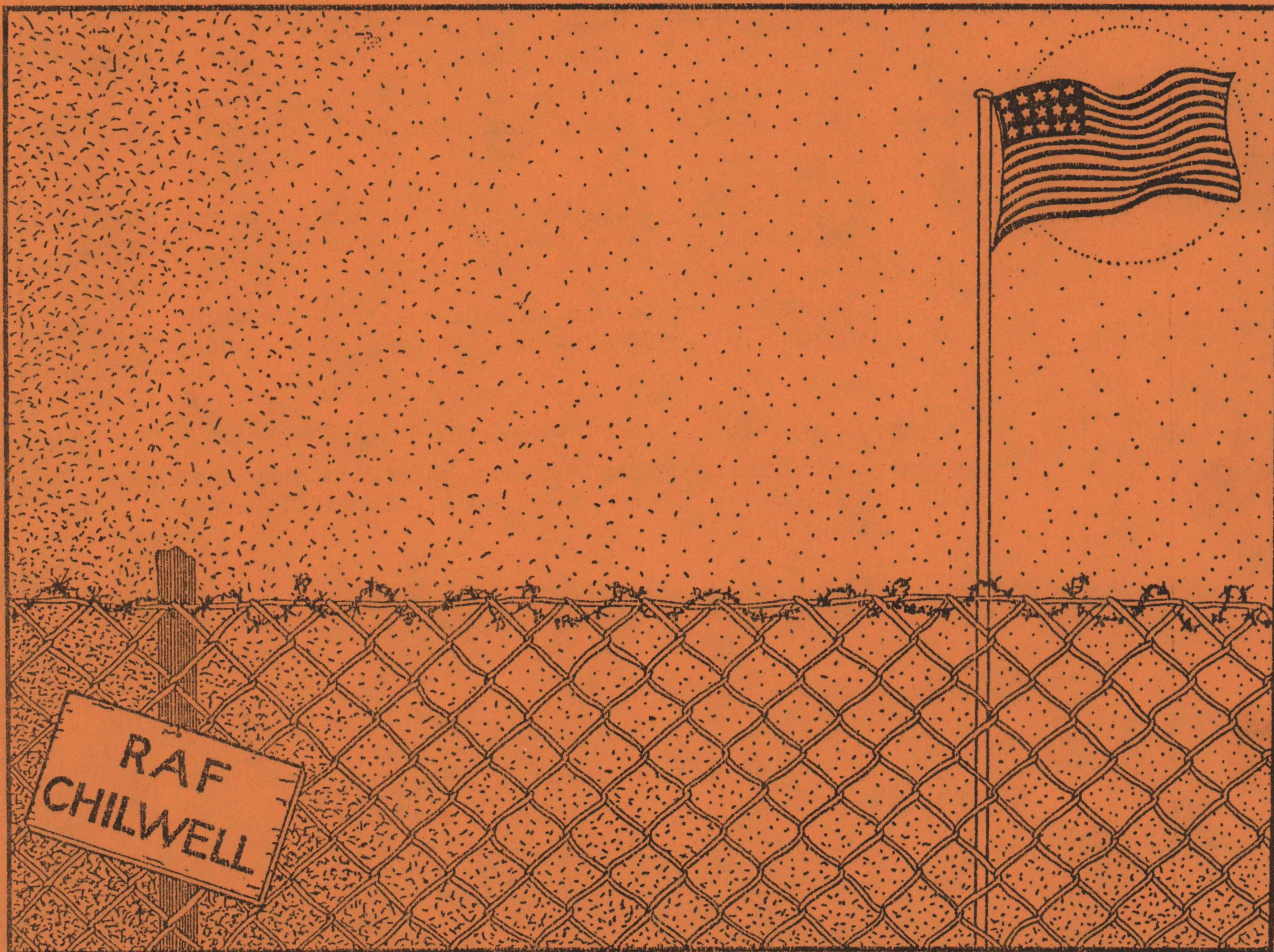


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FEBRUARY

Tues. 28th - Rainbow Centre Publicity, 6.00pm NCND office
 Peace Festival Meeting. 7.30pm NCND office
 12 - 1pm Multilateral Disarmament - A Moral Stance
 Arkwright lecture theatre, Trent Polytechnic

Wed. 29th - Film show, Devon Drive Methodist Church Sherwood
 7.30pm Admission free
 Executive meeting. 7.30pm Factshop

MARCH

Thurs. 1st - Media group. 7.30pm NCND office

Sun. 4th - Reclaim Chilwell Steering Group. 10.30am
 Monthly Meeting. Friends Meeting House 7.30pm
 reports, feedback on Rainbow Centre, Bulletin, Peace Festival
 'Reclaim Chilwell' General Meeting 69 Wiverton Road
 Forest Fields 7.30pm See 'Reclaim Chilwell' article

Thurs. 8th - Co-ordinating Meeting - each group please send a representative
 7.30pm 15 Goosegate

Fri. 9th - CHILWELL BENEFIT GIG, Queens Walk Community Centre
 8 - 10.30pm £1.00 + 50p Details/Tickets NCND office

Sun. 11th - Reclaim Chilwell Steering Group. 10.30am NCND office
 NVDA Trainers Training day - Queens Walk Community Centre
 Meadows 11.00am - 5.00pm See 'Reclaim Chilwell' article
 for details

Mon. 12th - BULLETIN DEADLINE and meeting 7.30pm NCND office

Thurs. 15th - Media Group. 7.30pm NCND office

Wed. 21st - Radcliffe Public Meeting 'Medical Effects of Nuclear Weapons'
 The Grange 7.30pm

Wed. 28th - 'Women and Peace' Trent Poly. 7.30pm

Thurs. 29th - 'STOP THE CITY 2'. Demonstrate against profit from war
 Details 624742 or 784963
 Media Group. 7.30pm NCND office

Fri. 30th - BASFORD GROUP. Dance and Disco Live music from Cuban Heels
 and Escape Route Bar Hot Snacks New Basford Community
 Centre Zulu Rd. (between Nottingham Rd. and Radford Rd.)
 60 pence

APRIL

Sun. 15th - 'Chant Down Chilwell' and Nationwide Easter Actions at US bases

USAF CHILWELL

IT'S OFFICIAL America's 103rd base

LATEST FROM THE M.O.D.

On the morning of the 14th of February, the M.O.D. made the following statement concerning Chilwell. Just as most U.S. bases in this country, it will be known as 'R.A.F.' Chilwell. It will remain M.O.D. property, perhaps this is what they mean by 'dual' key. A small number of U.S. servicemen will be stationed there in times of 'peace'. They didn't say what would happen in the event of war or during times of 'international tension'. The alterations to housing etc. are being made now. A few local people could be employed at the base.

Chilwell will be used for storage and maintenance of transport equipment but, although the authorities continue to deny that the vehicles will be used for Cruise, they have not stated to what use they will be put. As far as we can ascertain, from our reliable sources, the M.O.D. still intend to have some link between Cruise and Chilwell.

Refuse Cruise (or anything else) CHANT DOWN CHILWELL!

Following the National Council meeting of 14/15 January groups were asked if they could put on local or regional demonstrations at local US bases on 14/15 April. This would highlight the number of US bases, and national publicity would demonstrate America's war fighting capacity in Britain - similar to coordinated activity around the 'Hard Luck' Civil Defence exercise.

