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NOTTM. CAMPAIGN for NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT —

SEPTEMBER

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(free to NCND members)

STAR WARS MEETING

I NEED YOU

IT'S AT THE Y.M.C.A. ON SHAKESPERE ST.!

ON THE 12th OF SEPTEMBER—CRIPES!

WE MUST ATTEND!

7.30pm!



WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER

- Thur.5. Co-ordinating Mtg. 7.30. NCND Office.
 Sun.8. Visit to USAF Upper Heywood & Croughton. (Contact Raleigh St. for details).
 Thur.12. "Star Wars" Mtg. (See p.3.)
 Fri. 13. Women's Weekend Conference (See "Campaign").
 Sat. 14. October Bulletin DEADLINE.
 Sun. 15. Editorial Mtg. 7.30. NCND Office.
 SAT. 21. PEACE CONFERENCE. (See P.3.)

OCTOBER

- Thur. 3. Co-ordinating Mtg. 7.30. NCND Office.
 Thur.10. Members' Policy-making Mtg. 7.30. YMCA Boardroom.
 Sat. 12. 3rd World War Conference Birmingham. (See "'Campaign").
 Sat. 26. NATIONAL DEMO.

Videos

Forest Fields P.G. have a number of V.H.S. video tapes on nuclear issues which they will loan to other groups. A donation towards costs would be welcome. Contact Paddy or Cathy on 788655. There are also some tapes available at NCND office.

Nottingham Women for Peace

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN for PEACE have booked the PAN minibus for:

*Sept 7 & 8: Phoenix weekend at Greenham.
 A celebration of the camp's fourth birthday (September 5th).*

*Sept 14 & 15:
 CND Women's Peace Conference in Manchester. (See "Campaign".)*

Any women interested in going to either of these events contact us to book spaces. If there are more than 15 women, we will try to co-ordinate car-pools.

*Cost about £3-5 (unwaged-waged).
 Phone Viv on 780026, Rachel on 607906 or write to Pat, 6 All Saints Terrace, Radford, Nottm or come to our meetings every Tuesday 7.30 p.m., IOC, Mansfield Road.*

Campaign

Members who have their bulletins delivered by neighbourhood groups will receive a free copy of "Campaign" with the September issue.

"Campaign" is published monthly to keep CND members informed of what is being planned - and happening - up and down the country. One copy is distributed to each active neighbourhood group, but some groups buy extra copies so that more members can read it.

If you would like to take "Campaign" regularly, please inform your group contact. 20p per copy, but you must order for 6 months - and pay in advance, please, as NCND has to do.

Invite a CND Speaker

Many organisations - including schools and colleges - are now fixing their future programmes. If you know of any that would like a speaker, contact JOS WOOD on 33 3637 or in writing via NCND office.

Group Meetings

LENTON 10 & 24 Sept. Phone contact for details.

ARNOLD/WOODTHORPE Monday 16 Sept. NOT Tues.

DEFEND MOLESWORTH Every Sunday 7.30. NCND Office

OCT 26th WORKING PARTY 10 & 24 Sept. " "

A Nottingham Peace Conference

After registration between 9.30 and 10.00am, the conference programme will include:

