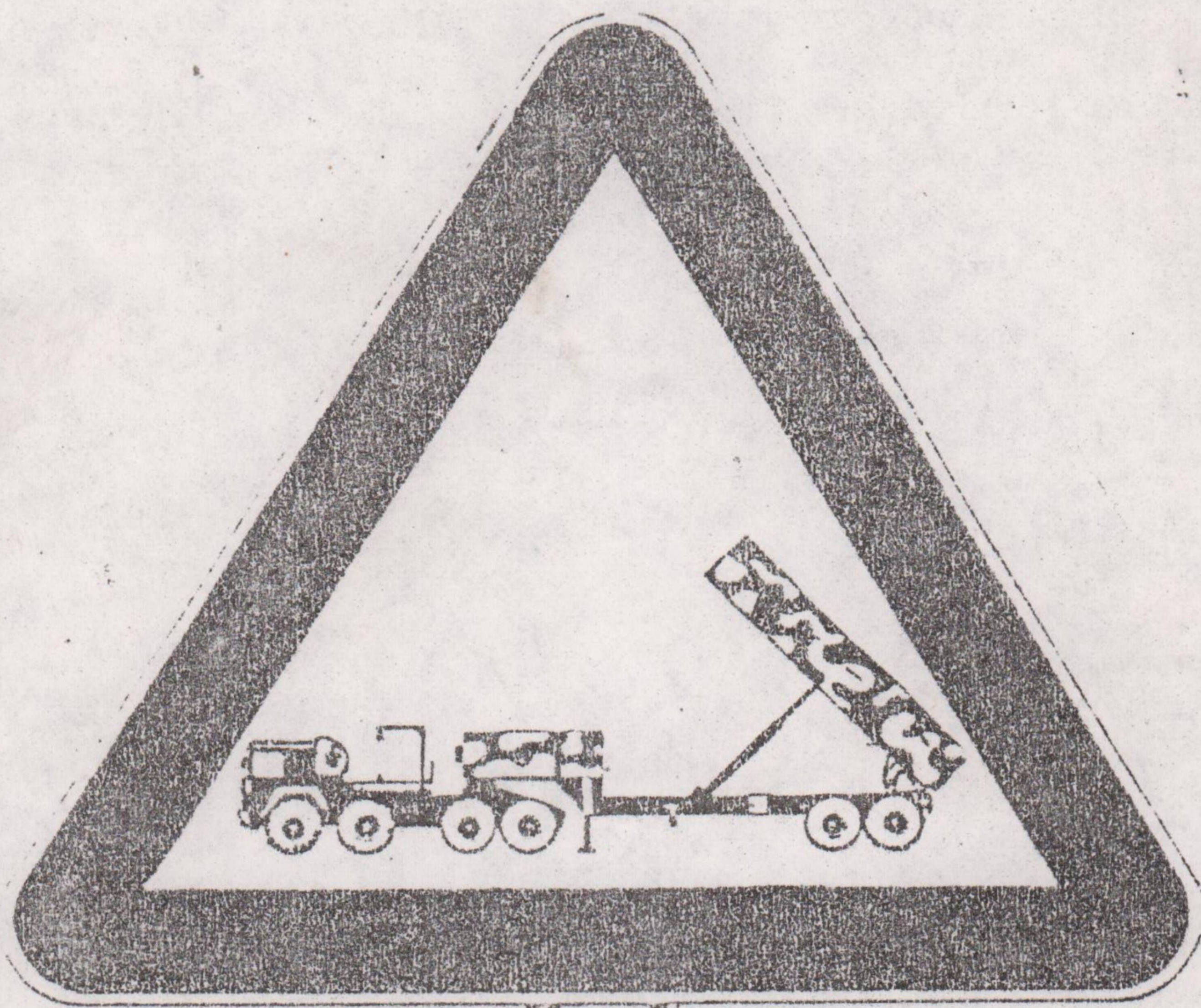


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DANGER
Cruise Missiles
You are within a deployment area for American Cruise missiles

WHEN THE LAUNCHERS LEAVE GREENHAM
BE IN THE MARKET SQUARE
AT THE NEXT 5PM See page 4

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- Sun. 29th. Stop the City. E. Midlands Planning Meeting. 10am - 5pm.
- Mon. 30th. Lecture. Nuclear War Strategic Questions. Polytechnic
12 - 1.00pm. (Clifton)
- Peace Lecture. Field Marshal Lord Carver. 4.15pm.
Social Science Building. Nottingham University.
- Tues. 31st. Women for Peace. St. Andrews Church Hall, Chestnut
Grove. 8.00pm. Meetings every Tuesday.

FEBRUARY

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SLAB SQ.

2:00 - 4:00

Bestwood
City Centre
Clifton
Cotgrave
Lenton
Meadows
W. Bridgford
Sneinton

LONG EATON

12:00 - 2:00

Burton Joyce
Ilkeston
Gedling
Mapperley
Radcliffe
Woodthorpe

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WHERE WILL
YOU BE ON
FEB 18th?

A
DRAMATIC
CHILWELL EVENT
IS PLANNED

PEOPLE NEEDED
AT ALL 4 CENTRES
to leaflet and street-talk.

BRING BANNERS + PLACARDS,
Slogans, briefing notes, details
have been sent to your group
contact person, please get in
touch to do your bit.

"A decision is hoped for mid-February"

Ministry of Defence

NCND calls on ALL Neighbourhood Groups for support

BEESTON

10:30 - 12:30

Bingham
Forest Fields
Keyworth
Sherwood
Wilford
Wollaton
University
Raleigh St.

STAPLEFORD

1:00 - 3:00

Basford
Bulwell
Eastwood
Hucknall
St. Anns
Arnold

EMERGENCY

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WHEN CRUISE LAUNCHERS LEAVE GREENHAM . . .

5 p.m. MARKET SQUARE

Cruise launchers are expected to leave Greenham on a dispersal exercise any time now.

When the Greenham women see the launchers leave the base, they will immediately inform CND national office who will in turn inform the regions. CND plans to block as many Essential Service Routes (ESR's) as possible all over the country in order to bring home to people what is happening. In a real alert all ESR's would be closed to non-military traffic. We may not be able physically to stop the launchers, but we can make them politically embarrassing and militarily useless by ensuring that everyone knows they are out, and demonstrating that they cannot "melt into the countryside" and be invulnerable as the government claims.

Co-ordinating Meeting (12/1/84) discussed local action. We decided that in addition to possible NVDA to block an ESR we should organize an action involving the maximum number of members where it could be seen by the maximum number of people - i.e. in the city centre.

We ask every CND member to make every effort to come to an emergency demo in the Old Market Square at the first

5p.m. following the news that the launchers have left Greenham.

Our aim is to let Nottingham know what has happened.

For this demo to succeed at such short notice, careful organization in advance is essential.

Neighbourhood Groups Please

- 1) Ensure you have a working telephone tree; all depends on the news getting round quickly. (see p. 7)
- 2) Discuss arrangements with members and organize transport where necessary.

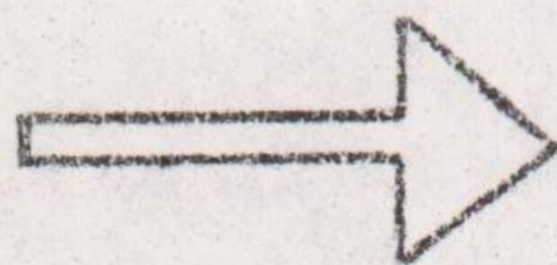
Make your own placards to bring with you NOW. We cannot have too many. It is vital we let people know why we are there. Many different wordings are possible. Some suggestions are:-

"American Cruise Missiles have left Greenham"
"Danger - Cruise Deployment Area"
"Send Cruise back to the USA"

If you are prepared to take part in Direct Action against the convoys, i.e. road blocking, please come to meeting at the Factshop at 2.30 p.m. on Sun. Feb. 5th. People who can offer transport are particularly welcome whether or not they are willing to risk arrest.

Other Action you can take

- 1 - Take part in local radio phone-ins.
- 2 - Phone the police and AA/RAC to enquire whether the roads are safe.
- 3 - Write to M.P.'s, the press, etc.



WE NEED EVERY POSSIBLE MEMBER IN THE SQUARE

To be effective a demonstration needs big numbers. If you can't get there for 5 o'clock, come later - but PLEASE COME.

EAST MIDLANDS

On January 8th representatives from Nottm. CND, Women for Peace, West Bridgford, Long Eaton and Forest Fields Peace groups met to discuss past and possible future actions which could be carried out on a regional basis.

Apart from the actions at Cottessmore (reported in another article) we heard of the occupations of Army Recruiting Offices in Nottingham and Leicester, occupations of a tax office in Chesterfield, British Telecom in Leicester and of an M.O.D. building at Chilwell.

We discussed the possibility of an action at Molesworth and will be getting in touch with the peace camp there. At our next meeting on

Sunday 5th February - Factshop - 2.30 pm

we shall be having further discussions about an action at Molesworth and will be considering the possibility of blocking the dispersal of the Cruise missile convoy, on a regional basis.

Do come along, get involved and make something happen in this crucial year for the peace movement. If you're interested in trying to stop the Cruise convoy do come to this meeting as it might be the only forum for discussion of this important topic (unless neighbourhood groups are forming their own affinity groups with their own plans.)