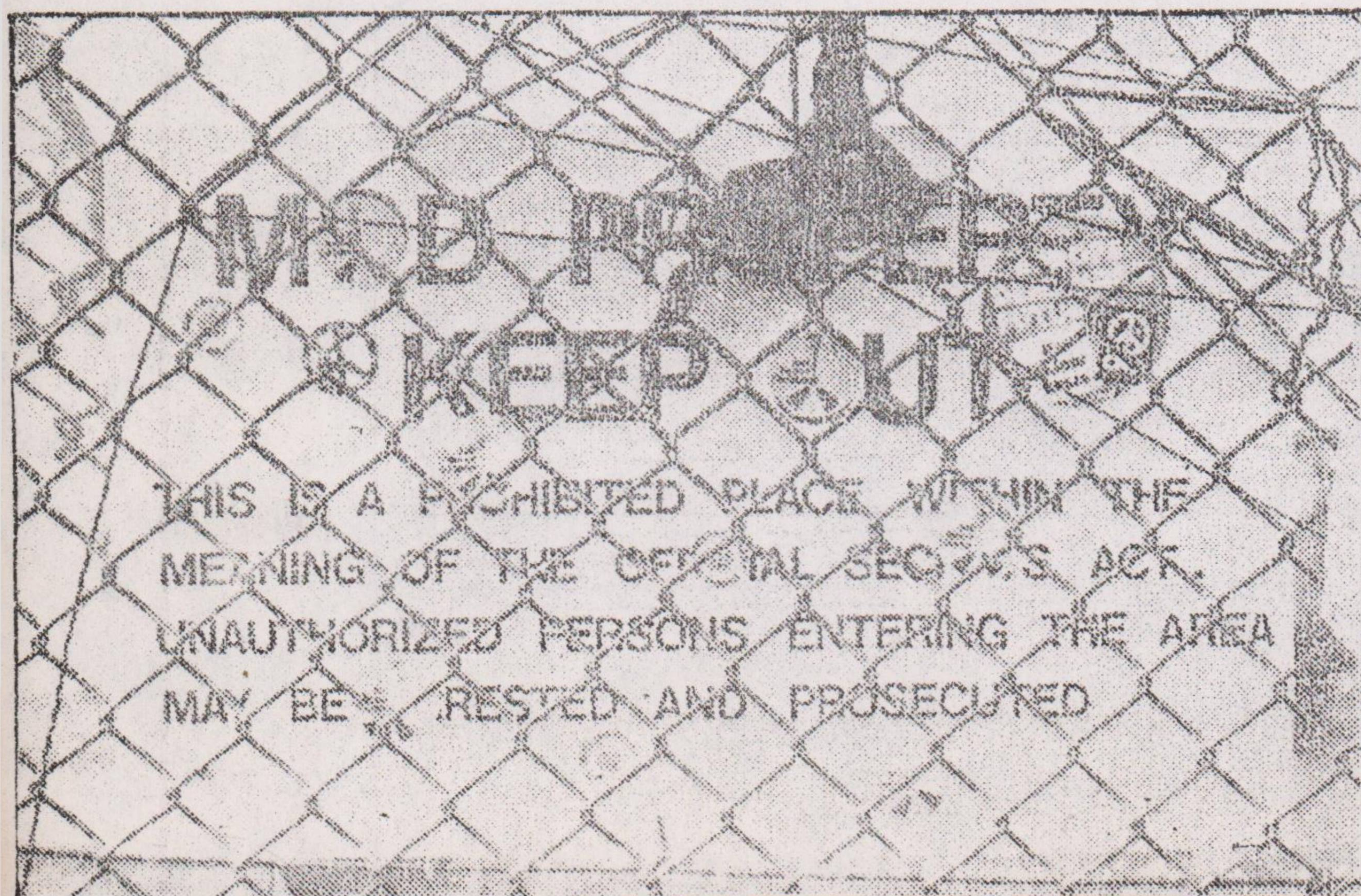
Chilwell is to be the 103rd US site, it is an obvious target(!) At a well attended meeting of East Midlands groups on Feb 19th support was offered by many groups, although some may go to Molesworth and Humberside at Easter.

The initial ideas are:
Sunday 15 April; Noise (melodic or at least not too raucous); Decorate the fence; Groups to walk in from all over city and join a march with Notts/E.Mids. groups to a festival site. Bring kites, decorations etc. More details in April's Bulletin.

THANKS

The motor cavalcade on Sat. 18th Feb. was led by a super hearse belonging to Martin Green of Beeston Motor repairs. Martin operates a mobile repair service, which means he can come out to your home to work on your car or motor bike. Martin offers a free quotation without obligation, with all repairs, servicing, early morning start etc. carried out at very competitive rates, with specially reduced rates for NCND members.

Martin can be contacted on 255993 or 32 Montague Street Beeston.



RAINBOW CENTRE

After reading the last article in February's bulletin, I trust that your appetites have been suitably whetted. So, on with the details. The planning is going very well at the moment thanks to the hard work put in by a small number of people. The trading company will start functioning sometime in April which will be before we actually move into premises. The costings for the cafe co-operative are well on the way to completion and should be a great success with 12 people involved. A feasibility study has been completed and will be circulated to various trusts and organisations in order to boost our funds. Speaking of funds, you will notice the bankers order from in this month's bulletin. We well definitely need your financial support to establish the Rainbow Centre and sustain it over the years. It would also help if you could pass on the second bankers order form to a friend or colleague, spread the word as much as possible. Talk to your local vicar, priest etc., get your group, of whatever nature, to discuss the idea and soon the entire population of Nottingham should know about the Rainbow Centre.

One last plea for assistance. We are looking for people who have experience of working in or with libraries to help set up or run the library in the Rainbow Centre.

Once again, for more information contact Val Harris 472802 or Rob Nicholls 476956

Rainbow Trading Company

The trading company which is vital to the financial viability of our centre intends to start trading in April. We still need money to buy in stock. Have you any money which you would consider investing in our company? Please contact Val Harris for a confidential discussion on terms and conditions. Tel. Nottm. 472802 or leave message at NCND office.

Donations always welcome either to The Rainbow Centre or to The Rainbow Trading Company, c/o The Company Sec., 45 Teversal Avenue, Lenton, Nottingham.

BANKERS ORDER FORM

To the manager of _____ Bank Ltd.

(insert above the name and address of your bank)

Please pay Williams and Glyn's Bank 8 South Parade Nottingham for the account of The Rainbow Centre, Account Number

the sum of _____ pounds _____ pence

on the _____ day of _____ 198__ and thereafter every MONTH / QUARTER / SIX MONTHS / YEAR until countermanded by me.

Signed _____ Account Number _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

TEL _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:- THE COMPANY SECRETARY, THE RAINBOW CENTRE c/o 45 TEVERSAL AVENUE, LENTON, NOTTINGHAM, NG7 1PY

GREENHAM

In the Greenham women's court case against President Reagan, the US government is arguing that its "defence policies" like Cruise missiles should not be tested in court. Judge Edelstein's decision as to whether the US government should obey the law is awaited.

On an even more sinister note, Jean Hutchinson - one of the three plaintiffs in the above case, has been arrested and charged with conspiracy. Her crime was to address local groups on the eve of a blockade of a plant making jet engines for cruise missiles. She did not take part in the blockade, but faces trial along with 51 others. Note - the 1st Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees free speech. More details from office.

HELP

There are now camps outside of every gate at Greenham Common. However, many women are going through the courts, going to prison, or are exhausted from night-watches and continual evictions.