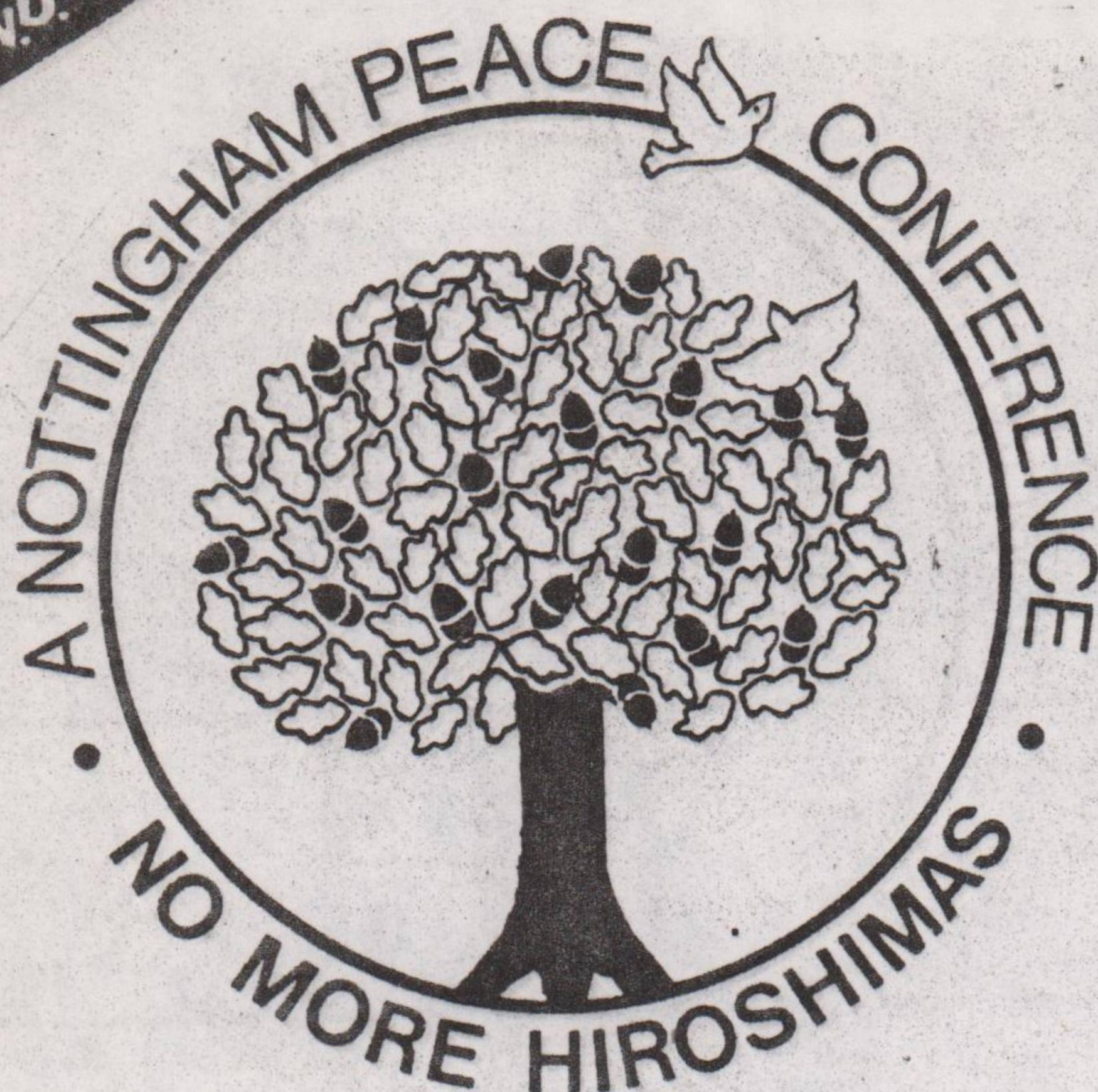
- "The Arms Race Accelerates" Prof. Frank Barnaby, Director of the World Disarmament Campaign
- "East-West Reach" Claire Ryle, co-founder of the organisation of that name
- "Images of the Enemy" Michael Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews
- "Protest at Greenham" a woman from the Greenham Peace Camp

REGISTRATION FORM

- I would like to come to the Peace Conference and enclose £2 registration fee ☐
 plus £1.50 for lunch ☐ Total enclosed £.....
 I would like to use the crèche ☐ Number of children.....
 Name and Address:

Please make cheques payable to Nottm. Nuclear Freeze Council and return to Nottm. NFC, 54 Bramcote Lane, Wollaton, Nottingham. Your registration will be recorded. Please tick the following box if you require acknowledgement. ☐

N.C.N.D.



SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Victoria Leisure Centre,
Bath St, Nottingham

9.30am – 4.00pm

A Nottingham Peace Conference

with Professor Frank Barnaby, Claire Ryle,
Michael Hare Duke Bishop of St. Andrews,
and a speaker from Greenham

PROF. FRANK BARNABY

Formerly Director of Stockholm Peace Research
Institute; Director, World Disarmament
Campaign.

CLAIRE RYLE

Co-founder of new organisation, East-West Reach,
working to promote better understanding between
Britain and Eastern Europe.

MICHAEL HARE-DUKE

Bishop of St. Andrews.

SIJKE FABER

Regional Co-ordinator, Dutch Peace Movement.

Speaker on ARMS CONVERSION.

A WOMAN from GREENHAM.

International Peace Poster Exhibition; lunch-
time music; video show; creche; ploughman's
lunch by order in advance.

The Conference is organised by the Nottingham
Nuclear Freeze Council representing the
following local organisations: U.N.A.;
M.C.A.N.W.; Pax Christi; Justice and Peace
Commission; W.D.M.; Bertrand Russell P.F.;
Society of Friends and N.C.N.D.

The Freeze Council has drawn up a Declaration
calling for international action to find a
solution to the arms race. Messages of support
have been received from City Councils in Minsk,
Ghent, Lublyana and Harare, as well as by our
own City and County Councils who have provided
valuable assistance, enabling the Conference to
take place.

The Conference seeks to unite all interested in
working for peace. There will be no divisive
motions, but opportunities to deepen
understanding, broaden contacts, and renew
inspiration.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Registration Fee: £2. See page 2 opposite for
Application Form.



NO MORE HIROSHIMAS

PUBLIC MEETING

MALCOLM DANDO

(Bradford University School of Peace
Studies)

on

STAR WARS

THURS. 12 SEPTEMBER 7.30

YMCA, SHAKESPEARE ST.
(Boardroom Upstairs)

There are many people in Britain as well
as in the US who believe that Reagan's
Strategic Defence Initiative ("Star
Wars") really could save the world from
nuclear disaster. It is vital that we,
in CND, fully understand what is invol-
ved in S.D.I. and why it constitutes a
major threat to world peace.