Greenham Common - 1983

I cringed to hear women shout "piss-off" At police who were merely directing traffic. I was appalled to see the fence bowing Under womens' eager hands. I wept to see horses backing into women. I was dismayed to hear a policeman And some women had been injured. I was frightened when soldiers came With barking Alsations. Confrontation. I didn't go for that. I went to show the government Our opposition to the ultimate evil. Not to make the police our scapegoats Nor the army our enemy.

M.H.

Review of Chilwell Demo - A Reply

The short, fairly offensive "Review of Chilwell Demo" in January's bulletin sickened me, and I'm sorry that whoever wrote it didn't manage to put their name. However, may I reply with some facts.

The demo was organised in just over 10 days which included: co-ordinating meetings between Beeston, Stapleford and Long Eaton neighbourhood groups, writing, printing, distributing and delivering 40,000 (yes, FORTY THOUSAND) leaflets; designing badges and liaising with the police on routes and the safety of the marchers. We also tried to elicit some support from other neighbourhood groups - see page 1 of December's bulletin - and thank you to those few who did help.

The demo itself was supported by over 200 people and received considerable and favourable attention from local people, the press (not all invited) radio news and Central T.V. What was most disappointing was the lack of support from NCND and other local groups - as hardly anyone turned up! I appreciate that some people were at the National Conference but where was the NCND banner - and the rest!?

We have been continually harangued in the last few bulletins to get up off our back-sides and do something. As a relatively new member of NCND, this was my first attempt to organise anything. When one's efforts are met with such a negative response, rather than useful and constructive criticism, which would be welcomed for future use, I think that the movement will never progress to its unified and peaceful aims.

Peacefully and still trying!

Barbara King

Co-organiser Chilwell Demo.

THANKS!

From all the office volunteers to everyone who has given tea, coffee, sugar, milk, and moral support over the past year.

WOMEN FOR PEACE!!!!

Nottingham Women for Peace have been very active recently. On December 11th, we organised coaches for over 400 women to travel down to Greenham Common to take part in "Sound around Greenham," and make clear their opposition to cruise. A few days later we held another stall at Listergate, and on December 22nd our half hour programme was broadcast on Radio Trent. The programme, of songs and personal statements, was produced by the group and was very inspirational and enjoyable to listen to. We have cassettes of it which we are selling at £1.75 each. (By the way, we are also selling colourful Women for Peace envelope stickers.) The programme was followed by a phone-in.

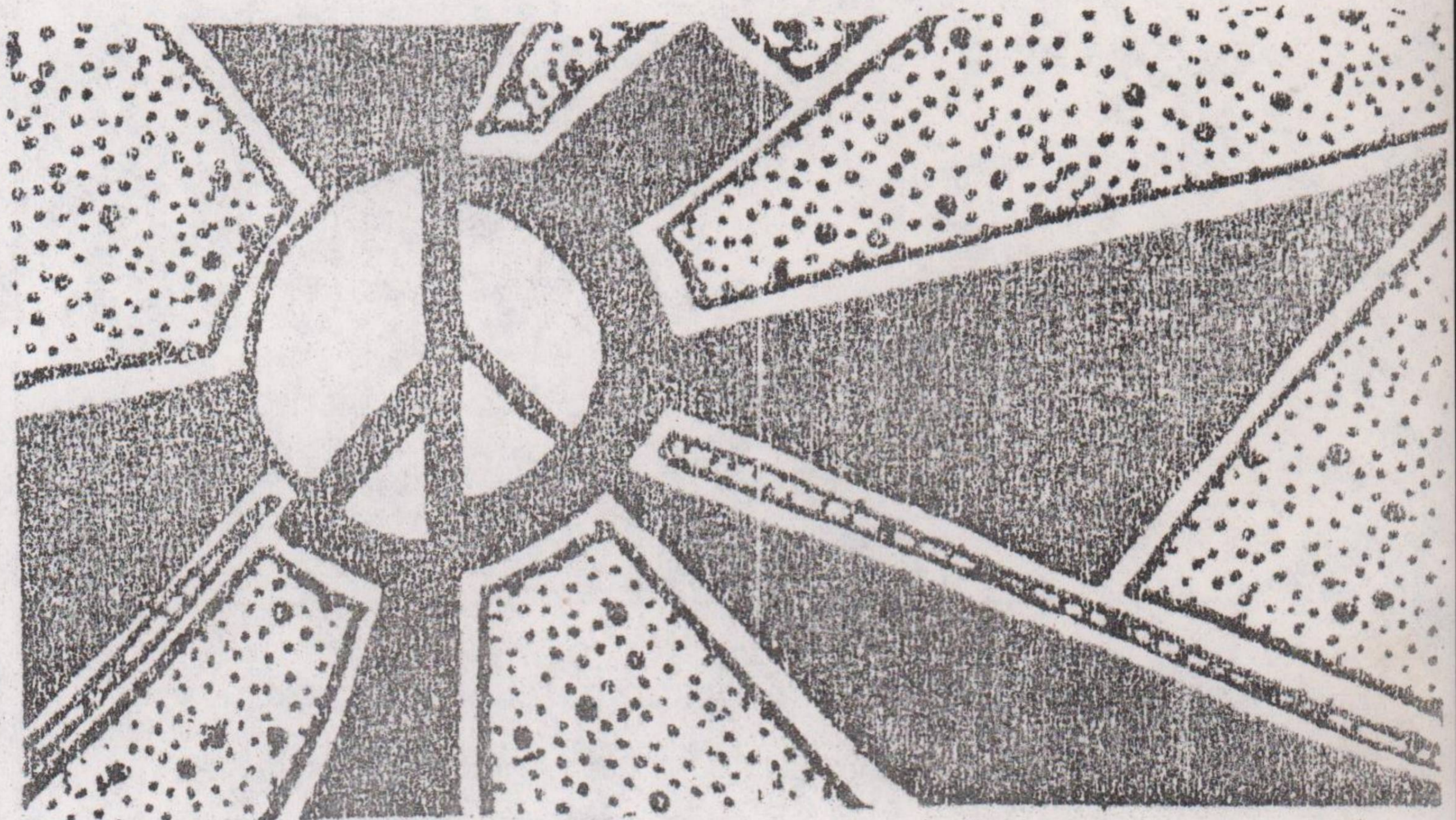
On New Year's Day, the anniversary of women dancing on the silos at Greenham, we joined with women from Birmingham to squat at a garrison house at Chilwell for the day. We decorated the outside of the house with banners, released about 300 helium-filled balloons attached to paper Peace Women, sang, and played games, whilst our support women contacted the media and devised ingenious ways of getting chocolates in to us past the inevitable police presence. When we came out of the house at about four o'clock, police loaded us into an army truck against our will (and fairly painfully for some women) and drove us further into the base. They wanted to question us all individually, but we refused to be split up, so they shut us in a room and intended to wait until we changed our minds. However, we spent the time playing extremely silly games and laughing loudly, and suddenly they changed their minds. Without being questioned at all, we were put back in the truck, driven out of the base and dumped!

About 30 women took part in this action, and we are pleased with how the day went. We had a good time and enjoyed being with the Birmingham women, and we emphasized our opposition to Chilwell becoming America's 103rd base in this country.

Eight Nottingham women were in court in Newbury on January 4th, after having been arrested at Greenham on November 15th, protesting against Cruise. We have to raise money for their fines. We also have to organise a library exhibition we have arranged to put on early this year.

There is a lot to do. Join with us and come to our meetings - Tuesdays at 8.00 pm at St. Andrews Church Hall, Chestnut Grove, off Mapperley Road near Mansfield Road. Or phone one of the contacts on the contact page.

WOMEN MAKE YOUR CHOICE - CREATE A
WORLD WITHOUT NUCLEAR THREAT.



O.S.

RISLEY TAPE

Last December I spent 5 days at Risley Remand Centre, after refusing to pay the court costs imposed on me after the Upper Heyford blockade. I've recorded a cassette of my experiences, which were pretty terrible. The cassette isn't edited so it's fairly patchy, but I think that this conveys quite well the emotional impact that prison had on me. There's also quite a lot of practical information on it, which would be useful to women considering putting themselves in a similar position. You can borrow or buy (£1) it from me -

Chris, Box C, Mushroom, Heathcote Street
Nottingham.

NCND OFFICE 15 Goosegate is

O.P.E.N 10 to 5

Mon. to Sat.

for the sale of badges, stickers,
scarfs, shoulder bags, etc, etc
AND pamphlets and "Sanity".