A suggestion has been made that groups from different towns might like to join a rota of visiting the camp for one day/night every eight weeks. Jan Pryor at 0273 - 556744 can give further information on this.

EX-SERVICE CND

Founded in Bristol, March 1983 by four CND members, by December the group had 500 members nationally and a similar number of supporters. The first full-scale occasion was a march on September 3rd to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph, after which the group was addressed by Brigadier Harbottle, the Dean of Bristol - Horace Dammers, and Bruce Kent who, at Conference, described the group as 'the most encouraging news of 1983.'

On Remembrance Day, with British Legion approval, a contingent joined the national ceremony; wearing medals and CND badges they laid their own CND wreath.

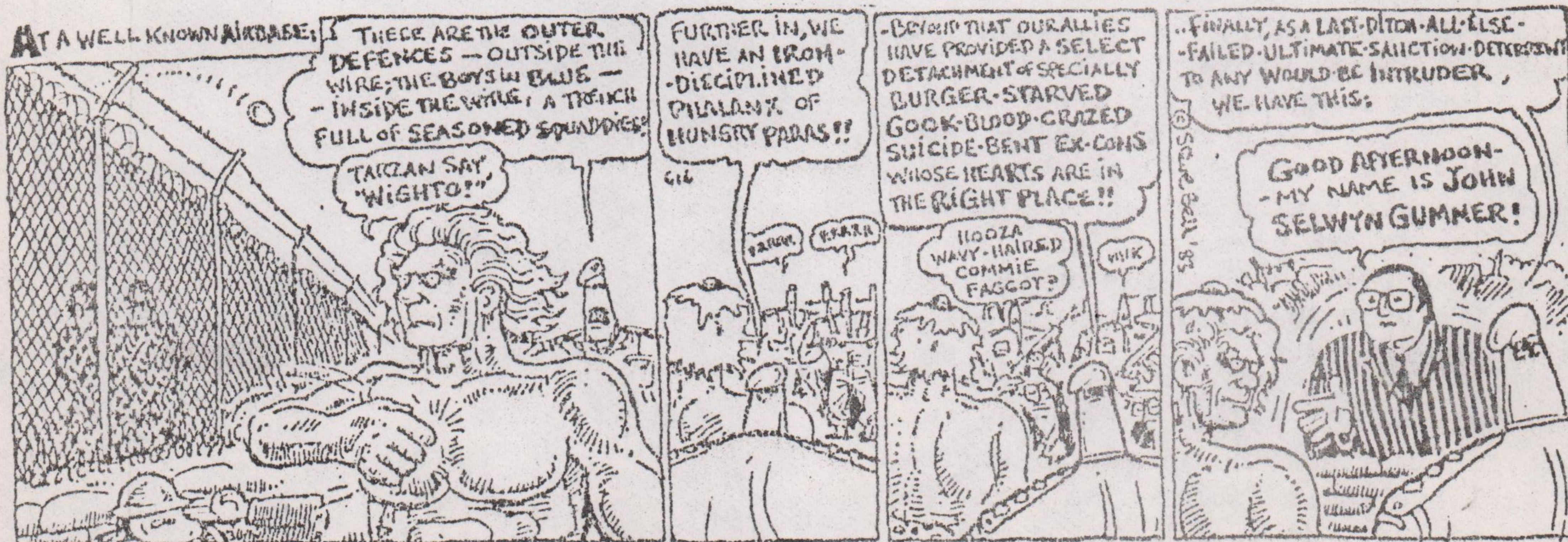
The first AGM of the group took place in January 1984 with news of steadily increasing membership nationally. Bruce Kent attended the meeting which was filmed by ITV and this was screened later that day. Over 100 delegates, of ages from 30 to 80 were present; amongst them, encouragingly, were two non-white delegates.

It would be good to see an ex-services group with NCND who would take part in occasional, selective activities, which would not conflict with members group commitment.

Would any ex-servicemen and women who are interested contact the office for further details?

J. H. Rotherham

Sneinton CND



STOP THE CITY 2 - March 29th

Protest against WAR & those who profit from it

Economic systems east and west create death and poverty. Their tools are artificial scarcity, sickness, destruction of animals and the environment, repression and war. They exist for the profit and power of a few rich men.

While millions are starving our "civilised" leaders maintain butter mountains and wine lakes to boost their profits. They claim the earth as theirs and abuse it; using it all up to produce meat for a few when it could be used to grow grain for us all.

They poison the earth with nuclear energy, which isn't even efficient, as they claim. But it does produce profits and plutonium. And plutonium makes bombs and bombs create the threat of war: war which can destroy us all, threats which keep us all in our places, reinforcing their divisions. Are Russians really any different from us? Isn't what we all want nothing more than the opportunity to lead our own lives without being dictated to by the need for profit?

Last September many different people from many different backgrounds and groups came together to protest against the profits made out of war. This protest took place in the centre of the financial war machine, the City of London.

Contrary to rumours circulating beforehand the day was ENTIRELY PEACEFUL....at least on the side of the demonstrators....So this time Members of CND should have no worries about supporting this day of action.

On March 29th this year, the day when the City reckons up its winter profits, there will be a protest against the money made out of misery and death in all their forms. We will STOP THE CITY, the City which thrives on exploitation and oppression. We will take to the streets of the city of London and reclaim them for ourselves and for life over death, joy over fear, humanity over greed.

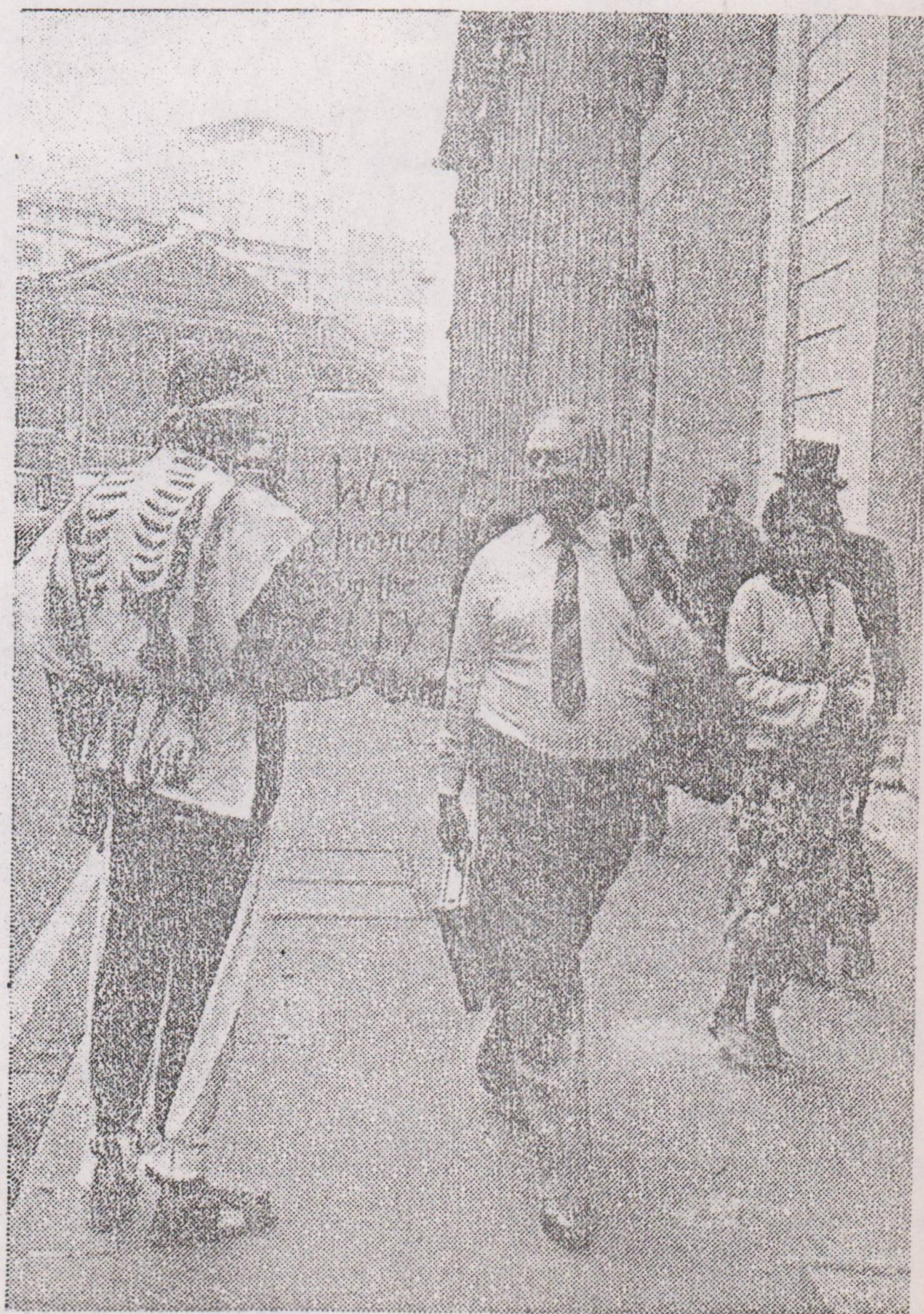
We will call on all people working in the area to consider how the financial empire which exploits their labour also harms the rest of us. We will have fun and try non-violently to disrupt the functioning of the profit machine.

