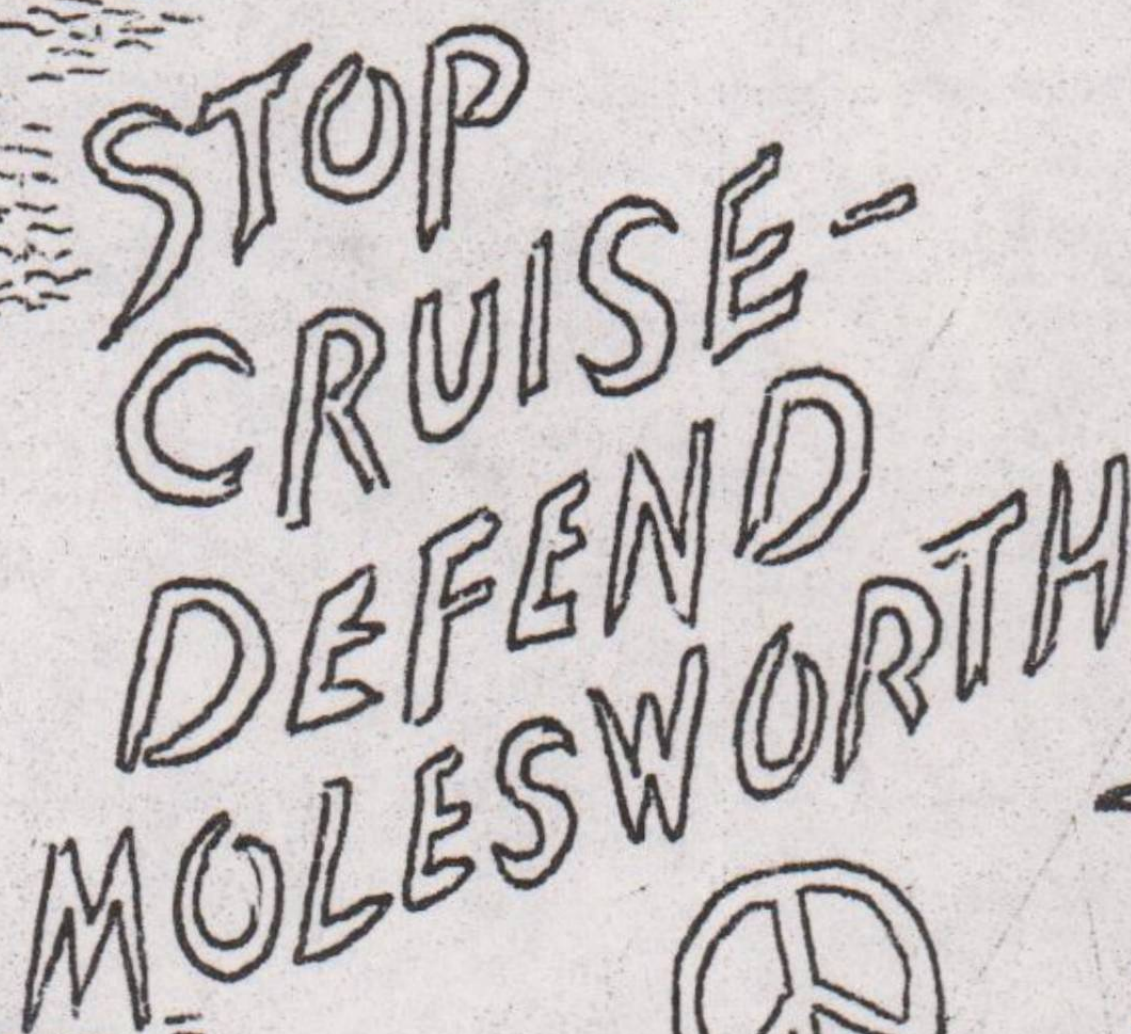
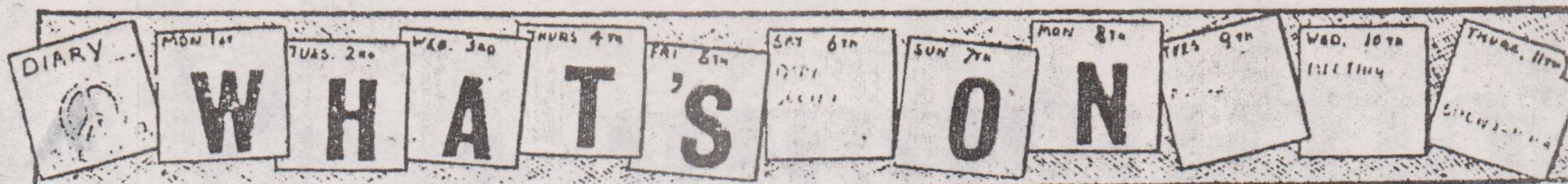


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- JAN Wed 30 Media Group first meeting. 2 Grosvenor Ave, Mapperley Park. 7.30.
- FEB Sun 3 Monthly meeting - details below - Friends Meeting House. 7.30.
- CND Regional Meeting. NCND office 2 - 6.
- Mon 4 PAN meeting on Molesworth. NCND Office. 7.30.
- Thur 7 Co-ordinating Meeting. NCND Office. 7.30.
- Fri 8 Public Debate: Michael Knowles M.P. & Pete Strauss. Italian Community Centre, Forest Fields. 7.30.
- Sun 10 Molesworth Defence Campaign Meeting. 7.30. NCND Office.
- Mon 11 John Pilger's "The Truth Game" Trent Poly Byron Theatre 7 pm.
- Christians & the Bomb Discussion Meeting. The Grange, Radcliffe. 7.30
- Tue 12 Carmel Holmes at Guildhall for non-payment of Alconbury fine. 9.15 a.m.
- Sun 17 Bulletin Editorial Meeting & DEADLINE for contributions. NCND office. 7.30.
- Mon 18 PAN General Meeting. NCND Office 7.30.
- Tue 19 Video Show. All Saints Community Centre. 7.30.
- Thu 21 Poly Public Lecture "Problems of Contemporary Military Strategy" W.H. Park of R.N. College, Greenwich. Arkwright Theatre 12 - 1.
- Fri 22 Disco in aid of Molesworth Defence. Details below.
- Sat 23 Mapperley Group placarding Woodborough Road. 10 a.m.
- Wed 27 Office Volunteers meeting. 11 a.m. NCND Office.
- MAR Sat 2 March Bulletin READY for collection. (We hope !)
- Sun 3 Members Meeting . - Details below.
- Mon 4 PAN Meeting. NCND Office. 7.30.
- Thur 7 Co-ordinating Meeting. NCND Office. 7.30.
- Sat 30 Mass Cycle-In at Chilwell. Chilwell Olympia. 11 a.m.
- EASTER WEEKEND - MOLESWORTH MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATION - Details next month.