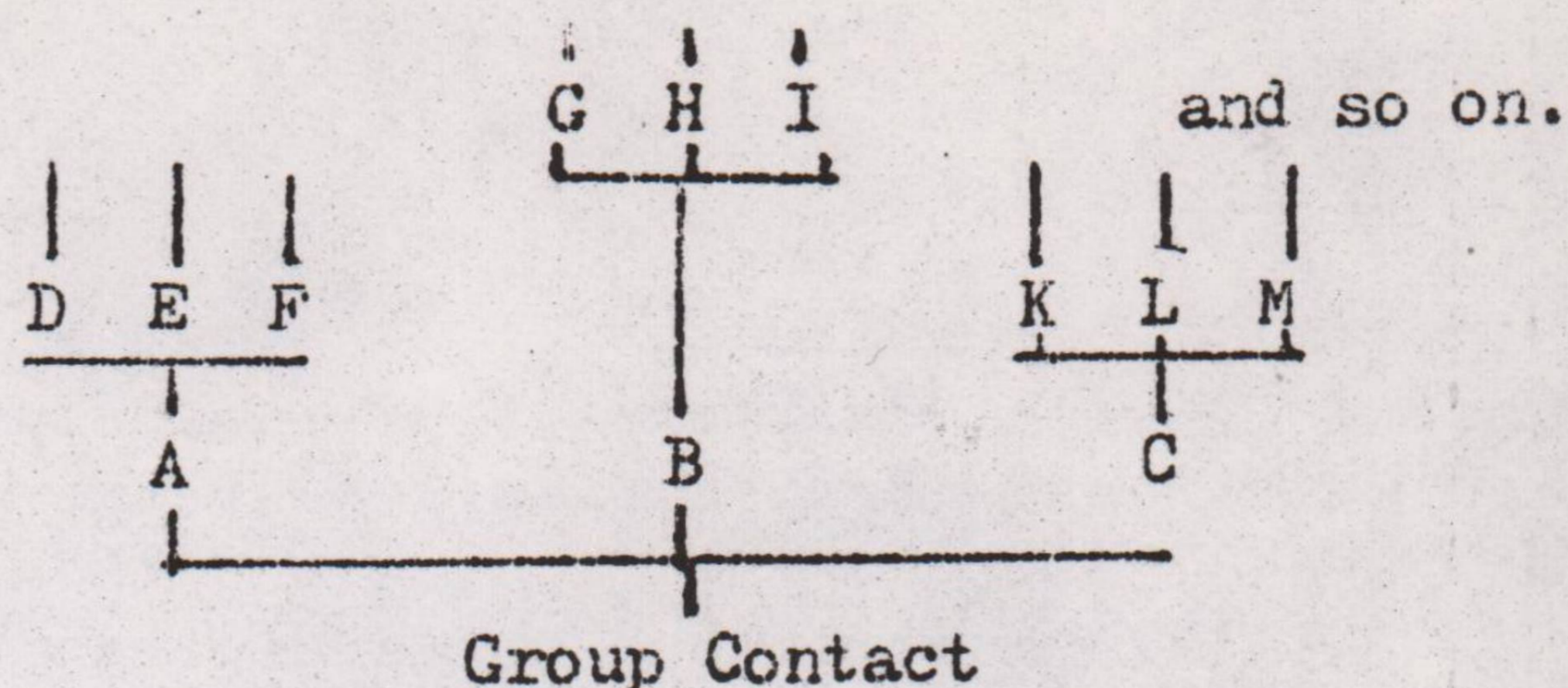
REGIONAL ACTION AT COTTESMORE

A dismal start to the day - barriers half a mile from the main gate prevented a blockade of that gate. However, from 9.30am to noon a near successful blockade of a gate near Thistleton - a lorry got out and we let in 2 health visitors who wanted to do ear tests on babies inside the base. Only one arrest in the morning, of a serviceman who tried to drive through the blockade. He was arrested and charged and three of the blockaders received cuts and bruises but didn't need hospital treatment.

Following the very welcome jacket potatoes, curry and hot drinks at the carnival site (and the Christian CND Service) about 60 activists got onto the base at various sites. Most of them being dumped 3 miles from the base; they were picked up by our minibuses, some of them going back onto the base a second time. All but one of the people from Nottingham getting into Oakham in time for the meal and the torchlight procession.

One member of Nottingham CND spent 6 days in custody following his arrest, during which time he refused to give his full name and address (the latter being the reason why he was remanded in custody for such a length of time). He had climbed a navigational tower and stayed up there for about 6 hours before being charged with "Breach of the Peace" and "obstructing an officer in the course of his duty". On his 2nd appearance in court the MOD solicitor asked for a further remand of 28 days but the magistrates turned that request down as being far too severe. He was eventually found guilty of "obstructing an officer in the course of his duty" given a sentence of 1 day in the custody of the court and released 5 minutes after the court had finished sitting (having refused to pay a fine of £25).

TELEPHONE TREE



Quick communication is vital for ensuring a mass turn-out if cruise launchers leave Greenham.

1. Make sure all members of the group know about the tree and how to use it.
2. Have day as well as evening numbers wherever possible.
3. Ensure the office has at least 3 group contact numbers.
4. Keep your message short and write it down before you start phoning.
5. Get the receiver to read it back.
6. Report back to contact and NCND.

The winning NCND Raffle Prize ticket numbers (from the Social), are listed below :-

154 , 189 , 277 , 330 , 209 , 358 , 299 , 349 .

The lucky Ticket numbers (top left hand corner of the social ticket) are :-

10 and 23 . Prizes are a super hologram and a night out at the Playhouse.

Prizes will be kept in the NCND office for a period and anyone wishing to claim a prize, could they please contact the office.

ADVANCE NOTICE

MARCH

Sat. Region Resourcing and Development. Organised by W. Midlands.
24th.

Thurs. 29th. Stop the City II. London.

Sat. 31st. Nottinghamshire CND. 10am. Queens Walk Community Centre.

APRIL

14/15th. Easter Demonstrations - Note this is weekend BEFORE Easter.
CND National Council.

THINKS.....

Issues for '84

After all the excitement of 1983, we go into 1984 with a mixture of apprehension and weariness - Cruise missiles are here, we haven't stopped them coming and the START talks have reached the end of a paragraph, if not the page. But let's not forget that cruise has only just begun to be deployed, dispersal from the base on the mobile transporters is to be an essential, regular feature which can be a focus of our opposition here in Nottingham if we are prepared to react at short notice. Are you on a 'telephone tree' yet? Has your local group got placards/leaflets ready?

Unlike last year, we know there are to be elections in June this year - for the European Parliament. O.K., it may not have much clout, but a major issue throughout Europe which divides the politicians is that of Peace and Disarmament. Inevitably this will be taken as a test of public opinion, the first real test since the General Election. We must use the time between now and June to get our arguments over, not just awareness of our support and concern. Nearer the time we can publicise the relevant views of candidates on disarmament and make it clear that it is an issue not just in Britain.

Some time this year the government is likely to try to use its new legislation to force local authorities to take part in 'Civil Defence' exercises, to prepare bunkers and train volunteers and staff in 'recovery' from nuclear attack. We must work with the Trade Unions to expose the hypocrisy of this unrealistic and futile misuse of our taxes.

Work will soon be starting on Trident, the next major escalation of our nuclear weaponry, Tornado aircraft are possibly being prepared to take air-launched cruise missiles. We cannot allow ourselves the luxury of giving up the pressure - more and more people, in their own way will join us in saying STOP now before it's too late: NO CRUISE, NO TRIDENT, NO TORNADO.

Andy D'Agorne

CND AIRBORNE

AIRBORNE: SCEPTICS START HERE

As a stop-gap, two sympathetic sources have offered the use of their basket and burners, etc., which left us with the task of buying the expensive bit.... the envelope.

WE'VE ORDERED IT! we've not quite got enough money but by the time the thing is ready for delivery (end April) we'll have it.

Amongst the reasons for our success are that the couple who promised £1,000 have actually sent it and second is the kites are working for us and the rest of CND. We've supplied 2,000 kites making £1,000 for CND groups up and down the country (including £100 for Nottingham).... we told you we'd make funds for CND groups. We've not made so much, as the initial costs were high but future sales will help us more.... We still need our own basket and burner to be self-sufficient.

The envelope will be big and have a rainbow and 30 foot CND emblems on it under each of which will be "CND" approx. 8 foot high. One of our first visits will be to the Glastonbury Peace Festival with 70,000 people (and only 7,000 CND members) where we'll hammer them to 'join CND now'..... It's not too late to sponsor a panel for £5 if you'd like to give us your trust!

Two final points:

If your neighbourhood group wants to borrow the 15 foot CND kite (dead easy to fly) and take some small kites to sell for Nottingham CND plus membership forms, it's free!! Scottish CND reported it "a great success" at the Faslane demo. Chance it at a local gathering.... Three people can make a demonstration!

We're running a raffle with first prize a flight in a balloon, second prize £20 records, third Linda McCartney's book of photos, fourth £10 records. Half the proceeds are going to CND groups who sell the tickets so get some now from Nottingham CND. Drawn by Bruce Kent so it must be honest. Only 10,000 tickets which beats the National CND raffle of 800,000.

RAINBOW CENTRE

Nottingham Peace Centre.

You've read the film, you've seen the book, now experience the real thing.

Over the past few months a group of interested people have been meeting to sort out the nitty-gritty of setting up a Peace Centre and we think we've cracked it. The two main stumbling blocks have been, as always, money and people, the latter being the most important. We desperately need people with an artistic bent to design badges, stickers and other cheap saleable items. Those of you with literary talents would be useful in compiling leaflets and pamphlets to sell on a nation-wide basis.