Please join us. Please come to the City of London at 8.00 am onwards on March 29th with ideas, imagination, music, leaflets and whatever you think will make this day of action enjoyable and effective. TELL YOUR FRIENDS!! For details and transport contact 582506 or 624742.

WOMEN'S ACTION

There will be women's action happening at "Stop the City" on March 29th in central London. Women are asked to bring with them things they would most like to get rid of, their 'symbols of oppression' - nappies (dirty!), contraceptives, housework equipment, pornography - anything you loathe - husbands even! At 9.00 am we will dump these on the steps of the Bank of England. Women from everywhere will be coming along at 9.00 or any time during the day to show our dissatisfaction with our place in a capitalist state. Men can only make profits whilst women slave unpaid at home.

Contact Chris - 624742 or Pip - 781858 for details.



Reclaim Chilwell - A Mass Action

Sunday 24th June (Provisional)

In view of the imminent decision by the M.O.D. as to whether to lease C.O.D. Chilwell to the U.S. Air Force, there will be a mass 'trespass' of the base by East Midlands Peace activists on Sunday 24th June. If the government does decide to lease the base, a decision that should be announced sometime during February, thousands of protesters from all over the East Midlands will enter the base in an effort to pressurise the government into heading public opinion and changing their plans. In this 'reclaiming' of the base all concerned groups and individuals (trade unions, local residents, peace activists etc.) are asked to contact us for details of N.V.D.A. training, proposed actions on the day etc. Demonstrations will take place both inside and outside the base, we hope that the day will be both peaceful and effective, ranging from leafletting, picnics and music on the base to more direct forms of action.

This event is a first in a way, and it will take masses of work to mobilise this many people into an action of this kind. More help than we have at present is needed - could people PLEASE organise their groups etc. over what areas of the action they want to be involved in, help in gathering information and planning and getting all the information required out to groups, involve themselves in our day of Non-Violence training, send donations of money for postage, printing etc.

To prepare for the day we are setting up a series of different meetings :

SUNDAY MARCH 4TH: These monthly meetings at 69 Wiverton Road Forest Fields at 7.30p.m. are a general ideas and report back meeting for all those interested in the event.

SUNDAY MARCH 11TH: At the Queens Walk Community Centre in the Meadows from 11.00am to 5.00am - there will be a day for training people to go out to their own or other groups to teach NVDA. This is a vital part of the Chilwell action to ensure that we are all prepared and confident about the action. Anyone is welcome to come and learn these important skills. There is a creche and tea and coffee provided.

Contact 'Reclaim Chilwell' at the Fact Shop, Goosegate, or Claire on 785492 for any further details you need.

NOTE: THIS IS A SEPARATE ACTION FROM THE DEMONSTRATION AT EASTER.

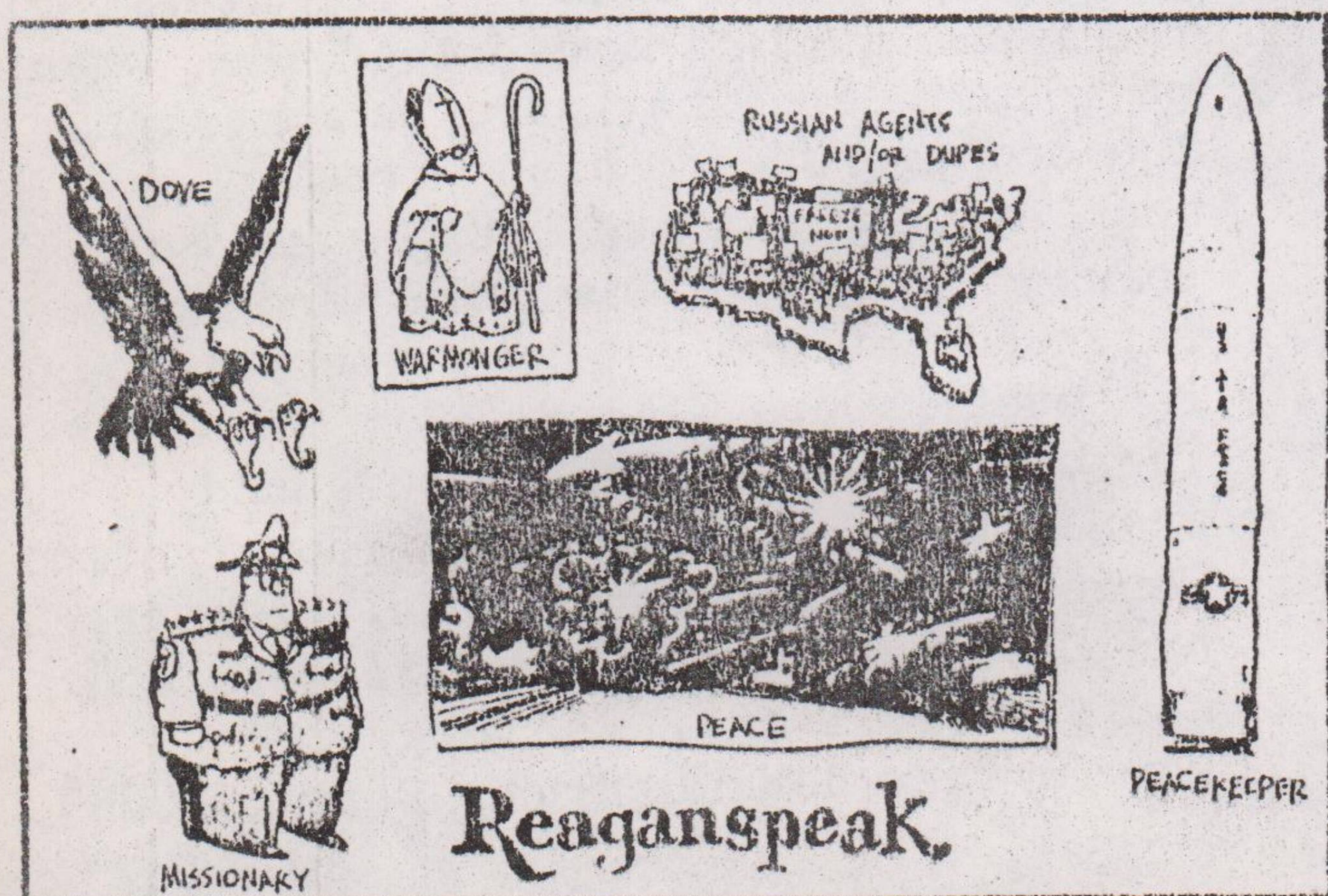
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DISARMAMENT: AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY