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO COME TO THIS

IMPORTANT MEETING.

CAMPAIGN FOR COAL

Nottm. W.A.P.C. Public Meeting,
Sat. 14th. Sept. 1.00 - 5.00pm.
Albert Hall, Nottm. Speakers and
discussion groups to look at the
Campaign For Coal, with particular
reference to working for a well
planned non-nuclear fuel policy
based on coal. The present
government is intent on running
down the Coal Industry and
promoting dependency on a Nuclear
energy supply for Britain a
policy which means uncertain
dangers for all our futures.

Speakers from the Notts. County
Council, Campaign for Safe Energy,
N.U.M., Women Against Pit Closures,
Labour Party and N.U.P.E. Very
informative programme.

ALL WELCOME.
SUPERVISED CRECHE.
NO CHARGE.

MINES NOT MISSILES

Work Place Peace Group

Will anyone interested in forming a peace group
at Byron International, based at Chelsea Street
or Arnold Road or Church Street, Basford, please
contact Margaret Peck, Tel.271064 evenings or
weekends.

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SAVE IT!

A mass demonstration at the local
EEC grain storage depot is planned
to take place at the end of
September. Please help to force the
government to release resources
which could end starvation in parts
of the third world. Look out for
further details to be made
available soon.

WEA Courses

We draw members' attention to the following courses at the Adult
Education Centre, Shakespeare Street, commencing 18/19 September.

WEDNESDAYS

73. Thinking About the Unthinkable: A General Introduction to Nuclear weapons

Tutor: Pete Strauss, B.A.

The issue of nuclear weapons is probably the most urgent problem of the age. It affects us all. If we
want to take part in the continuing dialogue between 'unilateralists' and 'multilateralists' and cold-
warriors of East and West, we will need to cut through the simple slogans, and the sophisticated
management of opinion, by actually getting to grips with the question ourselves. The aim of this
course will be to gain a deeper and clearer understanding through detailed research and discussion of
the complex issues that make up the nuclear weapons debate. The exact content of the course will be
decided democratically, by all the participants. Films, videos, and other media will be used where
possible and appropriate.

12 meetings 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Fee: £12.25

78. International Politics: The World in 1985

Tutor: Geoff Morris, M.A.

This course will examine the central issues of international politics in the 1980s. The current state of
world economic relations will be looked at including the North/South debate and the world debt crisis.
The implications of the breakdown of Detente and the emergence of the New Cold War will be
considered with a particular focus on areas of international tension such as the Middle East, Central
America and Southern Africa.

18 meetings 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Fee: £18.25

THURSDAYS

97. The Prospects for Utopia Limited

Tutor: Jonathan Silvey, M.A., Dip.Psych.

Ethiopia, Bhopal, Nicaragua, Hyson Green and Molesworth. These places remind us that, as a going
concern, the world doesn't function very efficiently or fairly for the majority of its population. The
course will examine the connections between the problems which these names conjure up and the
actions which are being (or could be) taken to deal with them.

12 meetings 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Fee: £12.25

(There are reduced rates for pensioners. Registered unemployed pay
£1.50 or £2.50.)

PERSONAL POWER IN THE NUCLEAR AGE

A "Despair & Empowerment"
Workshop enabling us to face
our fears for this world and
for ourselves.

FRI OCT 4TH 7.45 - 9.45 pm
SAT OCT 5th 10.30 - 5.00 pm

at ICC, Mansfield Road.

For further info & regist'n,
phone Mo on 812798.

200 Club Winners - AUGUST

1ST PRIZE £50 T. BEALES
2ND PRIZE £10 A. D'AGORN
3RD PRIZE £5 S. CHUDA

CND NATIONAL RAFFLE

1st Prize - £1,000

Books of 5 tickets (20p
each) now available.

Contact the office, if you
can take some to sell.

FOUND at PEACE FESTIVAL

Watch, children's clothes,
dog lead.

Claim from NCND office.

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NATIONAL DEMO

1985

OCTOBER 26th

As you are all probably well aware by now, Nottingham CND are going down to London on Saturday, Oct 26th. for this years National Demonstration. We have two trains booked and tickets are currently available from all the usual outlets priced £10.00 waged and £6.00 unwaged. Children under five not occupying a seat travel free. At the time of writing tickets are selling well and we are thinking in terms of booking more coaches. The theme for the day is 'The Human Race Or The Arms Race' and the activities taking place alongside the March and Rally are as published in the August Bulletin. Final details will appear in the October edition.

What your Group can do!

* Publicity materials are **NOW** available in the NCND Office for Neighbourhood Groups to distribute in their areas. We have large and small posters, stickers, leaflets overprinted with tickets details and placards. We are feeding these out via Co-Ordinating and Monthly Meetings and the N/G pigeon holes.

* All Neighbourhood Groups have been circulated with an appeal for money to sponsor advertisements on prominent Billboards either in their area or in the City Centre. We have long lists of spaces available and, with luck, some adverts about Oct 26th. will appear in the next few weeks. The Billboards themselves cost £60 each per month and we are looking for 5 sites. West Bridgford have decided to sponsor a whole board so we will ensure that one appears in their district; likewise for any other group feeling able to donate the full price. But if each active N/G could find £20 we would have more than enough money to cover costs.