This is beginning to sound like a hard sell capitalist organisation, so down to the basic elements. We hope to have a centre that will encompass as many aspects of the peace movement as possible by including such groups as the World Development Movement, National Council for Civil Liberties, Oxfam, Anti-Apartheid and of course CND. By bringing all these organisations together under one roof we hope to increase people's awareness of other issues as well as improving communications between the various groups.

The centre will consist of a wholefood vegetarian cafe, a print-room, offices for various campaigning groups, meeting rooms and P.O. boxes for organisations who do not require office space. The centre will be financed by a trading company, rents from the office space using groups and the cafe. A more detailed explanation of the financial arrangements is available for those who require it.

What we need at the moment are more people to help with the various aspects of the centre, people who are willing to put in time, effort and imagination to get the centre going. Several groups have already been set up and they are; trading company, property, financial and cafe. Please come forward and lend your support to Nottingham's first Peace Centre.

For further information, contact Val Harris on 472802.

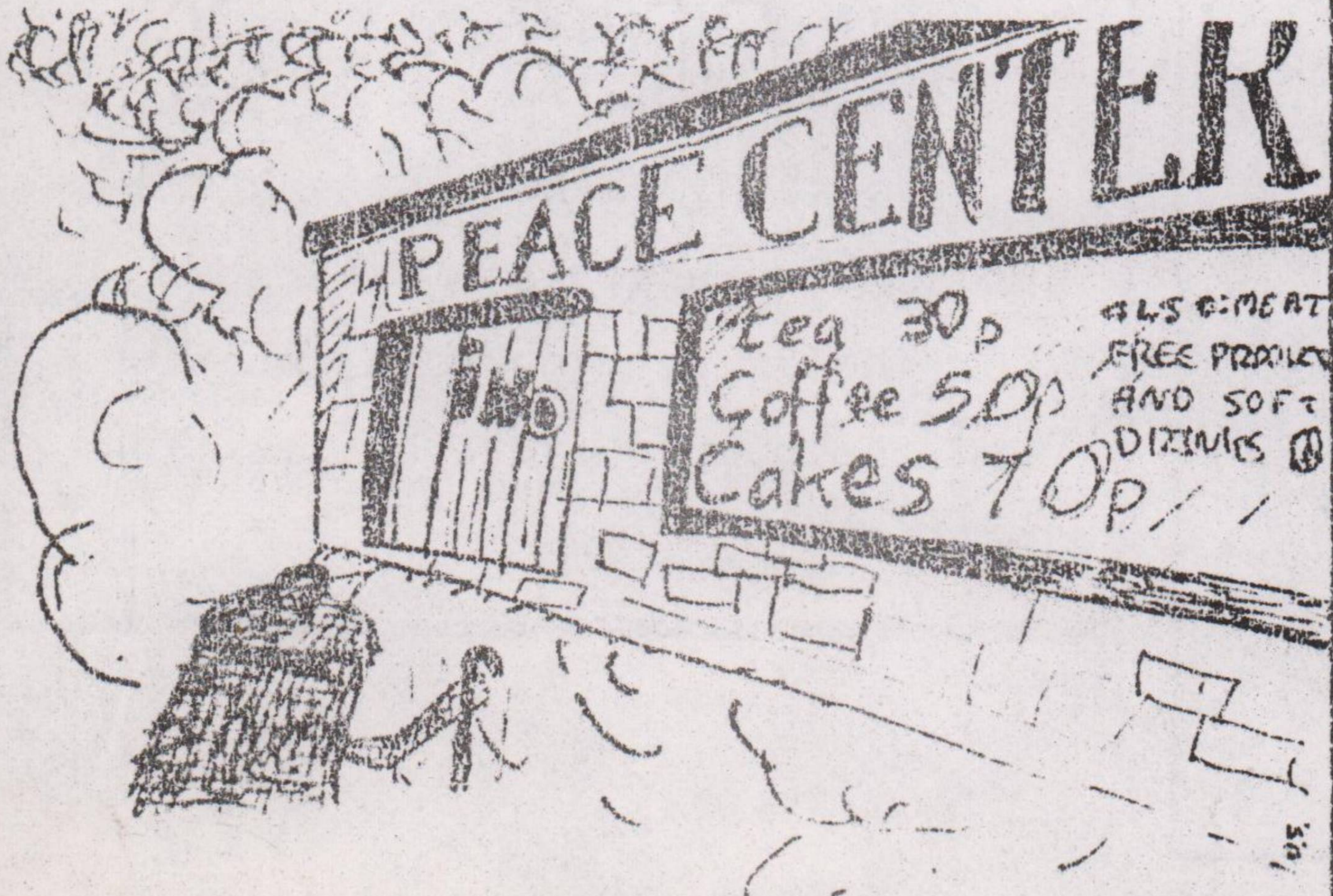
Pensioners for Peace

The Pensioners for Peace Group met on Wednesday, January 18th. It was decided to establish contact with the National Pensioners for Peace. Whilst at this stage members are already committed to their own group our best contribution, and at the same time show an image of Pensioners for Peace, would be to participate in main events with a banner to show the role of Pensioners. It was suggested we should volunteer to do the stall on Listergate on occasion as a specifically Pensioners effort. There are 10,000 Pensioners in Nottingham and a good percentage attached to Pensioners Groups of many varieties of organisations. It was decided to institute a Directory of Pensioners Organisations in Nottingham with a view to offering speakers and establishing contact between Pensioners organisations and the Peace Movement.

Information was available of a Pensioners for Peace Tour of Moscow, Leningrad and Sochi to meet similar organisations June 2nd, cost £335. There may be some pensioners who would wish to take advantage of this excellent offer.

Next meeting Wednesday February 15th in the C.N.D. office at 2.0 p.m. In the meantime any observations or advice would be most welcome.

Louise Jessop.



MEMBERSHIP

We want to remind all members of the method involved in membership renewal. One month before the sub. is due a reminder is sent to the Neighbourhood Group contact to be delivered with the bulletin. If payment has not been made by one month after the sub. was due, the member is deleted from membership records. If the member later pays up, a new membership number is allocated.

We hope that by the Feb. Bulletin list we shall have recorded the renewal month of all members as indicated by a number or letter after the name (1-9 Jan to Sept.; ABC for Oct., Nov., Dec.)

Personal contact is essential if we are to maintain membership. We realize that if some groups bulletin deliverers are few and already overworked. Consequently we are forming a team to help in such areas.

Would anyone who feels he/she could spare a little time each month to help contact the office?

The membership team is in the office every Wed. dealing with applications and renewals. If you have any queries please contact us and PLEASE! let us know address changes and names of those who have left the area.

In conclusion - a word of encouragement - NCND continues to grow with over 20 new members every week.

TOGETHER WE WILL STOP THE BOMB.

The Membership Team.

Extra-Ordinary Policy Making Meeting

8th January 1984

At the above meeting the following resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority:

"While not a central part of NCND policy, the Freeze should be accepted as an important aspect of the broad campaign to halt and reverse the arms race. CND should give its support to any section of the peace movement which wishes to make its appeal to the general public on the basis of freeze proposals."

FEBRUARY'S MEETING

At the members policy making meeting on 5th February we'll be proposing the following motion:-

"In order to be more effective at local campaigning, this meeting agrees that NCND should set up a Local Campaigns Group to plan strategy and action around local issues.

The Group should be open to any member of NCND but the Executive should appoint at least two members and Co-ordinating Group at least three members from themselves to be on the Local Campaigns Group.

The Group should meet at least monthly and will follow the policies of NCND as a whole - being responsible to the Co-ordinating group and members policy making meetings who will authorise actions and financial expenditure."