This conference will be held at Nottingham University on Saturday, April 14th and Sunday 15th, 1984. Among those participating will be Tony Benn, Stuart Holland and Michael Meacher from the Labour Party, and leaders of the European peace movement as well as trade union disarmament campaigners. The cost of participating in the Conference will be £5. Those who wish to reserve overnight accommodation in the University, with meals included, may do so at a further cost of £20.

Details and application form available from:

The Conference Secretary,
Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation,
Bertrand Russell House,
Gamble Street,
Nottingham NG7 4ET.



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NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

AN URGENT APPEAL!

This is an urgent appeal to all members and supporters of Nottingham CND and the peace movement in general. Non-violent direct action, or civil disobedience, is just beginning to get off the ground here in Nottingham. In recent months we have seen local peace workers being imprisoned for refusing to pay fines; an occupation of the Army Recruitment Office; two major "actions" at RAF Cottesmore; and an occupation of a building at Chilwell. More and more people have been getting involved, and all these actions have been remarkably successful.

The problem, as always, is money. NVDA costs money. In all sorts of ways! It is not just a matter of paying fines, but also of printing leaflets, press releases, posters, phone calls, visiting people in prison, legal costs, busing supporters and friends to court cases, buying equipment, hiring rooms for planning and training sessions, etc., etc.....

We want our actions to get bigger and better over the coming year, and we would like you to help us. Perhaps, for very good reasons, you do not feel able yourself to take part in NVDA, and to risk arrest, fines or imprisonment. If so, then could you not show your support and encouragement to activists who DO take that risk, by helping them financially? Local direct activists have, amongst other things, been locked up in "punishment blocks," doused in cold water in their cells, threatened by self-proclaimed National Front prison officers, and roughed up while being arrested. It is so much easier to cope with this sort of treatment if we know that we have your support behind us.

If you would like to make a donation, then you have two options. Either send your money direct to PETE STRAUSS, Flat 3, 22/24 Waterloo Road, Nottingham, NG7 4AU; or support our SPONSORED JAIL STAY. Pete is appearing at Nottingham Magistrates Court later this month, to answer charges of non-payment of costs. He will refuse to pay on grounds of conscience, and will be sent to prison. We expect a sentence of 5 - 7 days. (With remission, a 7-day sentence would only be 4 days.) There is always the chance that Magistrates may deal more harshly than anticipated, or that remission may be taken away. If you wish to state a maximum amount that you are prepared to pay, please do so.

A sponsorship form is available from your Neighbourhood Group or NCND office. Please fill it in, and pass it around your friends. You could even photo-copy it and send it to friends in other towns. When you have collected the sponsorships, please send all money to PETE STRAUSS at the above address. A special NVDA account will be set up, and it is envisaged that any local "action" group should be able to use whatever funds or equipment are made available.

We realise completely that everyone in the movement already gives an awful lot.... in terms of time, energy and money. Even so, if every member of NCND gave only ONE POUND, we would have £2,000 campaign fund! Please give a little money, to help those who risk giving up their freedom.

FOREST FIELDS ACTION GROUP

COTTESMORE

As many of you will have seen on national TV and in the papers members of Forest Fields Peace Group and Leicester Non-Violent Action Group paid a visit to RAF Cottesmore Tornado Base (see P.9) on Feb. 2nd.

They occupied two navigational aid towers for 11 hours causing plenty of disruption. RAF personnel reacted aggressively and it was later argued in court that the protesters were intimidated into staying up there so long.

The support groups were also hassled - two people were arrested for stealing their own car! A third joined them when he asked where they were being taken. The occupiers were also arrested as soon as they reached the ground. Two refused to give their names and were remanded until 6 Feb by a special court. The others were bailed. The court case lasted 2 hours and showed the scope for court room tactics. Three received a conditional discharge and £20 costs (one offered flowers and now faces prison). For further details: Paddy Nottm. 788655.

TORNADO-The New Nuclear Threat

The controversy and publicity surrounding the arrival of American Cruise missiles in Britain has obscured a major and frightening development in Britain's independent nuclear capability - the Tornado bomber.

A complex aircraft with a variable geometry wing and advanced electronics which enable it among other things to follow the terrain automatically to its target in the worst weather, the Tornado has been ordered in two main versions by the R.A.F: the GR1 strike version, of which 220 have been ordered and 100 are already in service, and 165 F2 interceptors which will begin to go to squadrons in 1985.

Tornado represents another massive escalation of the nuclear arms race. The 220 GR1 Tornado nuclear bombers officially "replace" 56 Vulcan and 36 Buccaneer bomber planes. At today's prices they are being introduced at a cost of £12,500 million. Each plane is a long-range, supersonic, accurate, low-flying, radar-evading, high payload nuclear bomber. It can be used as part of a first-strike. As The Times reported on 9th September 1983, "The Tornado, built jointly by the aerospace industries of Britain, West Germany and Italy, has already taken over as Britain's main airborne nuclear deterrent."

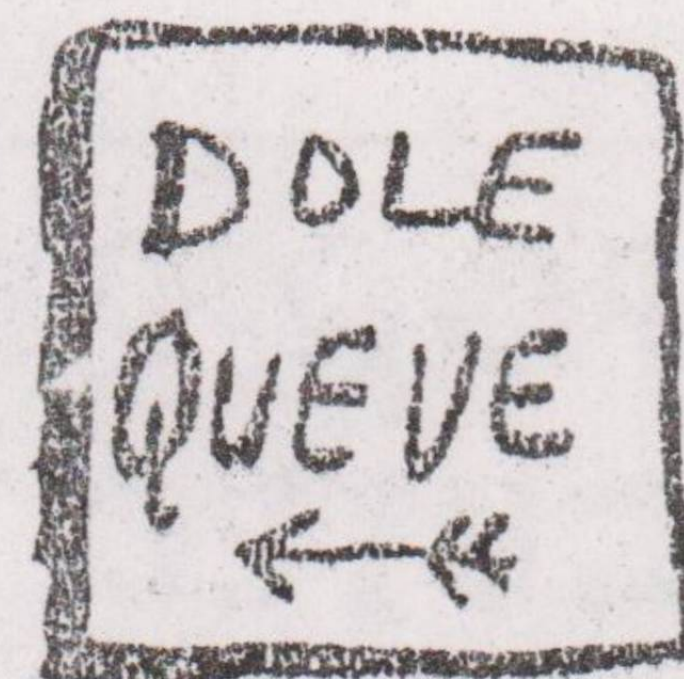
With slight and inexpensive modification the Tornado can be equipped to fire the new Sea Eagle missile, a British equivalent of Cruise. It has the adaptability to perform the function of Polaris, Trident or Cruise.