MONTHLY MEETINGS * First SUNDAY in the month.

February 3. Policy-making (see resolution p.8)

AND Speaker from THE ALCONBURY NINE.

March 3. "Nuclear Free Zones - What do they mean ?"

Speaker: Lydia Merrill from Huddersfield
Convenor of NFZ Network; involved in
Liaison between British & overseas
NFZ's.

County & City councillors will be invited.

April 14 (SECOND Sunday) Lobbying and the Military Industrial Complex

Speaker: Dr Garri Donn, Oxford Research Group.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, CLARENDON ST. 7.30 p.m.

BOP AGAINST THE BOMB

FRI FEB 22

7.30 p.m. onwards

ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Corner of Sherwood Rise
and Vivian Ave.)

ALL PROCEEDS TO NCND
MOLESWORTH DEFENCE GP

Tickets: £1.25
(unwaged £1.25.)

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	ANNIVERSARIES, REGIONAL/NATIONAL EVENTS ETC	LOCAL EVENTS FUNDRAISING	MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS OTHER MEETINGS	BULLETIN MEDIA	YOUR OWN NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP PLANS GO HERE!
FEB	WINTEx MOLESWORTH ACTIVITIES YOND CONFERENCE	Civil Defence 200 Club launch	POLICY- County Council Elections +Alconbury 7, Time for a Change Debate with Michael Knowles	Wintex Molesworth Civil Defence	
MAR	TUCND DAYSCHOOL	MOLESWORTH TREE- PLANTING Peace Conference	NFZ Councils	Molesworth Peace Conference Molesworth	
APR	EASTER AT MOLESWORTH	MARCH CHILWELL- MOLESWORTH ?	?+Chilwell Info Pack	Peace Festival Trident March	MOLESWORTH
MAY	MAYDAY COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS	Trades Council March Dayschool-tactics & strategy? Envelope appeal?	Interhelp & social	Hiroshima/ Nagasaki day Trident March Chilwell Factsheet Chilwell Factsheet	
JUN	GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL YOND DEMO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY(1st)	Trident March/ Action	POLICY incl. Annual Conf. resolutions, Citywide leaflet	PEACE FESTIVAL Trident March	
JUL		PEACE FESTIVAL	?	Citywide leaflet Peace Festival Hiroshima/ Nagasaki	PEACE FESTIVAL
AUG	HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI DAYS HOLIDAYS!	St. Peters Gate + vigils etc	Conf. amendments+ social/exhibition	Hiroshima/ Nagasaki events Citywide leaflet National Demo Citywide leaflet	HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI DAYS
SEPT.		CITYWIDE LEAFLET	POLICY+ choose Conf. delegates Public Meeting?	National Demo Remembrance National Demo	CITYWIDE LEAFLET
OCT	NATIONAL DEMO UNITED NATIONS DAY + ONE WORLD WEEK	Stall etc	?+mandating Conf. delegates	National Demo Remembrance Xmas plans National Demo	NATIONAL DEMO
NOV	REMEMBRANCE NATIONAL CONFERENCE	St. Peter's Gate+?	A.G.M.+ Elections	Xmas plans Remembrance National Conf.	REMEMBRANCE
DEC	CRUISE ARRIVAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!	Torchlit Procession? St. Peter's Gate Stall	?+ social		XMAS STALL
1986	PEACEFUL NEW YEAR LOTS OF REGULAR EVENTS, JOBS, ETC HAVE BEEN OMITTED - FOR CLARITY ONLY, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN AND YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED WITH THEM ALL!	No real plans so far except for the idea of a Flag Day, in March?			

OUTLINE ONLY, DETAILS FROM OFFICE, BULLETIN, CAMPAIGN ETC.

THIS WILL BE UPDATED

DEFEND MOLESWORTH

DEFEND MOLESWORTH

CND is launching a major new campaign around Molesworth - designated as the second cruise missile site in Britain.

I. The NATIONAL EASTER DEMONSTRATION.

A series of marches over the Easter holiday culminating at Molesworth on Easter Monday.
(Full details next month.)

II. The PLEDGE CAMPAIGN.

CND calls on members and others to pledge themselves to go to Molesworth for at least one day when and if construction begins.

(See article "Sign the Pledge" and PLEDGE FORM attached to the BACK of the Bulletin.)

Some pledgers will non-violently resist the construction work; others will go in supporting roles.

Molesworth—the keystone of European deployment

Even at first glance it can be seen that their intention to build a whole Cruise base from scratch on open grassland in the middle of England presents us with a unique challenge and opportunity.

But the total significance of Molesworth must be seen through its crucial importance in the overall European deployment scheme.

If each of the other four 'host' countries are separate blocks in the intended arch of European deployment, then Molesworth is the single keystone without which they will not hold together.

Although they have successfully built their Cruise base in Sicily the other building blocks of Holland, Belgium and West Germany are extremely shaky—each with a gov-

ernment split on the issue and under extreme public pressure to cancel acceptance.

In Holland the decision has been deferred until the coming November, when not only are they due for a general election, but the Dutch Court will be holding a public hearing of the case brought against the government on the grounds that its acceptance of Cruise breaches its stipulated duty to keep decision-making on defence matters in the hands of the Dutch themselves.

In Belgium, where a general election is due in the spring, they have already had to postpone their final decision on acceptance until February and, meanwhile, West Germany has had to state that if any one of the other intended host countries turns out not to accept Cruise it will, itself, refuse acceptance.

Recognising this current shakiness of the US plans it is easy to see that the building of Molesworth in

this coming crucial year could, if passively accepted, serve to re-strengthen the pro-Cruise politicians of Europe and demoralise their anti-Cruise public at their very moment of decision.

However, if Molesworth is made the catalyst for a massive and determined campaign of resistance here, this could be the deciding factor for a rejection of Cruise throughout those other countries.

For these reasons the eyes of the governments and campaigners in Holland, Belgium, West Germany and the US will be fixed on Molesworth this coming year, the new year in which our resolution can prove even more effective than simple faith in moving a mountain.

Whatever else each of us may do in 1985 we must all surely pledge ourselves to defend Molesworth against Cruise and Europe from further deployment.

