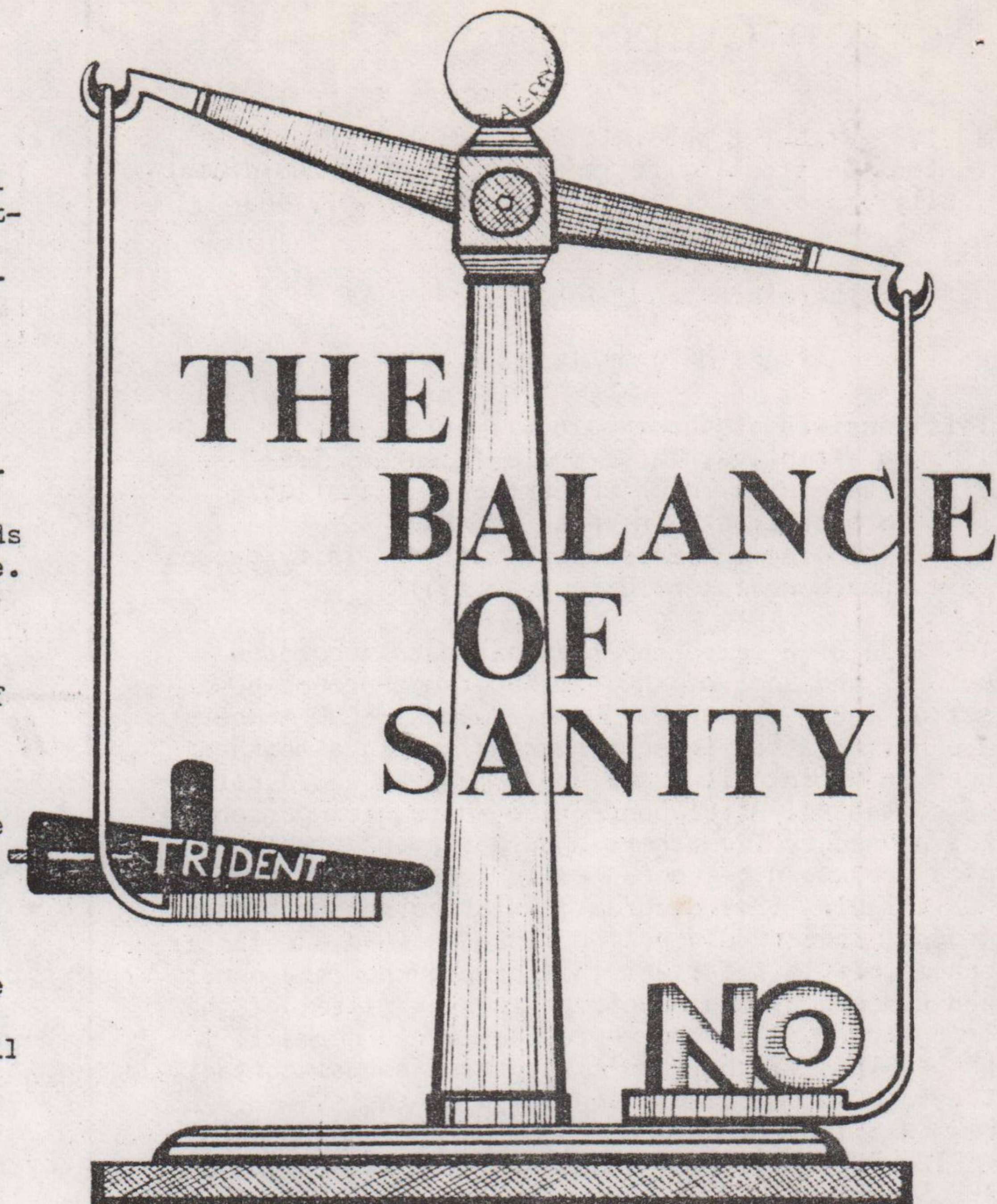
HOW WILL IT WORK? A Huge weighing machine has been placed in the foyer of Glasgow City Chambers. On one side is the actual weight of a Trident warhead (in the shape of a missile). On the other side is a basket to hold the thousands of postcards needed to outweigh the missile. When 800,000 postcards have been deposited in the basket a Trident warhead will have been outweighed.

WHY THIS WAY? Two reasons. First to show over a period of time that opinion is mounting against the missile...as time goes on, opposition grows stronger. Second, because unlike petitions (which can be hidden infiling cabinets) the postcards are in full view for all to see....even the government.