Moreover, its versatility means it cannot be included in any of the existing categories named in arms reduction talks and it, therefore ruins any prospect of a negotiated peace between East and West. Equally, the British Government would doubtless argue that Tornado not be included in any nuclear arms reduction talks since as well as being part of this country's nuclear arsenal it is an intrinsic part of Britain's conventional air defence. Tornado, therefore, guarantees no progress on any peace initiative.

The purchase of Tornado is further evidence of the British Government's preparation and readiness to fight a nuclear war. It is hoped that the recent actions at R.A.F. Cottesmore, the training base for Tornado pilots, has helped fuel public awareness and opposition to this suicidal development of Britain's nuclear defence policy. But opposition to the Tornado must become stronger and let us not concentrate so hard on getting rid of American Cruise missiles from our shores that we forget the menace already instigated from within these shores.

Paddy Carstairs

*If only I was a
MISSILE SYSTEM -
the GOVT. would want
me..*



Seen in the F.T!

Mrs Ruth McIntyre of Windsor Rd, Cambridge writes in the FT 6.12.83 that it would be a good idea to make high-quality copies of the world's works of art. "...given that the chances of being annihilated by nuclear war over the next decade or two are far from negligible, spreading the world's great art thinly around the globe may ensure that some of it survives to inspire our great-grandchildren.."

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

EAST LEAKE GETS OFF THE GROUND

A new Neighbourhood Group for East Leake and surrounding villages got off the ground on February 2nd with more than 50 people attending a showing of "The War Game." Paul Johns - chairman of National Christian CND - led the following discussion, which touched briefly on many issues related to disarmament.

It was the first time that many of the audience - not all committed to CND - has seen the film, and its impact remains strong. More than half signed up after the meeting to be on the new group's mailing list.

Apart from encouraging and organising attendance of local actions, planned events are special interest discussions on Medical and Educational issues, and a showing of "Atomic Cafe" - keep an eye on your Bulletin for details.

PS. East Leake and Villages CND is squashed (geographically!) between NCND and Loughborough CND - and is the nearest group for the people of: East Leake, West Leake, Sutton Bonington, Kingston-on-Soar, Normanton-on-Soar, Zouch, Stanford-on-Soar, Rempstone, Costock and Gotham.

Contact: Richard Guise on East Leake 6169 for details.

TEACHERS FOR PEACE PERSECUTED

'Teachers for Peace' are being persecuted by the 'Daily Mail'. On Jan. 29th double page spread appeared entitled 'School's Most Sinister Person', giving a twisted account of Peace Education in various areas. 'T for P' is run from a private house. Against journalistic practise the Mail published the address and a picture, so that the family concerned has since been under siege by journalists. Official complaints have been lodged with the NUJ and the Press Council.

In the meantime T. for P. is in need of support and donations.
Temporary address: c/o 11 Goodwin St.

MOTHERS AGAINST CRUISE (BEESTON)

We are a group of women who have recently formed Mothers Against Cruise in the Beeston area. We began as a few women from one street who became suddenly aware of the growing nuclear threat through the arrival of Cruise and Reagan's invasion of Grenada.

Most of us have never been actively involved in the nuclear issue, most of us are politically naive, all of us are becoming more and more concerned for the future. We have begun as a self-educating group and hope that through greater awareness we may become a more effective force for change.

We meet weekly on a Monday morning (10.00 to 11.30ish) in each others houses, any women is welcome, bring the kids with you. If you are interested ring either:

Jill on 222578 or
Alison on 259782

We are also appealing for speakers (women or men!) either on the activities of your own group or on the effects and implications of having Cruise based in Britain.



Nuclear Disarmament & Nuclear Power

BRITAIN'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMME.

In 1979, the Government announced its intentions to launch a major nuclear power programme - 10 stations, one to be started each year from the early 1980's. The Government claimed that nuclear power was cheaper than any other form of energy (such as coal, oil, gas or the various 'renewable' sources such as wind and wave power); that it is safe, and that it is necessary to develop a large nuclear power programme to meet an alleged gap between our energy needs and energy resources.