DEFEND MOLESWORTH

The campaign to defend Molesworth and stop it becoming a second American Cruise base in this country, promises to be the most important task facing the Peace Movement in 1985 ('86, '87, '88?) If we can stop, interrupt or delay them at Molesworth, we can become a focus of inspiration for the Peace Movements right across Western and Eastern Europe and North America.

There are a number of factors in our favour.

- * There is no base at Molesworth yet. It is 800 acres of open land. Unlike Greenham Common, the Military are going to have to begin from scratch. the Peace Movement can contest every fence post, every brick and stone.

- * The campaign to defend Molesworth will not be a women-only campaign, and so will involve many, many more people.

- * Our movement is much stronger now that it has ever been before. National membership of CND has more than doubled since June '83. It is still growing at a rate of 400 a week. Since the original Cruise/Pershing deployment decision, the early construction work at Greenham and the arrival of the first missiles at Greenham in December '83, our movement has grown more confident and experienced.

- * There is already a failure of nerve in Washington over Molesworth. The Observer reported on August 5th that "funds for construction work at Molesworth ... have been frozen by the Americans." Apparently, the Congressional Sub-Committee responsible for allocating money to the US Airforce Department, will not release the £11.4 million "until the plan to build this base has been certified as 'Valid'".

The campaign basically involves having hundreds and thousands of demonstrators at Molesworth to EITHER protest and demonstrate, OR obstruct and interfere, from as soon as work begins to build the base. The East and South Midlands have been allocated Wednesdays.

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

- 1) Sign and return the Molesworth Pledge now
- 2) Make sure your neighbourhood group, Trade Union, Labour Party branch, invite a speaker from the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group to your next meeting. (They have all been written to already)
- 3) Get involved in the campaign. The Defend

Molesworth Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at NCND, 7.30pm. There is lots to do... raise cash, organize transport, creche facilities, lobby the Council, hold meetings and training days, produce publicity.

AND ABOVE ALL...

Start thinking about going to Molesworth on that first Wednesday and maybe one Wednesday a month after that. It is a big decision to make. After all, it may mean missing a day of work, or a signing-on day at the DHSS, or finding someone to look after kids and relatives, or breaking an engagement. It is a lot to ask, especially of those who have jobs. But it can be done!

In practical terms it may mean just taking a days paid holiday or going "off sick" or just taking unpaid leave. But it also means making a big, personal/political decision. It means saying - "This issue is so important to me, that I am prepared to face the inconvenience and disruption of suddenly dropping everything and going off to Molesworth. I will sacrifice the routine and everyday security of my life, in order to demonstrate on behalf of ALL life.

We generally do not take days off work, or break engagements unless there is an emergency. WELL, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, for if we do not mobilize ourselves to defend Molesworth, we will have missed one of our best opportunities yet of halting the drift to War.

And the greatest mistake of all would be to think that we, as individuals, do not make any difference. The truth is that if EVERYBODY goes to Molesworth, we will win. Everybody is nothing more than all of us, every individual one of us, making that difficult personal decision and then coming together to demonstrate and take action for Peace.

Pete Strauss
Nottingham "Defend Molesworth" Group

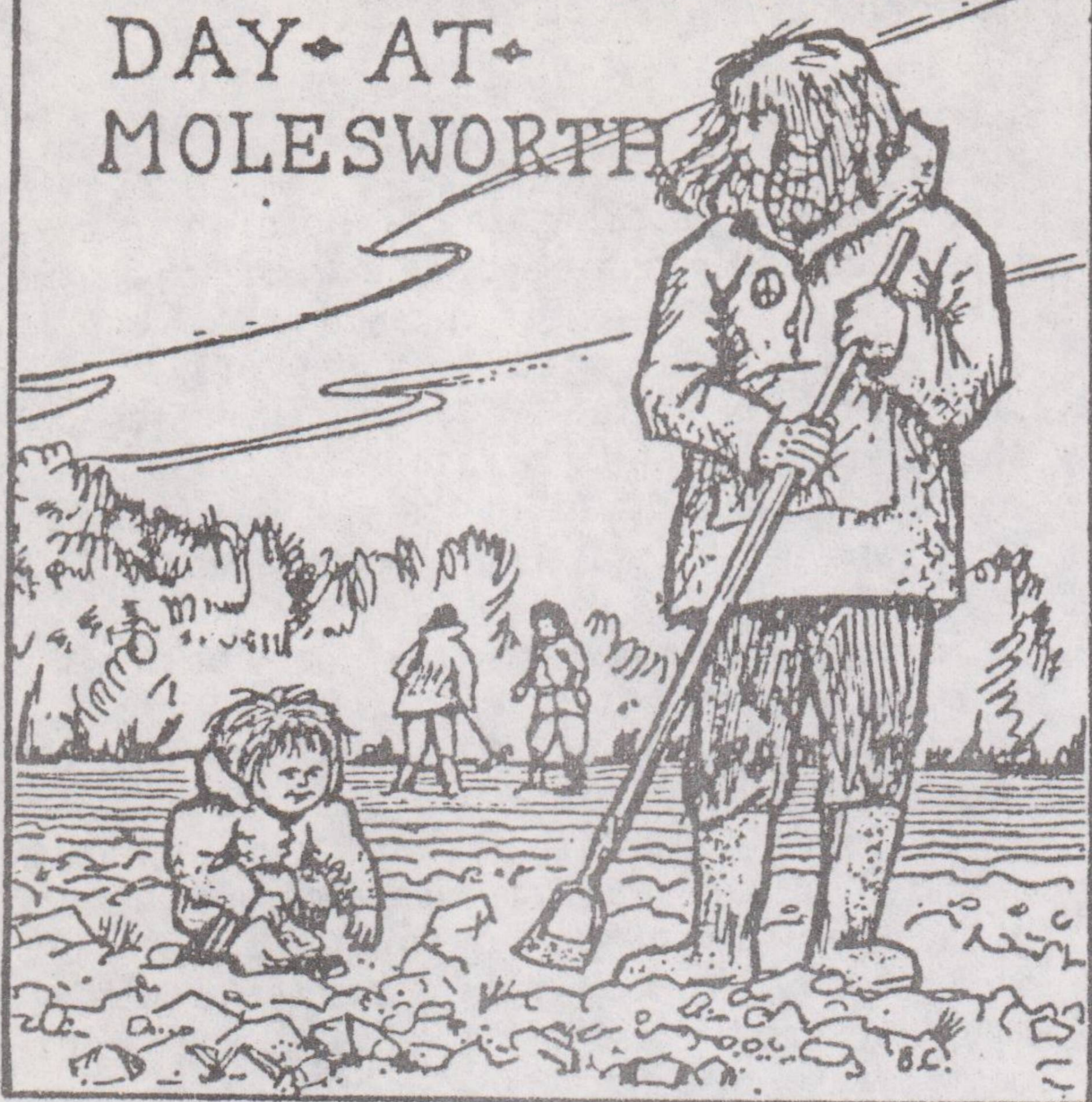
"Campaign" summarizes the main decisions.