* N/G's could help with ticket sales by having some at their next meetings, on their next local stall or at forthcoming events in their area. Use the three-day system under which you book out tickets and bring the money and unsold tickets back **within three days**. This enables the Oct 26th working group to keep an accurate check on tickets and where they are at any given time.

What you can do!

* There is a tremendous amount of work to be done and the people involved have heavy commitments in other areas of CND work so it is obvious that we need more help on the Oct 26th group. If you have some free time and you think you can help, please come along to the next meeting - details at foot of this article. You won't be idle long!!

* We need volunteers to be stewards for the train coaches on the day. It's not a hard job but is one of those things we have to do so why not give us a hand? There is a list in the Office so please 'phone in and donate your services. There will be special stewards meetings nearer the time to put you in the picture about what to do.

* Put up a poster in your window. Tell your friends about the demo - sell them a ticket!

Oct 26th Group next meetings

Tuesdays, September 10th,
September 24th.
October 8th,
October 22nd.



180, MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham's Peace Centre opens on Sept 9th at 180 Mansfield Road and will be open daily 10 - 5 pm.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Look out your old books, magazines and journals that we can use in the library. We need literature on human rights, third world issues, conservation and environmental issues as well as peace and anti-nuclear topics.

We will also be selling interesting secondhand books, clothing and toys. So now's your chance to have a clear out and donate your unwanted goods to us.

The library group would like some others to join them in organising the centre's library and in preparing display material for use at other centres. If you are interested, please contact the centre or ring 472802 (evenings).

(Centre telephone no.) 585666

SHADOW PROJECT 1985/86

On August 6th 1985, members of the Nottingham peace movement contributed to the International Shadow Project. White shadowy outlines appeared at many locations in the city centre and also in the Meadows, West Bridgford, Hyson Green and Beeston. The shadows provided a chilling reminder of what had happened at Hiroshima 40 years before and of what could happen to all our communities if a nuclear conflict occurred. Perhaps the greatest strength of the Shadow Project was its international nature, embracing myriad communities across the world, making it perhaps the largest ever direct action in the cause of peace. In Nottingham, the action was supplemented by a rally at County Hall, by leaf-letting in many parts of the city and by more personal contributions, such as pavement drawings in Lister Gate and an impromptu meeting got off the ground by a small group of visiting Australians.

Unfortunately, and contrary to police policy in many parts of the country, Nottingham police acted vigorously in response to the shadowing and 11 people were arrested during the night. Two have been charged with criminal damage and will appear in court on September 9th. It was surprising and sad that police acted thus, particularly as all painting was done with non-permanent paint as intended. Of more immediate concern is the treatment given to those arrested. People were detained for long periods (up to 14 hours). Many were threatened with prolonged detention if they did not give personal details they were not obliged to give, and such threats were even used to try and extract information about the local peace movement. Police attempted to photograph people against their will and some detainees experienced extensive verbal abuse and even physical intimidation. One person had to be taken to hospital after being pushed across a room by a policeman and sustaining a bang to the head. A dossier of accounts of those held in custody is being compiled and will be made public.

These incidents occur in a context of increasingly heavy and authoritarian treatment of peace protesters, particularly by Ministry of Defence police. Many of those involved in the "Bye Bye Bye-Laws" day of protest at Molesworth recently were similarly detained for long periods in poor conditions and experienced high levels of police intimidation and efforts to deny or over-rule their rights whilst in custody. It seems clear that the growing strength and influence of the peace movement has provoked a concerted effort by police, courts

and, ultimately, a government hell-bent on an insane policy of escalation of the nuclear arms race, to deter peaceful protest and resistance and to harass and intimidate those involved. We must recognise this as a movement and act to make the public aware of it and to insist that our elected representatives act vigorously to condemn what is happening. Certainly, the increasingly repressive tactics will work if we passively accept them or if people are intimidated into toning down their activities.

We must also recognise that what is happening represents a threat to the whole peace movement for, if we do not, those committed to non-violent direct action will become increasingly isolated, picked off as "law-breakers" and "extremists". We all know that the truth is that it is our government that is comprised of extremists as far as nuclear weapons are concerned and law-breakers in their blatant disregard of international law on weapons of mass destruction. It is that reality that prompts those who commit themselves to non-violent direct action and they need and deserve the support of all in the peace movement.

This could not be more pertinent to events occurring on Hiroshima day, for August 6th is the very centre of our year. As we strive to bring that horror home to the people of this country, so the nuclear arms race continues, resources are poured into militarism and large parts of the world remain impoverished. The Shadow Project in Nottingham succeeded in bringing home the reality of nuclear war: but 11 people, concerned only to do that, were arrested and, during long hours of custody, treated like dirt by the police. That is fact and it needs to be recognised as such, particularly by our elected representatives. Most of all though, it must not deter us. Hiroshima day IS the day we are reminded of the nightmare we work to avert.