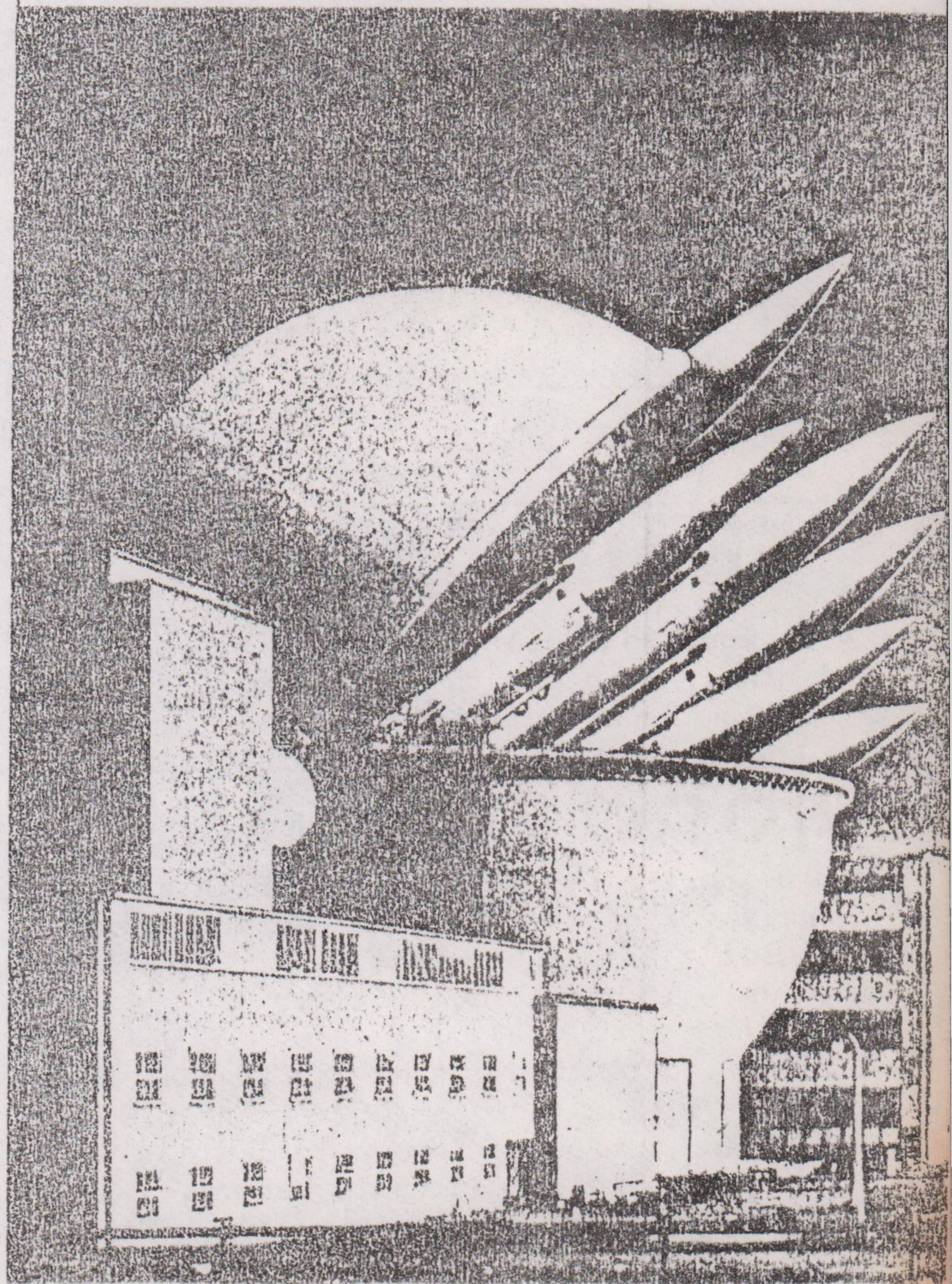
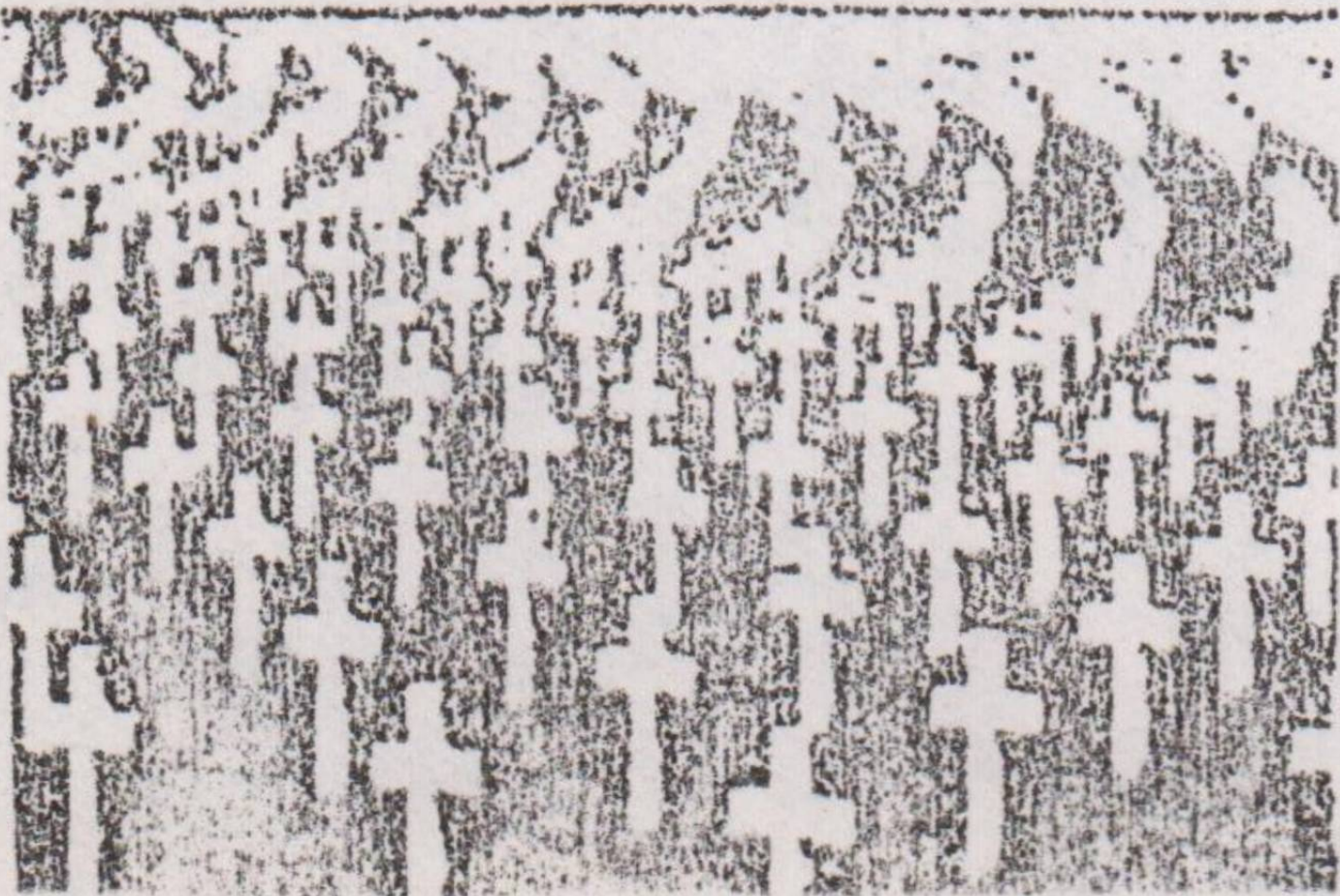
All of these claims are false. Nuclear power is only cheaper if one ignores the massive sums of money spent on research and development for military nuclear uses which are also applied to civil nuclear uses. It is certainly not safe. The fire at Windscale in 1957 and the near meltdown at Three Mile Island in the U.S. are merely the tip of the iceberg. In fact no less than 32 of the 2000 incidents investigated in the U.S. in the year 1979, might have ended in catastrophe.

The UK nuclear power industry refuses to make its safety findings available to the public. In the U.S.S.R. a large area of land has been sterilised and several settlements evacuated for ever as a result of an explosion at a waste reprocessing plant. Every year a series of accidents and leakages are causing the deaths of growing numbers of workers from radiation diseases at uranium mines, fuel factories and reprocessing plants. Nuclear power is not necessary. Even the government has now had to scale down its 1979 proposals. Its forecasts for future electricity demand have been shown to be totally wild and exaggerated guesses.

So why is the Government pressing ahead with its programme? One reason can be gathered from a leaked government report from 1979 which showed that the Cabinet wanted a growing nuclear power programme to reduce the possibility of industrial action by the mineworkers and transport workers.

NUCLEAR LINKS.

But there is another important reason and this is the close relationship between the so-called 'peaceful' nuclear power and the production of nuclear weapons for the arms race. The UK nuclear power programme was started up in 1945 for the sole purpose of acquiring nuclear weapons. The first 'nuclear power station', opened at Calder Hall in 1956, was actually built to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons and the generation of electricity was seen then as a by-product. Both Calder Hall and Chapelcross (in Scotland) are still operating primarily for the purpose of producing plutonium for weapons.



NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR POWER
CONTINUED.

Since 1945, a vast network of nuclear facilities has been established including reprocessing plants (Windscale), fuel enrichment plants (Capenhurst), fuel conversion (Springfield) and 20 major reactors. Many of these factories, facilities and reactors, and much of the technology used today in the main nuclear energy cycle were originally developed to make nuclear bombs. Britains weapon plutonium is produced in reactors which are also used to generate electricity.

This network of nuclear facilities costs an enormous amount - precisely how much is difficult to establish because the government and the CEGB refuse to release accurate figures. The new nuclear power station programme is predicted to cost at least £1.5bn per year for 10 years and the fast breeder reactor, one part of the nuclear chain, will cost a further £4bn at least. Meanwhile the government spends only minute sums of money on research into alternative energy sources.

Last year about 20 times as much money was spent on research into nuclear energy as was spent on research into all the alternatives put together.

Like the nuclear weapons programme, nuclear power actually destroys jobs. Only a few hundred jobs are created for each power station built; yet half the cost of one new nuclear power station would insulate the loft, walls and windows of every house office and factory in the south of England with the creation of tens of thousands of jobs.

The construction of new nuclear power stations justifies the maintenance and expansion of the network of nuclear facilities which perform work for both the civil and military programmes. If the government were to abandon the nuclear power programme half the reason for these facilities would disappear and the Government would have even greater difficulty defending the case for the massive amounts of money it spends on nuclear facilities.

Nuclear power and weapon production bring the same problems for workers in the industries and

residents nearby, both are covered by the official secrets act and policed by armed constables.