It all took an awful lot of effort, before and during the conference, and to my mind the outcome - at least in terms of resolutions - was all really rather predictable.

Unity and "good" results are all very well, but the original list of resolutions contained so much that was controversial, that would have benefitted from discussion and decision at Annual Conference. National Council decides the final agenda and resolutions that don't get on it are referred back to National Council - I think they could have presented the Conference with a more lively Agenda - I hope they do next year.

Kristian Raunkilde

WINTER PLANTING DAY AT MOLESWORTH



The Peace Campers occupying the Molesworth site earmarked for the UK's second cruise missile base have just finished gathering in their first harvest of wheat for Eritrea, which they grew with some help from sympathetic local farmers. It wasn't as good as they hoped it would be, but the ground was prepared for a second crop of winter wheat, and they called for volunteers to come to the Camp to help plant it on September 20th.

The idea of turning airfields into wheatfields appealed to some of us; it's the sort of thing talked about airily in the pub, but no actual dirt ever gets under the fingernails. The links between the campaign for peace and the campaign against absolute poverty in underdeveloped countries are clear. The rich countries "walk tall", and squander vast resources on ever more exotic and expensive weaponry, against a background of increasing worldwide poverty, disease and hunger. In famine relief, lack of transport is a major problem, yet there is always plenty around for NATO war games, or for exercising righteous might on a distant South Atlantic rock.

So we set off for Cambridgeshire, heavily armed with rude agricultural implements, clad in wellies and looking pretty organic. Molesworth seemed quite difficult to find, because we were on the outskirts of Cambridge before the navigators reached a consensus that the OS map was upside down. A look over any OS sheet will show some of the thousands of acres of land owned by MOD as airfields, camps, and ranges, which could be put to better use. At least this bit at Molesworth was going to be, although we were under no illusions as to how big that "bit" is in relation to the size of the problem. The relief agencies

warned about two years ago, that their resources would be insufficient to cope with the crisis which has now broken in Ethiopia. But these warnings went unheeded until a sufficiently newsworthy disaster had developed and forced governments to take some token action, too late for many.

But what about those crises about to break months, years from now in Kenya, Bangladesh, Chad, Upper Volta? Periodic famines are only a symptom of the worsening malnutrition which affects far more people. In the mid 70's, the UN estimated that 415 million people in Asia, Africa, India, and Latin America consumed less than the minimum diet needed to maintain good health. This daily struggle for survival doesn't make any headlines.

We knew we'd arrived because we could see a lot of cars, a few caravans among the trees and a line of people dressed like us enthusiastically attacking a field with rakes and hoes. It was very windy when we got out of the minibus and unleashed the kids, but sunny and dry under foot. Everyone who came that day was asked to bring a contribution to a two tonne shipment of food for Eritrea, so our first job was to deliver a sack of millet donated by Ouroboros Whole Food Collective, then we joined a line of people who were preparing to do the sowing. Each group was given a plastic bag of wheat, which some scattered while others came behind hoeing it in. So the line slowly advanced across the field to the other side.

When all this unaccustomed toiling in the fields was finished, we sat out of the wind by the wall of a chapel built by the Campers, and consecrated by the Bishop of Huntingdon. We were talking about what to do next, when one of the children hurt himself badly, and we all took off for the nearest casualty department, where we spent the rest of the day, while his thumb was X-rayed and stitched. In countries like Ethiopia, most people are too far away from any sort of medical treatment for the bad health caused by malnutrition, which turns simple things like measles, diarrhoea and smashed thumbs into killers. Malnutrition contributes to the 40000 children who die in the world EACH DAY from preventable and curable disease.

Four wheat seeds fell out of someone's pocket in the hospital and got planted back in Beeston, so we'll know how the rest of it's getting on. A week later, three green shoots appeared, which are now about 5 inches high. But at Molesworth, contractors have apparently been setting out markers ready for the construction of the missile base. So when we go down again, it'll either be to help with the harvest, or to sit in front of bulldozers. None of us realised you could get so worked up about a load of wheat...

Bob Cann,
Beeston Anti-Nuclear Group.

policy making

RESOLUTION FOR NCND POLICY-MAKING MEETING
FEBRUARY 3RD

- 1) This meeting welcomes the moves made NCND Executive towards a system of specialized responsibility by Executive members.
- 2) This meeting instructs the Executive to ensure that ALL important areas of campaigning are covered in this way. Co-options should be made where necessary.
- 3) This meeting urges all Executive members to organise and publicize working groups of meetings to deal with their specialized areas of work. These working groups or meetings should be open to all NCND members.
- 4) Executive should be responsible for ensuring that NCND members are familiar with and involved in the work of their groups, by using the Bulletin and providing "talks" to neighbourhood group meetings.
- 5) Non-NCND members can be involved in the working groups where appropriate (eg Trade Unionists, Councillors etc)
- 6) This meeting resolves that each Executive member shall produce a brief written report on their areas of work, over the previous three months for every NCND Policy-Making Meeting. Copies should be circulated at the meeting.

PROPOSED: Dave Dickinson
SECONDED: Pete Strauss

we need £s

Money - WE NEED IT

Monthly, Co-ordinating and Exec meetings all say so and have up with lots of ways of raising it. There's a giant list on the office wall and a smaller one herewith.

NCND Saving boxes. Flag Day in 1986, Separate Bulletins for street sales. Socials, Discos, Classical, folk, jazz evenings. Envelope collections, feast/fast meals, Exec sponsored parachute jump (or something), dance marathons, coffee mornings, cheese and wine evenings, plant, jumble, auctions, sales, appeals to better-off individuals.

Below you'll see one good idea already getting off the ground.

We're not greedy - proceeds could be shared, and we're not just asking, we're also offering - the office can help in many ways. What we want you/your group to do is to take on just one of these during the year. Please think about it and get in touch with the Exec - we'll be only too pleased to help.

Costs are going up, our activities are expanding and WE don't have a limitless "defence" budget to spend.