Next year, we should shadow the city again, but all of us, declaring our intention in advance, knowing that we act not as criminals but as ordinary individuals determined to oppose the greatest crime our world has ever known.

So, let's get the Shadow Project 1986 off the ground.

LES PARSONS
Forest Fields Peace Group.

International Childrens Exhibition

Early next year, an exhibition of children's work is to be shown in the Nottingham County Library on Angel Row. The exhibition will take the theme of "Peace Nuclear Weapons and the Arms Race" and will consist of drawings, paintings, poetry and prose by children from all over the world. It is being organised by the newly-formed CND Exhibitions Group in conjunction with the City Centre Group. We are hoping to receive contributions from children in Japan, the Soviet Union, Australia, East & West Germany, Yugoslavia, New Zealand, Norway and Britain.

We also hope to include work from the children of the island of Rongelap Atoll whose total population was evacuated by Greenpeace earlier this year. We have asked Greenpeace to convey our request to the islanders and hope that they will be able to help us despite the recent attack on their ship "Rainbow Warrior".

We need your help -

Firstly, we would like to have work from children in Nottingham to display alongside work from children in other countries. This should be in the form of painting, drawing, poetry or prose on the theme of "Peace, Nuclear Weapons and the Arms Race" and should have the title of the work, with the child's Christian name and age on it. (Age range 8 - 18 years.)

Secondly, if you have contacts with a peace group in another country or in this country that you think would like to contribute, please ring us on the numbers below. We need contributions by Jan. 1st 1986 at the latest to give us time to sort out the work and decide how to display it to the best effect.

Thirdly, we would like donations from neighbourhood groups to help with the cost of mounting materials (very expensive), postage, etc. To this end, we hope to visit most of the neighbourhood groups in the next few months. We shall also be talking about the Children's Exhibition and asking for contributions.

Why show an exhibition?

We feel that putting on an exhibition in, for example, a library or a college, is an excellent way of reminding the "ordinary person in the street" of the existence of nuclear weapons and the enormous threat they pose to the survival of mankind. Visual material can be extremely thought-provoking and often remains imprinted on the memory. Personal statement is, I believe, a very powerful way of provoking serious consideration of an issue and often gives inspiration and hope to others.

Exhibitions Group - Long term aims.

- 1 To set up an Exhibitions Library from which CND and other interested groups could borrow.
- 2 To use the exhibitions we have to maximum effect, i.e. to keep them in display throughout the region in libraries, schools, theatres, churches and colleges, etc.
- 3 To buy or make exhibition screens to lend out with the exhibitions to groups who have no access to suitable screens or for use in the city centre on specific days of action.

We already have an exhibition, bought from the Tokyo Resource Centre for Nuclear Disarmament, on the effects of the dropping of the H bomb on Hiroshima. We hope that the material we obtain for the Children's Exhibition will be sufficient to divide into several exhibitions, all of which we aim to keep in constant circulation throughout the area.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please ring:

Jane Ripley 234220
or Rob Wilson 415667.

TARMAC DEMO

Peace Action Network has organised a demo at the Tarmac construction site in the Market Square, on Saturday September 7th., from 11.00 am. The demo will be linked with Tarmac's involvement in the arms race in building the silos which house Cruise Missiles at Greenham Common and competing for the contract to build the silos at Molesworth. They're also building a Trident complex at Aldermaston, which will be used for processing plutonium.

People are asked to bring ribbons, wool, banners, placards - anything to decorate the fence around Tarmac portacabins. Leaflets will also be available to give out to passers-by.

LETTERS

We print below a letter from the Editor of the "Evening Post" to Pete Strauss. He has replied personally to it. The "Post" issue will be discussed at the Members' Meeting on Thursday Oct. 10th.

Dear Mr. Strauss,

I read with interest your well written and constructive article on CND and the EVENING POST in August's CND Bulletin.

I note that you intend to invite some-one from the NUJ to address your next policy-making meeting. And I note that you will not be inviting anybody to put the EVENING POST's side of the story.

There is so much myth, misconception and propaganda surrounding the events of 1978 yet the POST's case is never heard - let alone considered - by those who continue to "black" the paper.

There is evidence of the many misconceptions, for example, in your own article when you say this management "sacked its journalists who wanted to belong to their union".

What happened in 1978 was that all NUJ members in the provinces were called out on strike to support a national pay claim. The EVENING POST was then paying a minimum £1,000 a year MORE than the claim on which the NUJ called the strike. In short, NUJ members at the POST were being asked to go on strike for considerably less money (£2,000 a year in some cases), than they were already being paid.

The EVENING POST NUJ chapel voted against going on strike but national officials would not accept that vote and insisted that they should walk out, irrespective of their own pay and conditions - which were exemplary.

It was then that the management said it could not be right to jeopardize the newspaper by striking for less money than was already being paid and that journalists who did strike would be held in breach of their local contracts of employment and would be dismissed.

Twenty-eight did go on strike. They were fired. And an independent industrial tribunal subsequently ruled that they had not been unfairly dismissed.