Ross Bradshaw
and
Kris Ravnkilde

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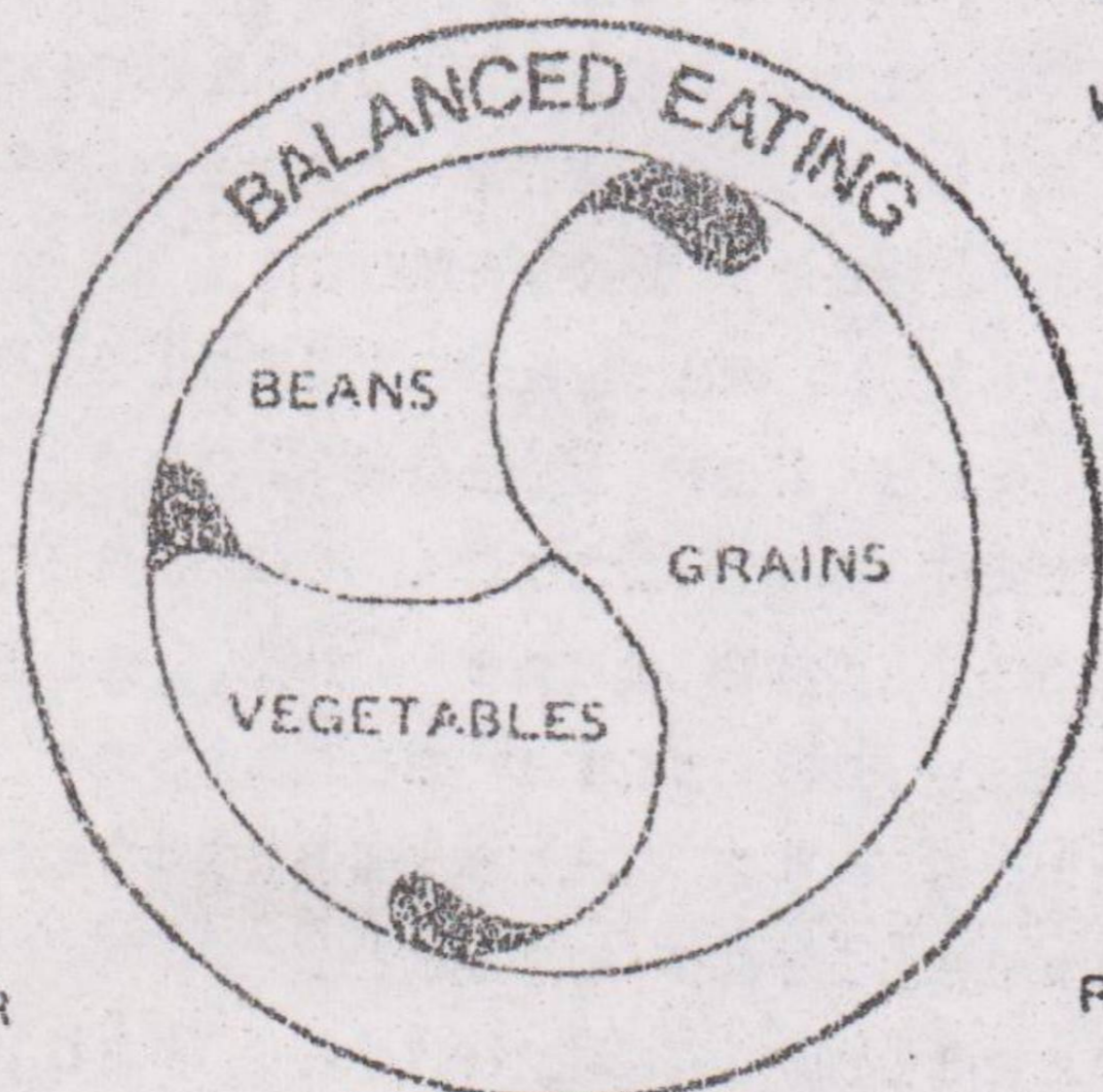
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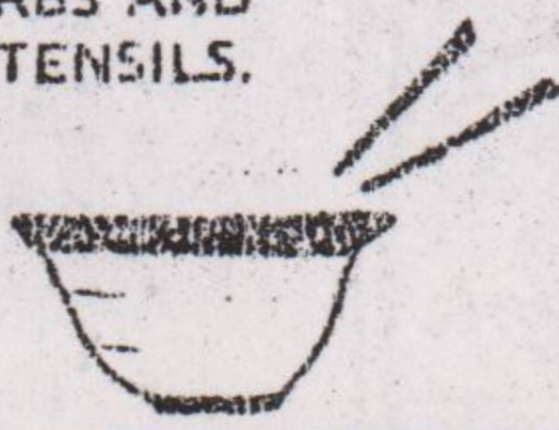
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THANK YOU

We should like to thank the
Indian Community of Nottingham
for their very generous donations
and assistance over the past few
months.

REVIEW

"The Russian Threat" - Jim Garrison and
Pyare Shivpuri.

Gateway Books. £4.95. 1983.

"Once a nation bases its security on an absolute weapon, such as an atom bomb, it becomes psychologically necessary to believe in an absolute enemy."

So wrote P. M. S. Blackett in the 1950s. Today 75% of the public in NATO countries believe the Russians to be the "greatest threat to world peace." With the nuclear clock standing at two minutes to midnight, a book which analyses the origins of this belief and the uses to which it has been put by those who stand to profit from the arms race is long overdue.

The writers' main thesis is that the Russian threat has been deliberately built up by various sections of U.S. society - scientists, business corporations, the services, politicians - to further their own particular ends. They show conclusively how the U.S.S.R. has consistently lagged behind the U.S.A. in the arms race and how various sections in the U.S. have from time to time cooked and manipulated the facts to serve their own interests. (e.g. the "bomber gap" of the mid 50's used by the U.S.A.F. to obtain massive increases.)

The authors cannot be accused to being pro-Soviet. The purges, totalitarianism and human rights are discussed at length. They argue that American, British and French intervention against the new Soviet state (1918 - 21) necessitated Lenin's "war communism" and turned the country into the armed camp it has been ever since. Western diplomatic and economic hostility combined with the rise of facism made it possible for Stalin to get away with the purges of the late 30's. Then came the Nazi invasion and from 1946, the cold war. "In this atmosphere, human rights in the Soviet Union suffered a still birth," they conclude.

By far the most chilling chapters are those dealing with the American military industrial complex. Especially terrifying is a section on strategists where the antecedents of various members of the Reagan administration are detailed. Colin Gray, for example, appointed by Reagan to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, has made clear that he regards the deaths of up to 100,000 U.S. citizens as an acceptable price to pay for destroying the Soviet Union. William Clark, whose job it is

to brief the President every morning on world affairs, was so ignorant on the subject that he was unable to name the prime ministers of South Africa and Zimbabwe at his Senate nomination hearing.

In a centre-page Guardian article on 17.12.83, R. W. Johnson put forward a theory that the Korean airliner incident was deliberately engineered by the C.I.A. to create anti-Soviet feeling at the right time ready for the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II. When I first read the article it seemed too fantastic to be credible. After reading "The Russian Threat," the theory seems highly probable.

This book is obviously aimed at the American market. May it have bumper sales there before the presidential elections. It is also a very important handbook on an issue the British peace movement cannot continue to ignore. - 327 well argued pages packed with hard fact.

Request "The Russian Threat" at your local library.

It has been available at the Angel Row library since 15th December (Level 2. Ref. no. 327.47) By January 11th no-one had taken it out!

J.W.



NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

FEBRUARY:

- THU.2nd-- Forest Fields leaflet Cottesmore
- MON.6th-- Radcliff Peace Group meets at 7-30 at 3 Wharf Lane.(1st Mon of each month)
- TUE.7th-- Lenton Group meets at 7-30 at Edna G Olds School.(1st and 3rd Tue of each month)
- WED.8th-- Forest Fields meet at 8-00 at 69Wiverton Rd.(2nd Wed of each month)
- TUE.14th-- Aspley meet at the William Crane School.
- TUE.14th-- Beeston meet at 8-00 at the Victoria Hotel.
- WED.15th-- West Bridgeford meet at the Wolds Hotel.(the Wed after co-ordinating)
- WED.15th-- Eastwood Group meets in the library.
- TUE.21st-- Lenton Group meets at 7-30 at Edna G Olds School.
- TUE.21st-- Arnold/Woodthorpe are holding a PUBLIC DISCUSSION: "Moral Dilemma of Nuclear Defence" at 8-00 in the methodist church hall.
- FRI.24th-- Longeaton meets (last Fri of each month)
- SAT.25th-- Bestwood Stall at Beckhampton Rd Precinct.
- SUN.26th-- Bestwood meets at 7-30 at 4 Raithby Ct.

J U M B L E Cathy Carstairs has plenty for any group running a sale. Phone 788655.

SALES for NCND

Have you anything you are about to dispose of that another CND member might want?

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ARMY RECRUITMENT OFFICE OCCUPATION

On Monday December 12th. , the fourth anniversary of NATO's decision to deploy Cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe, a group of peace campaigners from Forest Fields successfully occupied Nottingham's Army Recruitment Office.

An "action committee" from Forest Fields neighbourhood group had been carefully planning and preparing for the action for weeks. All the background work and training paid off on the day:- we took over the office, got two people onto the roof, covered the windows with posters, and had a large press group on the scene IN SECONDS! The operation went smoothly and efficiently from beginning to end.

The response from passers-by in the street was suprisingly positive. People read our leaflet with obvious interest and concern, and many expressed encouragement and support. Almost without trying we collected £28.00 for the Upper Heyford Defence and Aid Fund. One passer-by even invited all the protesters up to his flat for warm drinks and toast.

Press reaction was varied. The two radio stations gave us very good coverage, as did the Trader. The Evening Post concentrated on a quote from one of the military staff saying that the army's job was to fight to protect our rights to protest peacefully, and avoided using any quotes or statements by the protesters themselves. Central TV homed in quickly on the inconvenience and mess we were causing, and again seemed less interested in what it was we were trying to say. Having said that, the news coverage could have been a lot worse, and indeed probably would have been if the general mood in the country at the moment were not so nervous about defence.

LESSONS It is apparent that the more secret an action is, the harder it is to involve large numbers of people.

We found that we needed far longer than we'd anticipated to talk through as a group all our own individual fears, aspirations, objectives, and perspectives generally.

The more energy you invest into forward planning, the greater the chance of everything going well on the day.

Non-Violent Direct Action ~~is~~ is NOT beyond the pale ~~of~~ here in Nottingham itself. There has not been a great back-lash against the peace movement, either from the press or public, and civil disobedience is not seen as illegitimate or outrageous.

All in all, the action appears to have been a great success. The question now is, "SO WHAT DO WE DO NEXT"?

Pete Strauss.