We have taken on particular areas of responsibility and are maintaining an awareness of these. Wherever possible, working groups are already operating or planned. Please get in touch if you are interested in any area and please feed us information, comment and ideas and help.

GENERAL AREAS

Office: Overview of premises, office volunteers, stock and resource control, stalls...Ann and Andy
Media and information: Media contacts, style and presentation of leaflets and other materials...Barbara

Research into wider circulation newspapers...Earl
Monthly meetings: Programme planning and organization...Kristian and Ann

Neighbourhood and specialist groups: Liaison with...Celia and Rob

Bulletin: Liaison with ...Bulletin team/Andy

Regional contacts: Bronwen

Forward plannings: Dave and Kristian

National Council Meetings.....

Trade Union: Liaison with Bronwen

City and County Councils: Liaison with Kristian and Ann

PAN: Liaison with Rob and Dave

Acting Treasurer: No one stood for election...Ann

Fundraising: Making sure that all events are as much as possible fundraisers; organizing major fundraising actions.

* No one person has taken overall responsibility for this and we would like to co-opt someone who would. In the meantime, we are initiating the 200 Club and have plans for an envelope appeal.

Particular Campaigning Focuses

CRUISE Overview (including the Molesworth action)...Dave

TRIDENT (including mid-year local demo)...Ann

CHILWELL ...Kristian

CIVIL DEFENCE ...Andy

LOBBYING MPs ...Rob

CND/PAN 200 CLUB

WIN 350 AND HELP CND AND PAN. The 200 Club works by getting 200 people to pledge £1.00 a month. Each person is allocated a number, and at every CND Monthly Meeting there will be a draw for a prize of £50 and two half monthly prizes of £10 and £5.

To cut down on administration, it will help us if you fill in the BANKER'S ORDER FORM below. If you don't have a bank account you may join the Club for a year with a single payment of £12.00 or a twice-yearly payment of £6.00.

You are not limited to one share. If you feel adventurous, why not have 2 or 5? You will be giving CND and PAN more help and increasing your chances of winning. Get your friends to join to. Forms available from NCND.

The first draw will be on Sunday March 3rd., so hurry and return your form.

Please return to CND/PAN 200 Club,
Unit B. 14-18 St Mary's Gate, Nottm.

Name

Address

I would like share/s in CND/PAN
200 Club at £1.00 each.

Total per month £

To Bank

Branch address ;

Account Number

Please pay on receipt of this order the
sum of £ and on the first day
of every month thereafter to:

Co-operative Bank, Nottingham Branch,
Friar Lane, Nottingham, to the credit of
CND/PAN 200 Club A/C 50526877.

Signed Date

CASH PAYMENT £12.00/6.00 (delete as
appropriate.)

Promoter: Rob Holland, 33 Church Drive,
Carrington, Nottingham.

CHILWELL facts appeal

Of all the suggestions for action on Chilwell, the call for an information pack is the best starting point for my involvement on behalf of Executive (see notice elsewhere). Information - real information, not the "official" version - is one of our main tools in this, and every other, campaign.

Try contrasting, for example, this cutting with official assurances that no more than half-a-dozen USAF personnel will be stationed there:

THE YANKS ARE COMING

And we meet the first arrivals

By Liz Justice

THE first Americans have arrived at the Chilwell Ordnance Depot . . . unaware of the hostility and suspicion their takeover has caused.

But the young Air Force recruits brought in to turn the depot into Chilwell 3rd Air Force base have issued a "no missiles" message to the protestors. And one of them told me: "I can understand they may feel threatened, but I don't have anything to do with missiles, and at Chilwell there is no provision that I have seen that they are ever going to be there."

In their local hotel the young Americans told me about their visit to Chilwell.

They are from the other American bases in Britain and are on Temporary Duty Assignment - called TDY. They arrived in Chilwell on November 27.

The lads I spoke to are posted for administration, transportation and fuel storage.

None expect to be on permanent assignment at Chilwell.

The total of Americans

at Chilwell is thought to be around 30 to 35, although "some have moved out."

I asked one about the reaction of the local people. He said: "Lots of them have been real friendly and there is a pizza hut and MacDonalds where we can eat out. We have been in one or two of the discos and liked the atmosphere very much."

Sometimes people start arguing with us. They have a one-sided view of the American armed forces, thinking we just go around blow-

ing things up all the while.

"They should check out what they think and not make personal generalisations."

They all agreed Chilwell was only going to be a storage base.

So what did they think of Nottingham? "I guess the place is quite nice, the only fault is that with only staying for 19 days and working, we have not really been to see the famous Robin Hood!"

December 27 1984

And don't be fooled by the "temporary" bit - there are who knows how many USAF personnel "temporarily" stationed here.

I have been lent any amount of papers to go through and I'd love any more information - facts, rumours, documents with sources if possible - to collate. Please contact me at home or via the office. Originals returned and confidentiality respected, as requested.

Results will be published as a factsheet in the Bulletin as soon as possible and be available in more detail in the office.

Thanks

Kristian.

DISARMERS TALKING BACK

This is a magazine of recorded articles on disarmament for the blind, and partially sighted. For further information contact Liz Silver on: 584569

C.N.D Conference

Conference Quick Check

Arms conversion: step up campaigning in cooperation with the trade unions.

Illegality of nuclear weapons: Determination to give this greater emphasis and work jointly with INLAW and Lawyers for Nuclear Disarmament.

Sea Launched Cruise Missiles: Promote a national campaign both nationally and at ports and bases likely to be visited by SLCMs.

Nuclear Weapons of the USSR: Dissatisfaction with the wording of the resolution led conference to decide not to vote on it.

Non nuclear defence: Campaign to make people more aware that Britain has no national security policy at present.

Airland Battle: Step up the campaign on this dangerous nuclear warfighting doctrine.

Civil Defence: Raise awareness of CND members about the threat to civil liberties in for instance the forthcoming police and criminal evidence bill.

Trident: Greater and more consistent emphasis on this aspect of the campaign.

Emergency resolutions: call to the British government to publicly oppose any invasion of Nicaragua and to the US government to stop threatening military intervention. **Cruise:** Maximum support to the women's peace camp and any women's actions at Greenham.

CND Conference - A Personal View

There's a great deal of difference between the Aspley CND jumble sale and the national CND conference. At the former a mere handful of people are raising the finance we need to do ANYTHING and providing a gentle reminder to the Aspley fold, that - well, at least a handful of local residents care to act. At the latter, some 2,000 Super-Activists discuss CND's constitution, Air Land Battles and delete and insert amendments to motions in the most self-important fashion as if disarmament depended on the very next point of order. I couldnt help but think that much of CND's conference was rather like school debating teams in session. Only 1/3 of CND groups want or are able to attend and I couldnt help but feel that there must be better ways of taking the movement forward than this.