WHEN DOES IT FINISH? The campaign will run at least until July 1983, maybe longer, so if you want to get involved there's plenty of time to organise something in your area or place of work. When the basket is filled the postcards will be brought to London, to the Government... what a delivery. And every card has to be answered.

HOW CAN I HELP? Sign a post card today. Or better still, order a batch of postcards and collect signatories to add to the scale.

Postcards can be ordered from Parents for survival, 166 Camphill Ave, Glasgow G41. Cost £5 per 1000, = £2 p&p.



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Dear Secretary of State for Defence,

Trident is a weapon that Britain does not need and cannot afford, and it undermines moves towards nuclear disarmament, to which our Government claims it is committed. I object to the decision to proceed with the Trident project and call on you to abandon it forthwith.

I await your early reply.

Signature

Name

Address

Monthly Meeting: decisions

Main points from the NCND Monthly meeting held on 6th February 1983.

1. Airbourne appeal launched; aim to get hot air balloon for use by CND groups nationally. Has own bank account etc; will use NCND office.
2. Evening post; agreed to continue current policy of not using the post for any publicity, letters, adverts etc. as this would threaten the good relationships held between NCND and the NUJ and the Labour Groups; further the post is not in favour of CND and other peace groups.
3. Proposed that NCND establish a telephone tree so that we can mobilise supporters quickly; to draw up a location, transport and availability list of our supporters; and to develop NVDA groups.
4. Nottinghamshire CND, replaces East Midlands as our representation on National Council; It was agreed that 1. Notts CND use the NCND office free until next policy making general meeting. 2. Notts CND actions be published in the Bulletin; 3. Notts CND report back at each general meeting; 4. that the structure and funding of Notts CND be reviewed at their next meeting; 5. that ideas for the agenda for Notts CND be discussed by co-ordinating group.

**FORGET SKEGNESS
— SAY GOODBYE
TO BLACKPOOL!**
(and everywhere else in between!)

WITH A
CRUISE
FROM THE USA
IT'S NEW —
IT'S DIFFERENT —
IT'S DEVASTATING!

As recommended by HM Govt. but don't let them fool you. There's more to it than they'll admit.

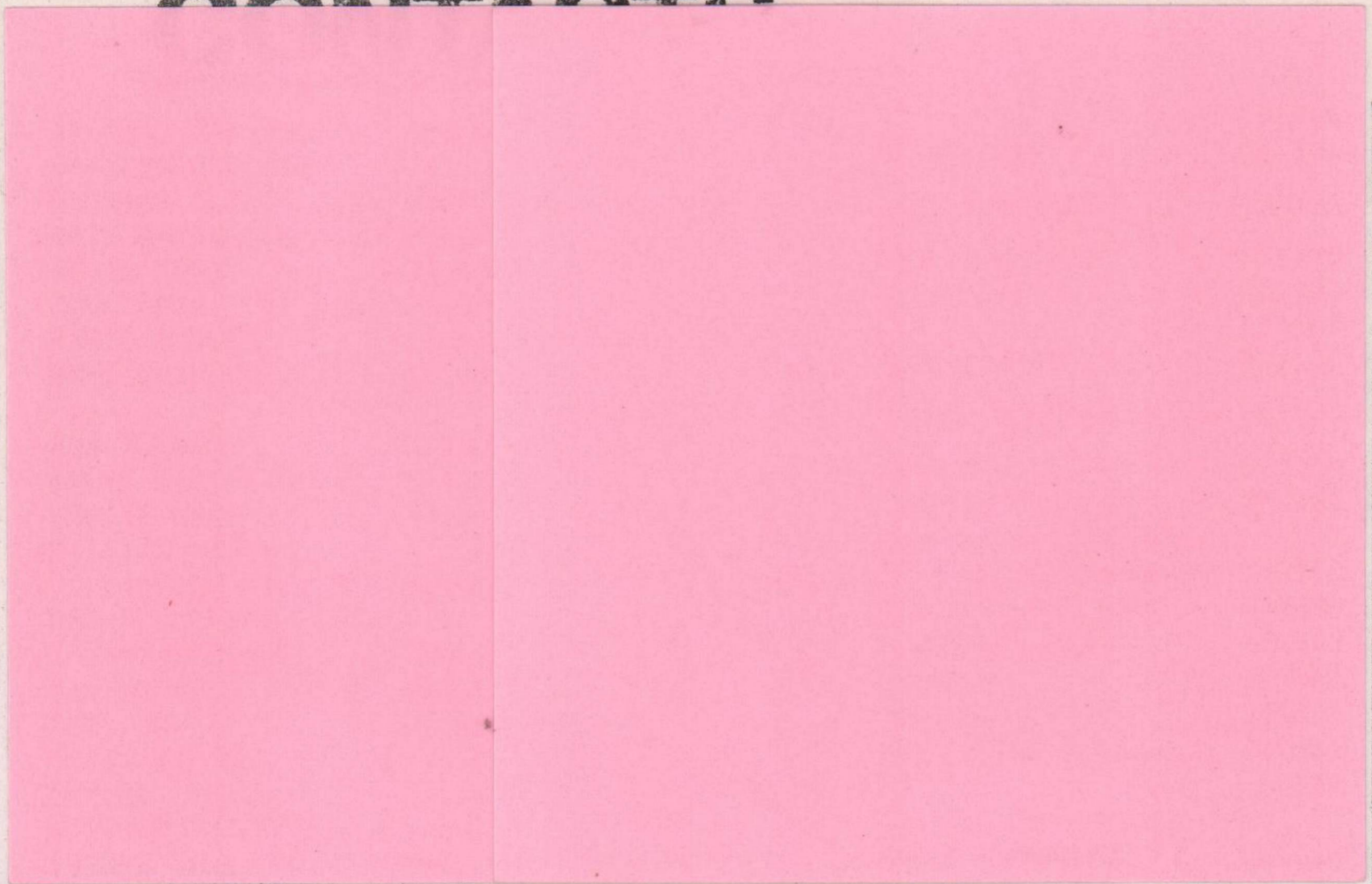
WATCH OUT...
Details through your letter box soon — or ring 581948 for the details no-one else will tell you!!