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The following resolutions were passed by conference and are therefore C.N.D. policy:

Armed Forces: conference recognised that support for nuclear disarmament had developed in the armed forces of some European countries and that there were some members of the armed forces in Britain that called for Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament, and decided that an alternative defence policy should be presented to interested members of the armed forces.

Alternative Defence Strategies:

National Council was asked to divert resources to the education of its membership and the public in the various forms of non-aggressive defence systems which do not involve weapons of mass destruction.

C.N.D. and the Labour Movement:

Conference welcomed steps taken to further the links between C.N.D. and the labour movement and called for the mobilisation of millions of trade union members into activity against work connected with nuclear weapons.

N.A.T.O. : conference called for the mutual dissolution of NATO and the Warsaw Pact as an essential move towards nuclear disarmament and that Britain's withdrawal from NATO would be a positive step in this direction. Conference asked council to undertake an educational campaign explaining our opposition to nuclear alliances and the case whereby Britain leaving NATO would secure greater stability and disarmament for the world.

Trident: it was agreed that the cancellation is a key issue in the campaign giving it equal emphasis with Cruise and that there would be one major demonstration opposing Trident in 1984.

Y.C.N.D.: Conference endorsed the following structure of YCND:

Youth CND Annual Conference should elect six people to sit on YCND National Committee and this conference is bound by the aims and policies of CND and is responsible to CND conferences and council. First conference to be in February 84.

Youth CND National Committee is to

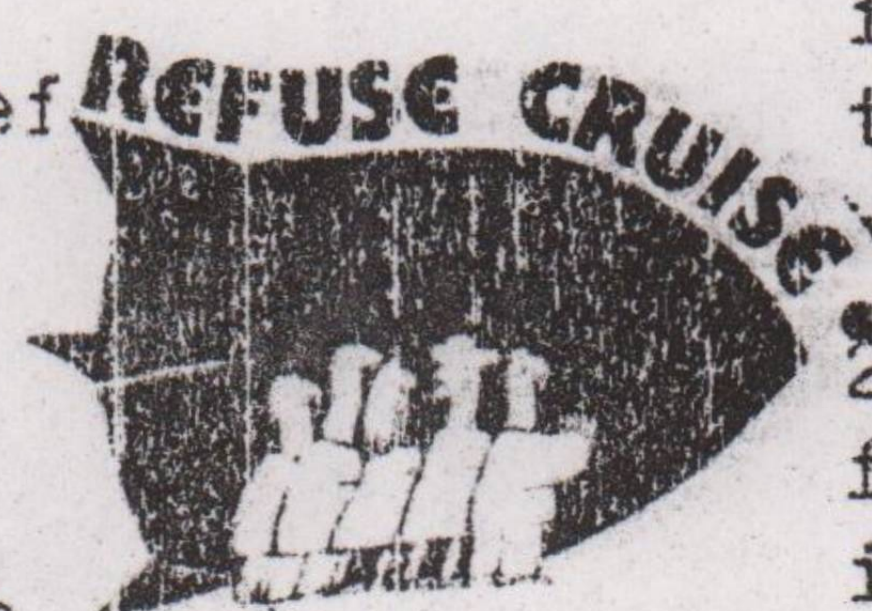
carry out policy of YCND conference and consists of 6 reps from YCND National Conference, 1 rep from each regional, 2 reps from each nation.

The first meeting should elect 6 people to sit on national council and 10 to YCND co-ordinating committee which will carry out the decisions of YCND National Committee and co-ordinate the campaign.

National Actions Against Cruise:

1. Conference congratulated the Greenham Common Women on the actions they have organised and reaffirmed our support for these actions and that there only be further action there only with the agreement of Greenham Common women.

2. Local groups should prepare for direct actions on all essential service routes throughout the country to prevent Cruise Missile convoys leaving Greenham Common.



FAILED RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED BACK TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

FREEZE

Annual Conference decided NOT to support a freeze campaign. All the references to freeze were deleted from Resolution 21 but conference agreed to put equal emphasis on the cancellation of Trident and Cruise during 1984 (the remaining part of Resolution 21) and to hold one major demonstration opposing Trident in 1984.

SANITY

After hearing a report on Sanity sales, Sanity is now breaking even or making a profit, Conference decided to refer back to Council, as part of a publications debate, the question of its continuation.

NATO

The resolution criticising National Council because they failed to campaign for withdrawal from NATO was referred back to Council.



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TORNADO

The resolution asking for a national action at Tornado bases was referred back to Council, with the assent of Leicester CND, the proposers.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ON LABOUR CND

This resolution deploring the action of the CND executive in superseding the elected committee of Labour CND by appointing an interim committee was referred back to National Council.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

No constitutional amendments were made because of lack of adequate time for debate.

Joan Ruddock (Chairperson) and Mick Elliott returned uncontested.

Newly elected vice-chairs are:-

Meg Beresford, Joy Hurcombe,
Mike Pentz and Roger Spiller.

SOME IMPRESSIONS

Many at National Conference must have been impressed by its organisation. We are now the largest single-issue campaigning body in the country. Conference made me happy that we have a national organisation & leadership to match. A very full agenda was packed into the two days. Inevitably large numbers of people who wished to speak were unable to do so. Great care was taken to call delegates of all ages & both sexes from all parts of the hall. The platform made no attempt to influence decisions except on the issue of C.N.D. groups in the Services when Bruce Kent did speak. Joan Ruddock's chairship filled us with admiration, her grasp of the many complex points & her unflappability contributed enormously to conference.

However, I would question whether such a conference is the most democratic way of deciding policy. Many of the original resolutions were composited or amended making it difficult for delegates to decide how to act on their mandate when it came to voting. A two day conference is far too short to deal with the issues raised; only 9 resolutions and 3 emergency resolutions were able to be debated. 12 others not affected by amendments were voted on without debate. The remainder, including the Nottingham & Radcliffe motions were referred to National Council. At some stages proceedings were very confusing, especially to those who had not previously attended.

On the Freeze issue voting was more equally divided than on any other (916 for, 959 against). Delegates were faced with a composited motion linking Freeze with the Trident Campaign -an amendment to delete the Freeze part of the motion (passed) & a compromise amendment calling for a Freeze campaign directed only at the Super-powers.

One of the resolutions described National Conference as unwieldy & alienating & instructs council to carry out a review of the whole procedure. Hopefully changes will result.

To end on a positive note conference was a great morale booster. It signalled clearly that C.N.D. is very much alive & determined to grow even stronger in 1984.

Jos. Wood.

*This article has been edited.

MANY THANKS:-

To the people who helped with the refreshments at the November Annual General Meeting. This includes those who baked cakes and brought biscuits, those who served tea and coffee and those who helped with the clearing up and washing up.

£15.74½p

was made for NCND. Thank you.

Christine Gordon

We've heard a lot in church this Christmas as every Christmas, about the message of the angels - "Peace on Earth" and all that jazz. Whether that story, along with all the other Christmas stories, is fact or fiction doesn't matter much, at least it doesn't to me. There certainly was a Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified by the Romans at the instigation of the Jewish religious establishment, so he must once have been a particular baby born at a particular time. What does matter to me is the actual meaning behind all the stories: that God became human to show humanity what it was intended to be; that God chose to identify with the poor, the outcast, those oppressed by foreign military power; that the message of God was about peace and goodwill.

Later on those who knew Jesus and believed him to be the Christ, uniquely showing humanity what God is like (as much as one man can show in 3 short years) - they came to realise what he was on about and it was pretty shocking. One of the most shocking things, especially to the Jews, who gloried in battles and the God of battles (if the Old Testament is anything to go by) was the fact that this man's whole life urged the necessity of learning the power of peace. "Turn the other cheek," "Love your enemies?" What sissy rubbish! Man's obviously pro-Roman; doesn't care a fig for his own people, his own nation, his own Jewish "way of life," 'can't you hear the comments?

Anyway, I'm writing as an English Christian and I have to interpret words like "peace on earth," "love your enemies," "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven" for myself - now in Nottingham in 1984 - for 36 years the most dreaded year for anyone who reads George Orwell.

I, and many other Christians in this city, believe that those words (plus others in the Bible and out of it, inspired by the love of God down the years) mean that we must work for peace - in the human heart, in the family, the neighbourhood, the town or city, the country and the world. In an age of appalling violence and appalling weapons, we must work against the violence and the weapons - always without violence and without weapons, except the weapons of wit, words and warm humanity. That is why you will find us in our local groups (either CANA or groups in single churches) on marches and demonstrations, outside Upper Heyford camp or 10 Downing Street, with the women at Greenham and the thousands in Trafalgar Square.

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Most of you who read this will not share the faith that lights and warms and powers my life. That's a pity; we could do with sharing the dimension that goes beyond the limitations of time and space. But it won't stop you working alongside me to oppose the evil of nuclear arms. Nor will those of your beliefs I cannot share prevent me working alongside you. As a Christian, I'm working in a minority group anyway - descended from a minority group of twelve, also thought dangerous cranks in their time. From one dangerous crank who wants peace to others - happy after-Christmas one and all!

Barbara Lacey

CHALK-IN

The concept of chalk-ins is to create artistic symbols using chalk in order to make a public spectacle.

The first chalk-in was held near the CND stall opposite St. Peter's Church. A mass petition which was chalked on the pavement was the major attraction of the day apart from superbly artistic contributions by Jean Parsons and children.