Not quite the same thing as "being sacked because they wanted to belong to their union".

Much has been made of the sacked 28 in the years that have followed but the propaganda machine has conveniently and consistently

overlooked the rest (more than 80 of them) who did not strike and were chucked out of the union by the union - not by the management.

Similarly, your article states "the EVENING POST continues to be run by anti-union management".

On what evidence do you base that glib condemnation?

Christopher Pole-Carew, who was Managing Director and the focal point of the '78 dispute is no longer with the company.

For your information, Mr. Charles Wright, our current Managing Director, has risen literally from the shop floor and remains a member of the EETPU!

In the context of journalists, I represent the management as Editorial Director. I did not join the company until 1981. You have never met me. You know nothing about me. Yet you can, apparently, dismiss me as being "anti-union". I'm afraid that is typical of the way in which many members of the Labour Party locally continue to vilify and blacken this company and the people in it from a position of ignorance, having gorged themselves on the NUJ propaganda for seven years.

The current position of this company in relation to trades unions is that Mr. Wright and I are in the middle of a series of talks with NUJ national officials with a view to a re-instatement of that union within the company. Those talks were initiated by the NUJ and we have willingly complied with them. Similarly, we are talking to SOGAT.

There's a long way to go yet and it may be that we are, eventually, unable to reach an agreement. It's far too early to predict one way or the other.

But we are talking - positively and constructively. Is that the way of a management which "continues to be anti-union"?

This company has, in fact, never been "anti-union". Twice - in 1973 and again in 1978 - it has insisted on exercising its right to manage its own local affairs with the support of the majority of its employees in the face of national disputes over which it could have no influence or control.

That may not be a stance which is palatable to ardent trades unionists - but it is an honest and sincere one, motivated by the desire to keep the newspaper in business and its 1,000 employees in work.



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I noted, with some amusement, your equally superficial judgement of my editorial policy - "quite right wing".

Never mind. The local Tories think I'm a devout Socialist!

If you think I'm "right" (if only "quite") and they think I'm "left", I reckon I'm doing my job pretty well.

I spoke recently to Bruce Kent about what I consider to be the "sham" of CND's claim to be non-political when the Nottingham situation proves it to be stridently and actively political in its attitude to the POST - by far the biggest, most influential and most important branch of the local media.

I told him I was at a loss to understand how CND can regard an industrial dispute way back in 1978 as being more important than reaching the 400,000 people who read my newspaper through its 10 editions, six days a week. And I said I could never take CND's "non-political" claim seriously while that absurd state of affairs continued.

It was an off-the-record conversation but I got the impression that he thought it was pretty daft, too!

I would, respectfully, suggest that the matter of this "blacking" can be discussed more fairly, sensibly and rationally, if you can at least put the salient parts of this letter to your members.

It would make a refreshing change if just for once, both sides of this now-historic case could be put and at least some of the ignorance and misconception removed.

Yours sincerely,

Barrie Williams
Editorial Director.

OCT DEMO

NATIONAL DEMO 1985. OCTOBER 26th LONDON.

There are **two** trains going from Nottingham and tickets are available **NOW**. Prices are £10.00 waged and £6.00 unwaged. Children under five not occupying a seat travel FREE. There will be food, courtesy of Veggies and Ouroboros/Hiziki. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible - they are going fast! Available from NCND Office, Mushroom Bookshop, Ouroboros, Hiziki and 118 Workshop, Mansfield Road.

Setting the Record Straight

Sneinton CND is a small group covering a large area (pop. 15,000). We have members actively involved in Bulletin production and have a clear policy of aiming our campaigning at our own neighbourhood, whilst also playing our part in the NCND structure and attending national events.

Some time ago, concern was expressed about the extra burden being placed on the group by delivering PAN mailings. This coincided with some uncertainty about the relationship between PAN and NCND, particularly when being asked to donate money. If PAN truly was/is simply a group within NCND, how is it that we were being asked to deliver mailings to people who were not NCND members? It was decided to send a letter to PAN informing them of our concern and that we could no longer deliver these mailings. No criticism of PAN's NVDA activities was voiced, indeed in a follow-up letter, it was stressed that we supported NVDA as an essential part of the broad campaign. Unfortunately, this was not taken into account by PAN and in the minutes of their meeting (circulated to all groups) it was claimed that Sneinton CND had accused PAN of "hiding behind CND". This is completely untrue.

The relationship between PAN and NCND was supposed to have been discussed at July's Co-ordinating group, but the whole question was dismissed after a brief discussion, the inference being that Sneinton simply needed another speaker to come and explain everything. We have written to PAN to this end, but clearly it goes deeper than this. Privately, many individuals within CND are unhappy about PAN. There are many people who, whilst supporting NCDA, are themselves unwilling to participate. This is quite reasonable, ours is a broadly based campaign, but what is a fundamental worry to the movement, is the elitism which is creeping into NVDA. The idea that - one day, you too will feel able to participate in NVDA and that only then will you be a real peace campaigner - is one which many people totally reject. We must ensure that everyone can feel a valuable part of the peace movement and that enthusiasm does not turn into elitism.