From Nott'm
Trader
Feb 9th. 1983

APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES to anyone who did not receive last months bulletin

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ALL THE WAY

THE H-BOMB'S THUNDER
CND'S ANTHEM

DON'T YOU HEAR THE H-BOMB'S THUNDER
ECHO LIKE THE CRACK OF DOOM
WHILE THEY REND THE SKIES ASUNDER
FALLOUT MAKES THE EARTH A TOMB,
DO YOU WANT YOUR HOMES TO TUMBLE
RISE IN SMOKE TOWARDS THE SKY
WILL YOU LET YOUR CITIES CRUMBLE
WILL YOU SEE YOUR CHILDREN DIE

CHORUS: MEN AND WOMEN STAND TOGETHER

DO NOT HEED THE MEN OF WAR
MAKE YOUR MINDS UP NOW OR NEVER
BAN THE BOMB FOR EVERMORE.



TELL THE LEADERS OF THE NATIONS
MAKE THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD TAKE HEED:
POISON FROM THE RADIATIONS
STRIKES AT EVERY RACE AND CREED,
MUST YOU PUT MANKIND IN DANGER
MURDER FOLK IN DISTANT LANDS?
WILL YOU BRING DEATH TO A STRANGER
HAVE HIS BLOOD UPON YOUR HANDS?

CHORUS:

SHALL WE LAY THE WORLD IN RUIN?
ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE CHOICE
STOP AND THINK OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING
JOIN THE MARCH AND RAISE YOUR VOICE
TIME IS SHORT: WE MUST BE SPEEDY
WE CAN SEE THE HUNGRY FILLED,
HOUSE THE HOMELESS, HELP THE NEEDY:
SHALL WE BLAST, OR SHALL WE BUILD?

CHORUS:

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TEL: 581948

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I WANT TO JOIN NOTTINGHAM CND AND ENCLOSE FOR ONE YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP.
I ENCLOSE A DONATION OF