The petition yielded an analysis of 600 against Cruise being sited in Britain and 75 for Cruise, therefore as a crude opinion poll in Nottingham this represents over 85% against Cruise.

The second chalk-in was a bit of a wash-out due to rain, although some chalking was done before the rain.

FEAST OR FAST - SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 1983

(for the members of Nottingham Christians
Against Nuclear Arms)

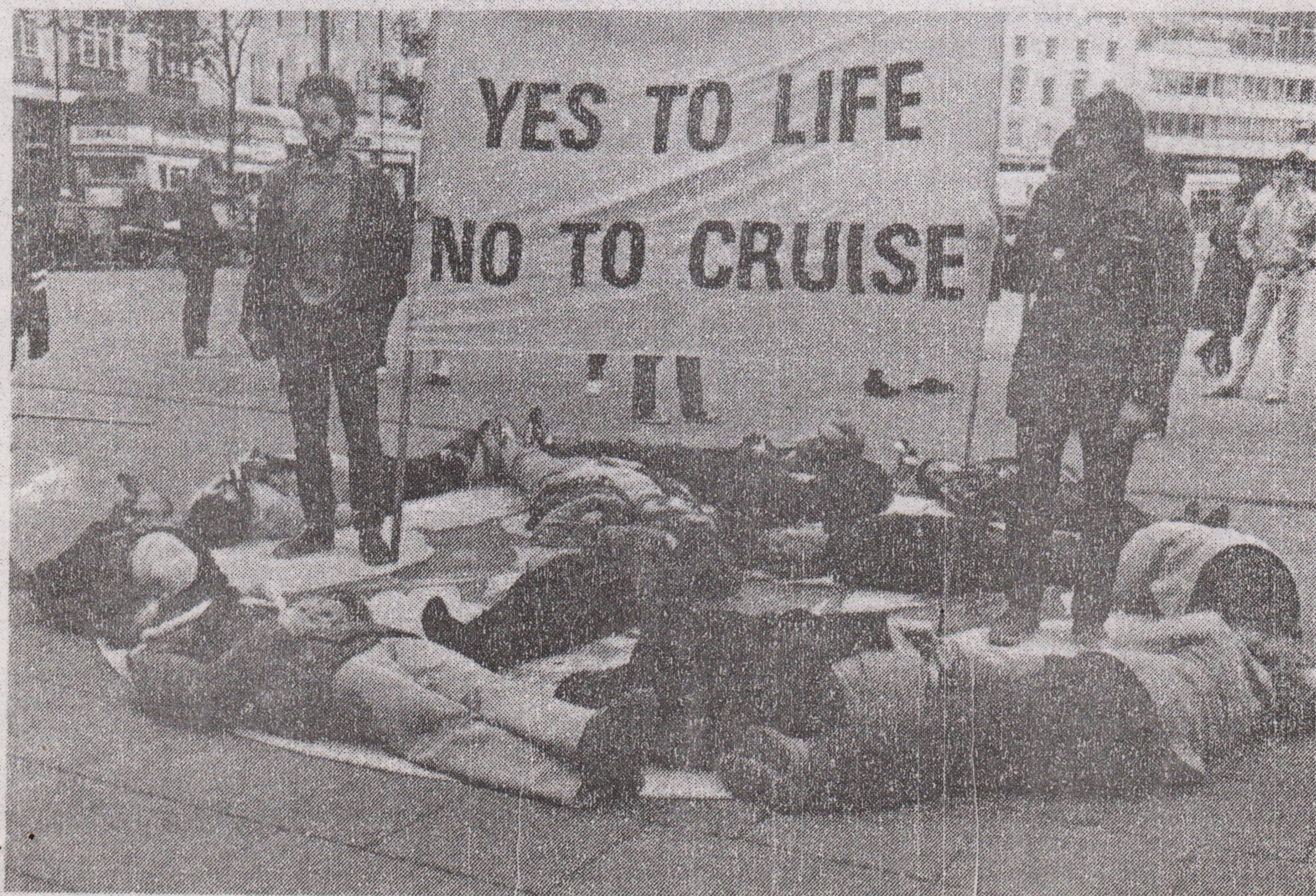
It was Vanessa's idea (most of the best ones are!) and she did the lion's share of the work to ensure the success of this evening, both as a fund-raiser (it raised over £90) and as a symbol of rich/poor, well-fed/hungry relationships and their connection with the arms race, the arms trade and all the stupid waste that the nuclear "ostrich" nations cause.

She prepared and cooked - almost single-handed - both the feast for the fortunate and the skilly for the rest. We laid a long table for the feast: white tablecloth, flowers, candles, bowls of fruit; the fasters had a bare table at the cold side of the hall and had to find their own chairs. The feasters began with sherry, went on to pate maison, boeuf bourguignon and a choice of sweet, with good crockery and cutlery. The fasters had some pretty foul boiled barley, studded with chunks of carrot - and that was their lot; they had to help themselves from the pan, dumped in the middle, by means of old cups and plastic spoons.

Afterwards both groups got together for coffee and talked over the lessons we had been taught by the contrasting meals. Those who ate well had made no attempt to share their food or other privileges (though there had been at least one swop before the meal began); those who ate but poorly (and were quite bitter about it) had made no attempt to ask for anything, much less to take it; all sorts of assumptions and un-written rules had taken over, as they do in real life. The 24 of us who were present found the whole thing very revealing and we had one of the best discussions ever. We can thoroughly recommend it as a way of getting to know each other at a fairly deep level (eating and drinking together knocks down barriers other activities cannot reach!) and as a departure point for talk about two or three subjects closely related to that of nuclear arms. If you would like details, please write to Vanessa, c/o St. Andrew's Vicarage, Chestnut Grove, Nottingham.

(I realise that this is a lightweight item and gets us no further forward in our serious business. On the other hand, we work together immeasurably better the more we become friends and any good way of doing this, of learning more about each other and about our unrecognised assumptions and prejudices, is surely of value.)

PHOTO BY HARRY HADDOCK.



UNILATERALISM AND THE SOVIET UNION

-NON- NUCLEAR DEFENCE

One of the fears most often voiced by the public about CND's unilateralist policy, is this attitude of the Soviet Union to a non-nuclear Britain. The picture is often painted by pro-nuclear politicians of a helpless defenceless Britain standing alone against a powerful and heavily armed Russian aggressor. This emotive picture is one which Mr Heseltine in particular, has tried to use to the Governments advantages many times especially during the 1983 election campaign.

Below we have listed some points which we believe are important and may be used to balance the governments propaganda.

1) CND does not advocate unilateral disarmament for Britain-what we stand for is unilateral "nuclear" disarmament. Infact conventional forces could be strengthened under a non-nuclear policy to provide a genuine defence policy; Additional funds for this would be available, which were previously spent on nuclear Weapons. We would certainly not be giving Russia an 'Open Invitation ' to march in and take over -- assuming they wanted to even try.

2) The Soviet Union is always seen as the aggressor by western government, however in recent history the reverse is true. It is only 42 years - well within living memory, since Russia itself was invaded from the West, and the experience of losing 10% of it's population in the bloodiest war in history (and this was the 2nd time in a century) has left the Russians understandably apprehensive.

In contrast neither the UK nor the USA have been invaded; although both experienced

heavy loss of life during the 2nd World War, they have not experienced the full horror of war in the way the Soviet Union has.

Consequently the USSR is more inclined to think in terms of defence rather than aggression.

3) The occupation of th Eastern bloc countries - seen by the West as Soviet expansion, is viewed by the Russians on a defensive measure - a sort of "defensive wall" and the invasions of Hungary + Czechoslovakia are seen as repairs to the wall rather than aggressive acts towards the West. Infact the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe in 1945 was sanctioned by the Yalta agreement between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

4) The Soviet Union has so far shown no evidence of wishing to expand beyond the Iron Curtain. It is often argued that this is because the West has Nuclear Weapons to act as a deterrent; however the continued existence of non-aligned non-nuclear states in Europe, such as Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland and Yugoslavia does not support this argument. If these countries can survive without nuclear arms, then why not Britain?

5) The practical problems faced by the Societ Union in conquering and maintaining control over a non-nuclear W. Europe (especially an island such as Britain) would be almost insurmountable. The lessons

of Afghanistan (nearly 4 years of fighting and still a long way from a final victory) will surely deter Russia from attempting the impossible in Europe.

Apart from the military difficulties the financial cost would place an impossible burden on the already weak Soviet economy, which incidentally already depends largely on Western technology (e.g the Siberian gas pipeline) and food (e.g grain imports).