TIM BULLOCK & ANDY LEVER.

Different Drummers

- a reply

I confess that I am one of those who is a 'little unhappy' about NVDA as it applies to our Nottingham CND, even though I give some support to it through the 200 Club. Pete Strauss, for whom I have great respect, states in his June article that 'NVDA does not necessarily involve breaking the law'. However, in actual practice, my impression (and, I believe, that of the general public) is that it does so - more often than not - even if accompanied by actions that are perfectly law-abiding.

There certainly is a place for civil disobedience when the actions of a government or social group go seriously against natural justice, as in South Africa today. But we are not yet generally in that sort of situation. On the contrary, we are in a situation where the majority of people in this country are increasingly concerned about the maintenance of law and order in our society.

Occasional mass trespassing or sensational protest on nuclear installations to draw the attention of the general public to the extent of the U.S.A. takeover of our defences and to the dangers of nuclear bases may be justified and necessary, but frequent repetitions of such action cease to make an impact, and continual attempts actually to sabotage the setting up of nuclear bases established in line with the defence policy of a government elected by a majority of the people of this country are or would be offensive to wide sections of the population whom we have to win over if we are to be successful.

There is NO SHORT CUT to winning over the majority to electing a government committed to a non-nuclear defence policy, and this is our long term task. It will cause great frustration at times, when we can see the urgency of the situation and others cannot. I am not suggesting that NVDA should cease. CND is a very broad umbrella and there are many different roads to our goal. Moreover, it is probably true that some of our vigorous younger members would not be active without some of the challenge and excitement of NVDA. However, we must continually keep in front of our minds the need to win over the people of Arnold, Bulwell and Clifton, Oundle and Kettering - including sections of those who vote Tory.

I admire the energy, commitment and self-sacrifice of the PAN members, but what makes me uneasy is that a significant percentage of NCND's most active and able members are giving the Molesworth and other similar campaigns chief priority in their work generally. This makes me uneasy because (a) I believe that a prolonged Molesworth campaign on this scale is counter-productive, (b) the work of CND as a whole is being pulled in this sort of direction by a highly energetic and well-organised group and (c) the real long-term work nearer home is tending to stagnate.

We need the injection of a task force to lead large scale canvassing and publicity to develop our membership and support in our neighbourhood area. We need more partly-fun events such as our Nottingham Peace Festival to avoid gaining the image of doom and gloom that surrounds so much of our work, and to attract more young people through fringe cultural events. We need really colourful and enjoyable demonstrations in our neighbourhoods and the small towns round about. We will not be able to achieve this without the get-up-and-go of our friends in PAN.

PAT ROBSON.

I would like to make two points about the editorial on the Peace Festival in last month's Bulletin.

1. I do not think it was a good idea for N.C.N.D. to make assumptions about people's politics from their size or physical shape.

"... people with large beer guts who won't be reading this because they hate C.N.D. and like hitting people..."

2. I do not think it is possible to assume that people's attitude towards animals, whatever that may be, is the determining factor in their attitude and behaviour towards people.

"... people ... proved the point that those who exploit animals, don't like humans either...."

To classify people in both these ways is, perhaps, to behave in the same manner as our critics. They bring in irrelevant factors, such as appearance, to confuse the issues and detract from the case for nuclear disarmament.

Surely we should not do the same.

A. ROYCE.

(The article was NOT an editorial. The author's name was inadvertantly omitted. Ed.)



On Hiroshima Day, Pete Strauss and I attempted to get onto the Army Careers Information Centre roof at the Victoria Centre. Our intention was to draw attention to the horror of Hiroshima by reading from John Hersey's vivid account of what happened on August 6th, 1945, and the misery and suffering caused. We were apprehended and prevented from doing this. We had done no damage or committed no crime. This was acknowledged by the police who did not detain us. I was apprehended initially by Victoria Centre security guards and taken to an office above the Centre. There I was told that the police had been informed and would be coming. The guards demanded that I hand over some rope to them and also that I write down my name and address. I refused, saying I was not obliged to, and would be happy to face the police when they arrived. In response one of the guards attacked me to get the rope. He twisted my arm behind my back, punched me in the ribs, and banged my head against the wall of the office. Three colleagues looked on, smiling.

I told the police, but indicated that there was no point in taking the matter further as the guards would obviously deny this had happened. In fact this was borne out later when, in response to a phone-call from a friend, the Victoria Centre manager denied any such happening, and said that I was lying.

I write about the incident, both because I want to share with others an experience that was painful and frightening and also because I would like others to be aware of the behaviour of the Security Guards at the Victoria Centre. Obviously I do not know if such incidents occur regularly, but it must surely be a possibility in the light of my experience, particularly as I had offered absolutely no physical resistance (or even verbal resistance) from the time of my apprehension.

LES PARSONS, Forest Fields Peace Group.

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SAVE IT!