Workers may be subject to phone tapping and surveillance, they are denied normal rights to strike, to health and safety provision and to protection from unfair dismissal. There is a growing awareness of the dangers of leukaemia in both industries which puts local residents at risk too. This danger will be extended to much of the country if the governments current plans for transporting massive amounts of nuclear waste by train around the country ever happen.

And if a war, or an attack by terrorists, were to occur, the government expects both civil and military installations to be prime targets.

Nuclear power also brings the danger of the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Any country with civil nuclear power can produce nuclear weapons. In 1974 India exploded a nuclear bomb using nuclear material provided by Canada for 'strictly energy' purposes. Germany has exported 'peaceful' nuclear technology to the hostile neighbours Brazil and Argentina; and in 1982 the Israelis bombed an Iraqi reactor built with French help, which they suspected was being used for weapons production. The American Government is reorganising its nuclear industry so that there will be no clear division at all between nuclear weapons and nuclear power production.

- * NUCLEAR POWER IS NOT NEEDED TO PROVIDE FOR OUR ENERGY NEEDS. WE CAN DO THIS BY USING OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY IN A WAY WHICH IS CHEAPER AND SAFER.
- * THE GOVERNMENT IS PUSHING NUCLEAR POWER BECAUSE OF ITS LINKS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRODUCTION.
- * THE HUMAN AND FINANCIAL COSTS OF NUCLEAR POWER ARE ENORMOUS AND ARE INCREASING ALL THE TIME.

FROM THE MEDIA GROUP.

LETTERS

Dear Bulletin,

As Chairman of Eastwood and Brinsley CND I feel we owe explanations to people about the Peace Advertising Campaign advertisement which was due on with the film 'War Games'.

There was total confusion as to whether the ad. was on or not. In fact it was on, but not for long; certainly not for the whole run of the film. Out of all the confusion emerged the fact that P.A.C. and the Odeon agreed to show the ad. again on Dec. 17th, free of any charge to us, which to the best of our knowledge they did.

We were genuine about the whole thing and entered into it with a wave of enthusiasm. In fact the leafletting at the cinema was very successful even on the first abortive run of the ad. Also lots of people gave money to the cause; Trade Unions and the Labour Party as well as individuals and branches of CND, so, having paid nothing out except the telephone bills to sort out the mess, we have a large Bank Account and I'm enjoying the weather here in Switzerland et. etc.

Please let our secretary, Roger Hammond know if you have any firm views about how the money should be used.

Apologies,

Phil Larkin
Eastwood and Brinsley CND
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Note: Various suggestions were discussed at the February co-ordinating meeting. It was decided to put the money towards the Chilwell Campaign.

Dear Friends,

As a continual writer of long boring letters to the Bulletin, I note Andy's comments in the last issue. I will now restrict myself to short boring letters.

Peace and freedom

Ross Bradshaw

Dear Friends,

I was upset that "M.H." who wrote the poem about the Greenham Demo in the Bulletin was so dismayed at the tactics employed by both police and soldiers and women. I feel that whilst I would ideally rather be talking to and persuading people about the threat of nuclear war (as opposed to pulling down inanimate fences) we do not have the right of free speech, and can not make our voices heard as loudly as those in power, and a state controlled media will ignore us unless we force it to take notice.

Cruise missiles are about to be moved around this country, threatening our lives and what small amount of freedom we do have. Much as I can appreciate a persons desire to talk to and demonstrate in co-operation with the powers that be, I do not believe it is possible to do so in a way that is effective, rather than purely symbolic, manner. Men and women in power will never give us the basic right to live as we please, so we must take it. The most important thing to them is power and property, we are fighting for life and liberty - surely it is both practical and moral to destroy the power and property of these people today to create peace for the world tomorrow. I do not believe that property or authority are 'sacred,' those who set themselves up as superior in status against others can only expect to be despised for it. I cannot understand how anyone can see the verbal taunting of police by women, and tearing down of fences, in the same light as the physical and verbal assaults that the police commit on the weak.

I am always upset by the violence of the police and army towards protestors, it is almost always unprovoked. But they are little boys with big sticks! - what more can we expect of them? We have to take their weapons away from them before we can understand them as people.

"Communication is only possible between equals."

Claire Taylor.

Moscow/UK Run

Dear Friends,

In the summer of 1985 the Moscow/UK Peace Run with 72 runners from 18 different countries will run from Moscow to Yorkshire, passing through Warsaw, the divided city of Berlin, Bonn, Amsterdam and London.

What are we doing it for? There are a number of reasons, but the main ones are to develop international friendship, co-operation and understanding and to call upon each nuclear state to declare a unilateral freeze on the development, testing and deployment of new nuclear weapons systems.

We are now asking you to sponsor a runner. The entire event will cost approximately £25,000 which means that it will cost 17½ pence per runner per mile so if you can sponsor a runner for 1 mile or for a hundred miles, your help will be appreciated and without such help we will not be able to do it.

For the trip itself (and this will involve giving up about five weeks of your time) we need a doctor, first aid workers, coach drivers and co-ordinators who are prepared to do all the donkey work.

Remember, if this major international event is to be the success it deserves to be, we need your help and your involvement.

Yours in Peace,

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Sizewell/B

people to go down to the Sizewell enquiry when Friends of the Earth give evidence - it'll be this week coming probably (27th Feb. - 2 March)

Please contact Friends of the Earth, 15 Goosegate, Nottingham as soon as possible.

Please come, it's very relevant to CND (more plutonium for warheads!!)

NATURE NOTES (from 'Not the 1984 Times')

As the first snowdrops pop their tender heads above the ice-hard soil so a rustling can be heard in the Berkshire countryside. Rubber booted through the flashy air-force base passes the questing Greenham Common Woman. She is a familiar sight at this or any other time of the year, with her short, cropped plumage, drabblly coloured dungarees and Peruvian knitted hat, her skin a mottled blue and puce.

This year her traditional mating cry, a distinctive high-pitched keening has been heard as far east as London and as far north as the lochs of Scotland. The Greenham Common women, or Hysteria Islingtonia as she is known to the serious ornithologist, prefers to nest in conditions of great squalor, surrounded by others of her kind and making use of whatever twigs, stones and pieces of human detritus she can find to make some shelter from the winter winds.

Her breeding cycle is an unusual one. She is raised, mates and reproduces in the suburbs of major urban areas. But then, for reasons which scientists are still trying to determine, she leaves her home and follows the great herds of women homing in on the nesting grounds outside Newbury. She may choose to take her furry brood of chicks clad in Afghan wool with her on her journey, but more often prefers to travel alone.

Once at her destination her main concern is the accumulation of publicity. She performs extraordinary mass rituals before the admiring eyes of male television crews. The greatest threat to her survival comes from the dangerous predator Heseltinus belligerens (a shaggy beast given to wild ranting noises) that also prefers to move in herds. Both species are on the endangered list.

Andy D'Agorne.

Sounds Familiar?

"Why of course people don't want war. It is the Leaders who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is democracy, or a Fascist dictatorship, or a Parliament, or a Communist dictatorship. All you have to do is to tell them that they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

Field Marshall Hermann Goering, Hitler's

YOUR BULLETIN NEEDS YOU!!

If you've any ideas/skills/time then come to the editorial meeting, help layout & artwork, or learn to print. Ring NCND-581948.

THANKS!

GRAND ANNUAL SALE

March

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Information Centre 15 Goosegate.

March

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