By the second day, I could no longer listen to the succession of serious people lecturing to me about how bad NATO is. We've all known it for years. And then there is the Soviet Union's 26 - or was it 42? - Peace proposals all thrown out by the West. Yes indeed. And I would be the first to give support to rank and file workers taking industrial action against Trident... Rebecca Johnson from Greenham put her finger on it when she said, towards the end that "people have been talking a language I didnt then understand". If that's the view from Greenham, what do people from Aspley think?

And yet, willy-nilly and despite everything there were some major debates. Green CND attempted to get opposition to nuclear energy enshrined in CND7s constitution. Although they failed narrowly in that respect, NO speakers came forward to DEFEND nuclear energy - and that's a big change from a few years ago. And - despite the cumbersome nature of the conference - the proposal to restrict representation to delegates from groups only fell when it was realised that the Greenham Women, the Molesworth Squatters and

Joan Ruddock herself, could not have attended conference unless sent from a local group.

Conference accepted that there is value in the individual witness as much as the group action and I was very pleased. (NOTE: the Nottingham CND delegates were under instructions to vote FOR the exclusion but I doubt whether any of us would have freely done so after hearing the debate.

During the breaks and evenings there was a wide choice of fringe meetings and workshops and this was the time to get away from the rhetoric and, in my case, get briefed on what was happening at Molesworth and learn how to lobby and how not to lobby, Conservative MPs. Back at the house I was staying at (a six-mile 15p bus ride away, this was South Yorkshire!) I could talk with a mixed bag of CNDers from all over the place, and from one woman, learn how her husband was being thrown out of GCHQ on early retirement because he insisted on holding a Union card. These personal contacts are the nuts and lentils of any conference.

And finally, after it was all over and the motions had been put away for another year, and the new National Council (3/4 women as it happens) had been elected, and £600 had been collected for the Miners and Bruce Kent given a long standing ovation for his years as General Secretary, and Joan Ruddock could step down from solidly chairing the whole event. In comes the Sheffield Street Band and up they are onto the main platform and Joan Ruddock is playing the marraccas and the Street Band leads us out onto the street (where music belongs) with the anti-nuclear conga.

Can I go again next year, Please?

Ross Bradshaw

Listergate Stall

Stalwarts braved wind, rain and frost with tree, stall and Christmas card leaflets during the week before Christmas. Much interest was shown and record Sales achieved.

NCND on Listergate is now a well-established feature of the Nottingham Saturday scene. Our new stall, complete with headboard, has made this a very effective way of making contact with the public and an important source of income.

To keep it that way, we need more and more volunteers - both groups and individuals - the more we have, the longer the stall can stay out. Ring the office and put yourself/selves down on the rota.

PAX CHRISTI

MEETING OF PAX CHRISTI AND KEYWORTH CND

On Wednesday 28th November there was a meeting between Nottingham Pax Christi and Keyworth CND which took place recently at the Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace. After tea and introductions, both groups spent 15 minutes in the chapel praying for peace.

The discussion afterwards centred on the question, "What is Peace and what is the best way to ensure a peaceful world?" It was a question which sparked off many others.

* Is conflict an integral part of human nature

*Does a mother who smacks her child teach that might is right.

*Could the pursuit of inner peace be to the detriment of working for peace in the world.

*Or was the pursuit of one dependent on the other.

*Was inner peace to be gained through the rejection of all desires including that of success in the pursuit of peace issues.

*Are there guidelines which could be taught to defuse potential conflict in personal relationships.

*How far is conflict the result of an absence of truth.

*How far was peace to be found in the acceptance of suffering.

*Was peace a state to be achieved or to be discovered.

*Must pacifism be a purely personal response to conflict.

*Is it possible to have a pacifist nation.

*What is to be made of Christ's words, "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword"?

At the end there was a general feeling that the meeting had been worthwhile. We had a better understanding of each other and, paradoxically considering all the unanswered questions, a clearer understanding of peace.

Mike Jennings

Contact the above for information about Pax Christi on Plumtree 5318 or 167 Mount Pleasant, Keyworth.

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NUCLEAR FREE-ZONE OFFICER

The draft of the Manifesto on which the Labour Party will fight the County Council elections in May contains a proposal to appoint a full-time Nuclear Free Zone Officer, if a Labour County Council is returned to power. This would obviously be a very important development for our campaign.

cnd Airborne

I won't go into the full details of the seventeen events to which we took the CND balloon last year. We covered about 5,000 miles and received great hospitality wherever we went. At about 13 events we were unable to fly including the Nottingham Peace Festival! We kept a low profile as regards the media until we became proficient at handling the thing; then we decided we could attend bigger events. We were at Barrow, but so was a strong wind so we couldn't fly over the demonstration. We were outside the Brighton Hotel hours before the explosion; again the winds were howling...it's got to work out right soon!

DO YOU FANCY HAVING A GO?

Taking the balloon around the country, (usually at week-ends) is exciting, rewarding, and *** tiring. Would you like to join us on 3 or 4 of these trips? Do you have a vehicle of 1600c.c. or more because that would be a great help? CND Airborne pays the expenses...just.

We are pledged to the donors of the balloon to remain legal and peaceful in any actions.

We couldn't guarantee you a flight in the balloon as we're concentrating on getting Dave Smith his pilot's licence and another place is taken by a qualified pilot, but there's a reasonable chance of a flight when conditions are right.

If you're interested, phone me, Patrick Hatton, on Langley Mill 761409.

PRISON BRIEFING

I have put together a few pages of practical notes about the life inside LINCOLN PRISON. Anyone from Nottingham CND who intends or expects to serve a sentence at Lincoln some time, may find the notes useful. It is available from PAN at cost price or 15p (plus donations if you can afford it).

Recycling for Peace (or CASH NOT TRASH)

Don't throw your old newspapers away! They could be turned into cash for the RAINBOW CENTRE who are setting up a citywide network to collect paper.

We already have a few collectors but need many more. If you are interested in recycling for Peace, contact:
LYNN on 47837
or VAL on 472802.

The following areas already have collectors:-
Lenton: Fergus, 61 Teversal Ave; Lyn and Heinz, 284 Derby Road; Radford, Dorothy, 35A Burns Street; Radcliffe: Greg, 2 Valley Road.