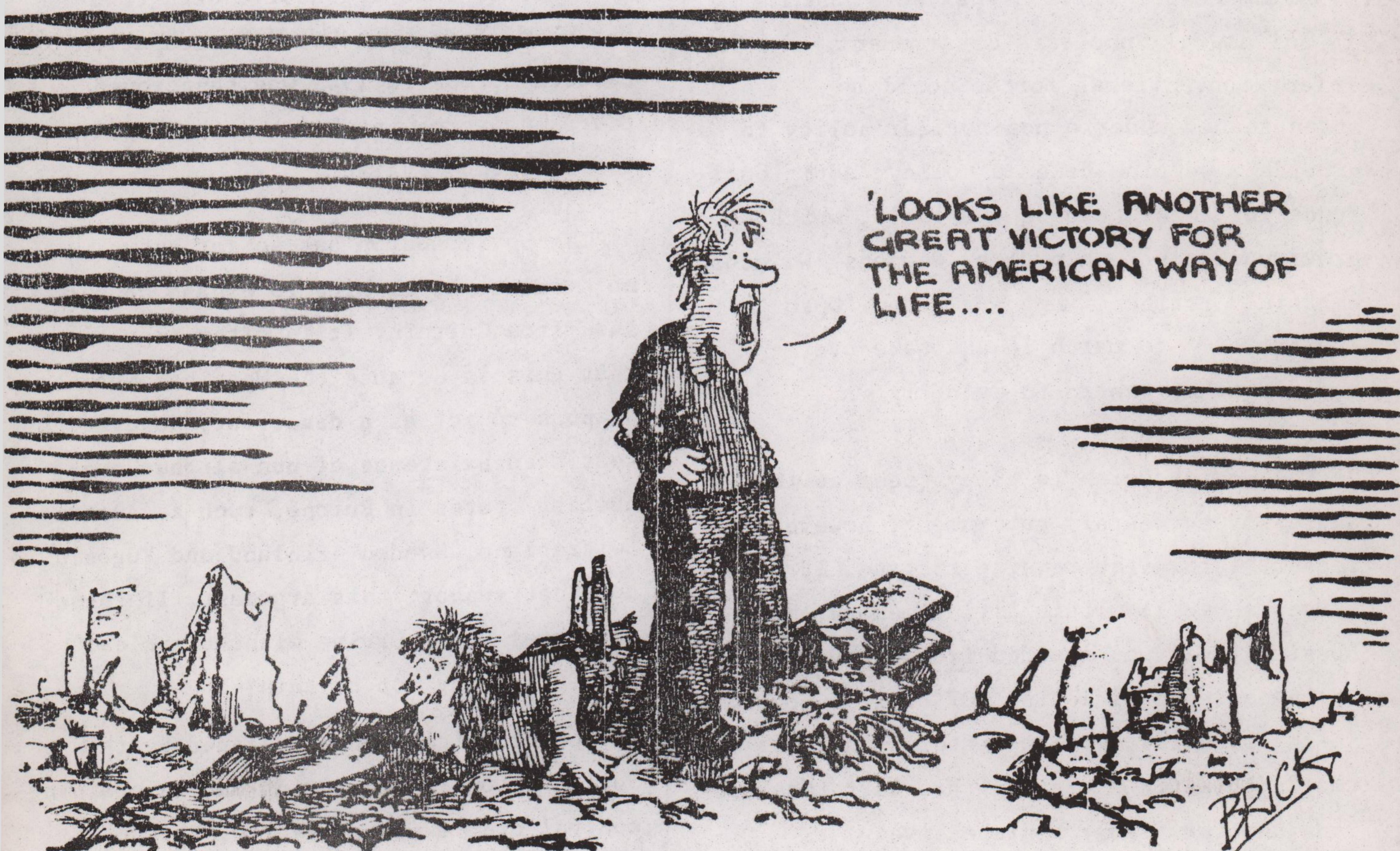
The costs of keeping up with ne High technology American Weapon systems are of course proportionally far greater for a relatively poor country like the USSR.

Of course the USSR could threaten Europe with it's Nuclear Weapons if it did not co-operate. However the execution of that threat (a nuclear attack on Western Europe) would surely defeat the object of occupying Europe, and would eventually affect the USSR as well

"In order to make the country bear the burden (of arms expenditure) we have to create an atmosphere akin to wartime psychology, we must create the idea of a threat from without."

John Foster Dulles

(US Sec. Of State)



LETTERS

COMMUNISTS AND CND

If the people of Britain read, heard or saw nothing else about the recent National Congress, they certainly knew that Bruce Kent had addressed the Congress. Bruce came in for a lot of stick, but stood by his guns (to use an unpeaceful metaphor!) He also had supporters from a variety of fields for his action.

Bruce Kent warmly praised the Communist Part's role in peace campaigning over the years. He said it was this party and the Quakers who had kept the peace movement going through its lean years. He said that Communists in CND had acted in a principled way and had never sought to use the movement for narrow political aims.

He praised the role of the 'Morning Star' for its "steady, honest and generous coverage of the disarmament cause; also 'Marxism Today,' the party's theoretical journal, for being "stimulating and interesting."

The importance of the fight to preserve peace was a recurring theme throughout the Congress. In the composite resolution on peace, Congress called urgent attention to the enormous escalation in the nuclear arms race.

The delegates welcomed the emergence and growth of powerful peace movements in the U.S.A. and many parts of Western Europe; the enormous impact and influence which CND now has among wide sections of the British people; and the statements of support for CND and its policies from many labour movement organisations, especially trade unions.

Congress paid tribute to the magnificent determination and courage of the Greenham Common Peace Women; and to the contributions to peace made by the churches; European Nuclear Disarmament; Scientists Against Nuclear Arms; the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons; and other specialist disarmament groups.

The 256 delegates, representing over 15,000 Communist Party members, said that they believed that the immediate campaigning priority was opposition to Cruise and Trident, while giving support to moves for a nuclear

"The breadth, unity and tolerance which have characterised the movement to date must be retained and strengthened." So ran the resolution.

"A variety of demonstrative actions including non-violent direct action and appropriate industrial action taken by trade unionists are necessary to compel the government to change course."

"The Prague Peace Conference was an important development and the presence of the British delegation which included representatives of CND was a valuable contribution. Work of the movement for European Nuclear Disarmament towards building international links for peace is to be welcomed."

"The struggle for peace must continue to be based on the principled long term objective of support for unilateral nuclear disarmament and withdrawal from NATO by Britain."

"The main obstacle to checking the escalation of the arms race is the Reagan administration, with its bellicose statements and actions, which opposes parity with the U.S.S.R. and seeks military superiority."

"The flow of Soviet disarmament initiatives from the Soviet Government show the concern and desire of the U.S.S.R. for nuclear arms reductions. We should counter those in the peace movement who equate the U.S.S.R. with the U.S.A."

"In the next two years we need four priorities.

1. To support and encourage initiatives and activities which develop the broad movement for disarmament with a primary emphasis on CND.
2. To draw the working class movement into the campaign to a much greater degree than hitherto.
3. To state clearly and openly our views on particular tactical questions facing the movement at any one time.
4. To stimulate discussion on important longer term issues facing the movement, e.g. the character of non-nuclear defence; the achievement of a transfer from military to civilian production."

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We particularly need ART work. Can anyone offer small relevant drawings to fill odd corners and generally improve the appearance of our bulletin?



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LETTERS CONT'D

An amendment which would have tended to make British withdrawal from NATO immediate rather than a long term aim, and which called for withdrawal of Communist support from END and END organised events was withdrawn without being voted on.

The Congress should assist all Communists in making even a bigger contribution to the peace movement, and especially to CND.

John Peck

National Consultative Delegate

LETTERS

I think letters & articles in the bulletin are getting too long & boring. I urge the Bulletin team to reject or cut things that are too long. Lets have an attractive, interesting bulletin that people will read.

Andy D'Agorne.

CRUISE COMES TO GREENHAM

Out there they may be moving things;
May have moved things.
Slugs slither in darkness,
Giants hide beneath buttercups,
Pretending that they're worker ants
In harmony with the green.

It is fitting they slide in darkly,
Ashamed and furtive Titans;
Fitting too that the word comes
Down a jerky telephone line
Near midnight;
Appropriate that we talk in code.

Now, in Autumn sun, I spin words
Shaking, furtive in this free land,
Where giants feign dwarfdom
And so many accept the deceit.

George Parfitt

Dear Editor,

I'm extremely relieved that Conference has very decisively decided to throw out the "Freeze" slogan. The idea that by taking up this idea we could march in step with the American peace movement was altogether wrong. It was a step alright - but a step backwards!

Another good decision by Conference, I thought, was the calling for the mutual dissolution of NATO and the Warsaw Pact, and the demand that Britain get out of NATO. These decisions are all for the best, and now we can in an even more committed and united fashion get on with the task of fighting against the war preparations and the fomenters of war - the imperialist (including Soviet imperialist) powers.

As is known we in Nottingham have recently had our own debate about Freeze, the outcome of which, constitutionally, has now been decided by the CND conference in Sheffield. I believe the demand for a "Freeze" was a limiting and a minimum one and one that would consequently have stifled the peace movement.

In this regard, however, there are others who are making demands of the movement outside of its scope, such as, for instance, the demand that it support every workers' picket line, or that it be a (what they call) socialist struggle, and so on. These demands do nothing but harm. The proper aim of the peace movement is to avert the danger of a new catastrophic world war and to realise genuine and lasting peace. Those views and positions which try to impose some other aim on the peace movement must be vigorously and successfully opposed.

Lastly, the very great successes of the peace movement this year are only the beginning. I'm sure 1984 will see us going on to even greater and greater things as long as we unite in action and resist any attempts to split our fighting unity.

Yours,

Earl Alexander

Candidate November 1983 NCND Elections