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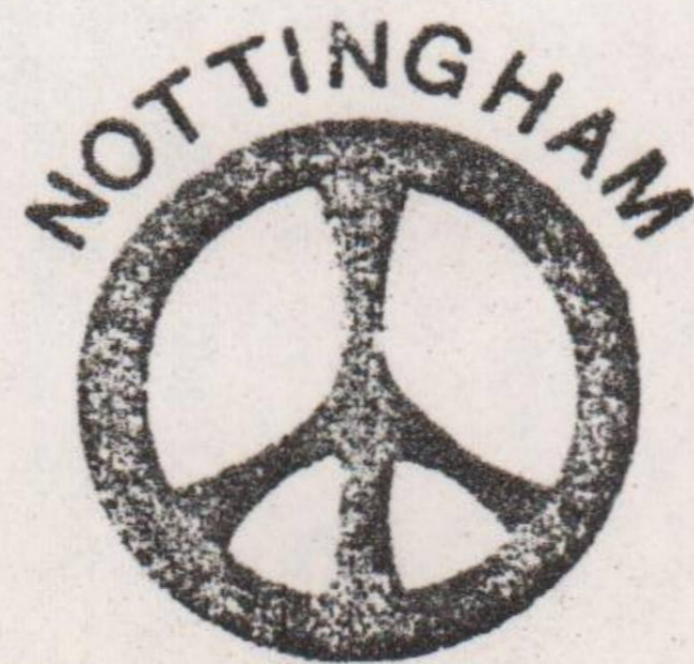
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There will be a carnival
at Faslane Peace Camp,
below St Andrews School,
Shandon, Helensburgh, on
March 20th from mid - day.
An indefinite blockade
will start the following
day.

NOTICES

Contact the NCND office
for further details.

- Feb 27th Activists and Campaigners Conference 10.30 am - 5pm
Queens Walk Community Centre, The Meadows.
- 28th Media Group. 7.30pm Factshop, 15 Goosegate; discussing arguments
for unilateralism.
- March 1st Carlton Group 8pm Frank Weldon School
Clifton Group; first meeting ; with film, Farnborough School. 7:00 P.M.
Mapperley Group
Lenton Group contact neighbourhood groups for details
Sneinton Group
- 2nd Eastwood Group. 7.30 Eastwood library
City Centre Group Factshop, 15 Goosegate, 7.30pm
- 3rd Bulletin meeting and deadline; contact NCND office for venue
- 4th Youth CND Film 'The Hole' and first meeting 7.30pm Claredon College
- 5 - 7th Peace Camp Festival, Burton Wood, near Warrington.
- 6th Moleworth Peace Camp; non-violent direct action
NCND Monthly meeting 7.30pm Friends meeting house, Claredon St,
speaker, Mehmet Ali Dickerdem, Turkish Peace Movement.
- 7th Public Debate; Bruce Kent (CND Nat.Sec) and Michael Brotherton (Con MP
for Louth) 7.30pm Co-Op Education Centre, Broad Street.
- 8th Radcliffe Group - Film Armageddon
International Womens Day, London.
- 9th Bulletin Meeting; contact NCND office for venue.
- 10th NCND Co-ordinating Group meeting, 8pm Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
- 11th CND Music, practice session 8pm Friends meeting House, Claredon Street.
- 15th Lenton group meeting; contact group for details.
- 16th Southwell group 8.30pm Admiral Nelson, Toggers Peace Play.
West Bridgeford Group 8pm The Wolds.
- 19th Labour CND AGM County Hall West Bridgeford.
NCND EASTER EVENT 12.30 and 2pm Die in ,Market Square; pickets on main
roads into Nottingham from 11am; leafletting in town centre etc;
contact NCND office for more details.
- 21st & 22nd Red Ladder Theatre Company. 7.30pm Clifton Site, Trent Polytechnic. FREE
- 26th Nottinghamshire CND meeting; Mansfield Library; details from NCND office.
- 31st Greenham, Aldermaston, Burghfield Action; Minibuses leave Wed 6pm
- APRIL 1st Human Peace Chain linking Greenham, Aldermaston, Burghfield, coaches from
Nottingham ; Book now.
- 2nd Glasgow Demonstration and Die-in, St Georges Square 11am
- 5th Sneinton Group meeting; contact group for details.
- 7th Bulletin meeting and deadline; details from NCND office.
- 10th Monthly meeting; discussion on Civil Defence; 7.30pm Friends Meeting
House, Claredon Street.
- 14th Bulletin Meeting; details from NCND office
- 15th Co-ordinating Meeting 8pm Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
- MAY 2nd Trades council Peace march, rally and carnival.
- 7th Youth CND London Festival and March, Brockwell Park, Brixton.

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SUN. 24th APRIL. Mass Demonstration at FAB Peace Camp, Lakenheath.
MON. 25th APRIL. Blockade at the USAF Base, Lakenheath.