Letters

Dear Bulletin

Some time this year, spring or summer, Mr Gromyko will be visiting this country. Perhaps he is coming to see for himself how a democracy can almost destroy itself with the consent of an ignorant, naive, and depressingly stupid population.

To date we have protested against British and American nuclear weapons and politicians with the odd reference thrown in here and there to the Soviets. Our constitution states that we are opposed to nuclear weapons of both East and West and we shall now have the opportunity to demonstrate that maxim when Gromyko arrives.

I do not intend to discuss the pros and cons of this issue here; there simply isn't the time or space. What I would suggest is that N.G.s discuss this as soon as possible before the March co-ordinating meeting and come to that meeting with a decision so that NCND can make a clear and definite statement to National CND concerning a possible demonstration against Soviet nuclear weapons.

We live in a country where the media are the opinion makers. We can either let them use and abuse us, or we can turn the tables to our own advantage. Expediency must come first.

Rob Nichols
(on behalf of the Lenton Group)

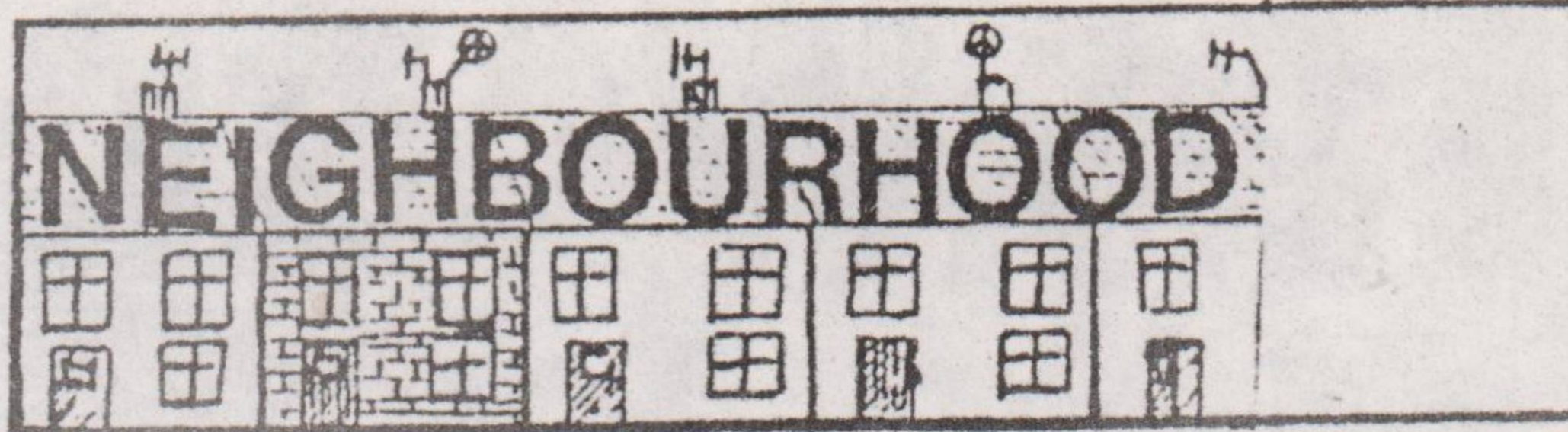


LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SUMMER ?

Enter the Nottingham Marathon
wearing a shirt with this
design

(We can get them)

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TRENT POLY The group had a very busy Autumn term, holding regular meetings showing several videos and having speakers from the Alconbury 9 and M.C.A.N.W. they produced newsletters, organised a coach to Barrow and took part in the Alconbury trespass on December 2nd.

BEESTON (B.A.N.G.) Continues to meet regularly and also has an active NVDA group.

Recent activities: Greenham visit, the re-visiting of Chilwell, a Xmas party and auction, a Day school on nuclear issues and campaigning skills and (with neighbourhood groups) the mass leafleting on the Chilwell area.

SNEINTON Ran a stall at a School Xmas fair, had a well-attended "Reclaim Chilwell" video show and a pub social following their stint on the Listergate Xmas Stall.

FOREST FIELDS P.G. Continues its regular newsletter, has had speakers on Namibia and run a stall at Goosefair. The NVDA group flourishes with over 30 members, and has been active at Alconbury and round R.O.C. bunkers. One member has recently served a 14 day jail sentence for non-payment of fines.

The F.F.P.G. effectively drew the attention of rush-hour traffic to cruise exits from Greenham. Vigils were held at 5.00pm at the Mansfield Road roundabout with candles, banners and the message: "Hoot if you support us". There was much hooting.

WEST BRIDGFORD Continue their monthly stall outside the library and their own newsletter. Visits have been made to Greenham and a social evening and a jumble sale raising £120 organised. The NVDA group continues and was involved in the Chilwell trespass.

CARLTON/GEDLING Ran a Christmas stall outside Netherfield Co-op.

MAPPERLEY Continues to attract new members and is holding a free film show on Wednesday 30th January at 7.30pm, Hogarth School, Porchester Road. The films to be shown "Message of Hope" and "The Medical Effects of Nuclear War" by Dr Helen Caldicott. Mapperley is placarding on Saturday 23rd February, 10.00am, Woodborough Road (Meet Denmark Grove). They are also having a Bunker Party on Saturday 16th February.



FORWARD PLANNING

FORWARD PLANNING: SOME EXPLORATORY RESEARCH ON PUBLIC ATTITUDES TO CND

The Forward Planning Group of National CND has been commissioning research to help us identify how best we in CND can win public support for nuclear disarmament policies. The following summarises the 35-page report already prepared. The people selected to question were marginally sympathetic, neutral or unsympathetic, i.e. a "middle range" of public opinion.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS

1. People are concerned about the prospect of nuclear war, but tend not to think about it because it is horrifying and they feel powerless to do anything about nuclear weapons.
2. People see both superpowers as equally aggressive. Because Britain is bound to be caught up in any conflict between them most feel that it must be able to defend itself. A minority of people fear Russia. There is strong dislike of Reagan's policies.
3. Most people are ill-informed about nuclear weapons, but they understand that Polaris and Trident are British weapons, and that cruise missiles are American weapons based in Britain. Concern about dual control of cruise is widespread.
4. Opinion is divided about whether Britain should have an independent nuclear deterrent. Some say 'yes' because we need them to defend ourselves as long as other countries have them. Others say 'no' on moral and economic grounds, or because it is not independent or not a deterrent.
5. Most people believe that NATO policy is 'deterrence', not 'first use' or 'first strike'. They find 'first strike' an unthinkable idea. People prefer to concentrate on possession rather than use of nuclear weapons, but most are aware that 'deterrence' does rely on willingness to use them.
6. Civil defence issues are not well understood, but Government 'protect and survive' advice is ridiculed.
7. All agree that there are too many nuclear weapons in the world. Most think that balanced reduction is the best way to reduce them, but doubt the chances of agreement because the superpowers mistrust each other so much.

8. Given the oversupply of nuclear weapons there is considerable support for the idea of a unilateral gesture by one of the superpowers, rather than by Britain. Since Britain is seen as no longer a major world power, people doubt that the gesture of unilaterally disarming would have any effect on the superpowers.
9. Opinion is divided about independent nuclear disarmament by Britain. Some fear invasion or nuclear blackmail; others think it would make Britain less of a nuclear target (NB: this was before Kinnock's talk with Chernenko). People feel the need for Britain to defend herself from outside threats, but these are undefined.
10. People feel that as individuals they can do nothing about nuclear weapons. Some think pressure groups like CND are an essential and effective part of democracy. Others think they carry no weight against a powerful government.
11. Everyone has heard of CND and there is broad sympathy with its aims. However, these are not well understood. The only CND activities most know of are marches and demonstrations, rather than presenting serious and authoritative arguments. Many would prefer to see CND involving itself in 'serious debate'. People think CND should communicate its aims more clearly.
13. CND is not seen as unpatriotic or particularly left wing, but many people are put off by their perceived image of CND members as mainly "hippies", "weirdoes", etc. There is confusion about the relationship between CND and the Greenham women. The latter have a bad image. Opinion is divided as to whether this is deserved or not.
14. Perceptions of CND (and the Greenham women) are very largely based on media reports. Many realise that these are biased. Few people have had direct personal experience of CND and its members.
15. People believe that CND can be successful only if it receives massive support. Many acknowledged that 'if everyone stood up and protested' something might happen. But they feel that it is not worthwhile joining CND unless it looks like being effective.
16. Many people who do not want to join CND would feel able to support it financially or actively (eg leafletting) if they felt better informed about the issues and the aims of CND.
17. When told that this research had been commissioned by CND and how many members CND had, people were pleased at how strong this showed CND to be, and that CND was interested in the opinions of ordinary people like them.

"The average Jo in the street - because of the image, Greenham and all that... lentil munching.. tends to write them off as crack pots, which is a shame really, because they've got something sensible to say, but they don't say it very sensibly"

(Male, 34 Years, Unsympathetic Group)



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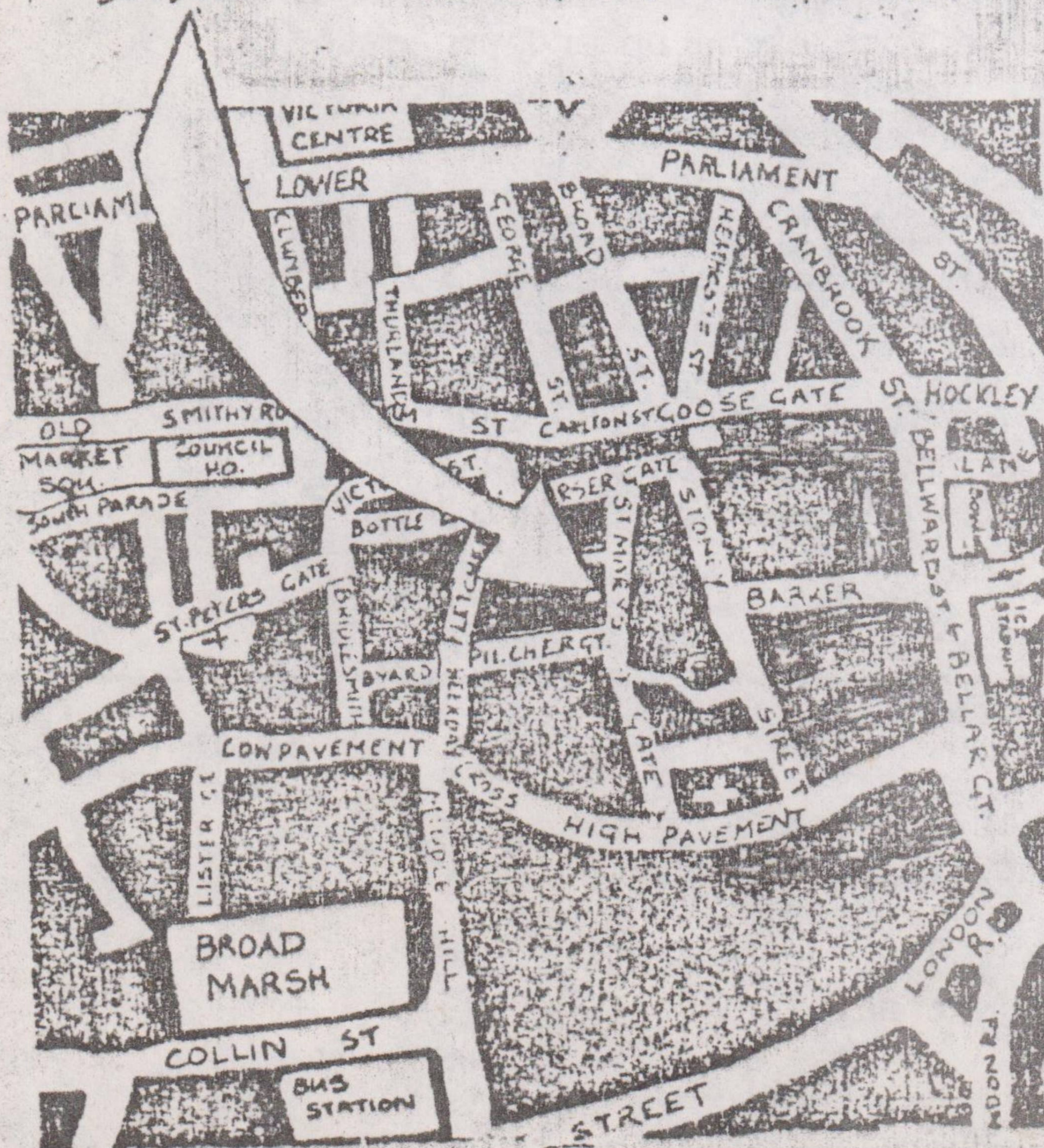
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