BOOK REVIEW

THE POSTMAN OF NAGASAKI by Peter Townsend
Published by Penguin

One might expect a man who was a distinguished fighter pilot in the Second World War to attempt to justify the dropping of the Atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But, in this true story of one survivor of the second bomb, it is obvious, even though he strives to remain objective about the reasons the bomb was used, that Townsend's sympathies lie with the Hibakusha.

He recounts the history of Nagasaki as a port and a centre of Christianity in Japan and discusses the arguments and decisions, on both sides, which led to those two fateful days in August, 1945. He also details the effects of a relatively small nuclear device on Nagasaki and its people.

But this is, essentially, the story of one man. Sumiteru Taniguchi was a postman in Nagasaki and just 16 years old when the bomb was dropped. The book describes his struggle to survive, despite appalling burns, his years of mental and physical suffering and, most important of all, his total commitment as a Hibakusha, to see all nuclear weapons removed from the Earth.

The book is informative, frightening, poignant, but, above all, inspiring to anyone whose aims are the same as those of Sumiteru - "Peace from Nagasaki. May the second Atom bomb be the last."

JEFF BUCK

Parliamentary Monitors

Further to Jos Wood's article last month the Nottingham Parliamentary Monitors are as follows;

Nottm North/East.	Rob Raynham c/o 581948.
Nottm South.	Alan Pratt 283500.
Rushcliffe.	Sheila Hood 33-3288.
Broxtowe.	Di Monk 228518.
Gedling.	Chris Pratt 878326.

There will be a General Meeting for all Parliamentary Monitors and anyone else interested in writing the occasional letter, making the odd visit to their MP etc. regarding issues relevant to CND on;

Tuesday, October 1st; 7.30pm NCND Office

Hope to see you at this meeting.
Rob Raynham.



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THIRD WORLD WAR CONFERENCE

"The notion common to nearly all Americans, that "no nuclear weapons have been used since Nagasaki" is mistaken.... Again & again, generally in secret from the American public, US nuclear weapons have been used... in the precise way that a gun is used when you point it at someones head in a confrontation, whether or not the trigger is pulled."

The above is a quote from Daniel Ellsberg, a former top nuclear strategist of the Pentagon. He was describing the way that the US Government has used nuclear threats since 1946, to force other nations or liberation struggles to give in to the interests of the American state. Noam Chomsky has pointed out that there were at least 19 such incidents between 1946 & 1973 (records since 1973 are unavailable), where either open, or secret, threats have been made. These include Iran in 1946, Korea in 1950 & 1953, Cuba in 1962 & Vietnam between 1969 & 1972. In most cases, the threats have occurred when a country or people has been trying to escape from the effects of imperialism, which forces the majority of people in Third World countries to live in grinding poverty, whilst western multinationals cream off millions of pounds in profits from the farms & factories of these countries.

In 1979, the people of Nicaragua ousted the US puppet regime of Somoza, & began to reconstruct their country in the interests of workers & peasants. In El Salvador today, the people are struggling to achieve the same thing - national independence & a government that is run by, & answerable to, the people, not profit.

However the US government is committed to both overthrowing the Nicaraguan Revolution & defeating the struggle in El Salvador. Not only are American interests being threatened, but the people of the two countries are giving a lead to all the oppressed the world over. President Reagan is pouring economic & military aid into the hands of those who oppose the struggle for liberation. It is possible that US troops may invade Nicaragua or be used openly in El Salvador as other counterrevolutionary tactics are being increasingly exhausted. If the situation becomes too rough for the Americans, will there be yet another threat of nuclear weapons being used? The Rapid Deployment Force, which is now often used to protect US interests worldwide, is equipped with the new generation of nuclear arms which make a limited, theatre nuclear war increasingly likely. Not only could it happen in Central America, but in the Lebanon, South Africa and anywhere else where the United States has too much to lose.

Between 1969 and 1972 President Nixon repeatedly threatened the North Vietnamese people with "measures of great consequence and force" - Nixon believed that the Vietnamese would understand this to mean nuclear weapons, given the scale of the violence already wreaked on their country. However, the American people, and many others around the world, were mobilised in a mass anti-war movement, and the North Vietnamese were not intimidated because they knew Nixon did not have the support of his people. The ex-President himself places responsibility for the failure of his ultimatum directly upon the vast anti-war movement.

This shows how the Peace Movement in Britain and internationally, can prevent nuclear war beginning in a Third World country. As well as campaigning against the deployment of nuclear missiles in Europe, we should be building solidarity with Nicaragua and El Salvador, the two countries in the front line of America's attack, which would match the anti-Vietnam war movement.

A Third World War Conference has been organised to discuss this issue by CND's International Committee, END, the Nicaragua and El Salvador Solidarity Campaigns. We would strongly urge CND groups to send delegates to this important event. For details please see next page or contact the NCND office or John Truscott at 118 Mansfield Road (Tel 582369 daytime or 606909 evenings)

In addition, the Nottingham Central America Solidarity Campaign welcomes invitations from CND Neighbourhood Groups and other peace groups to speak on this subject and any other related to Central America. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, where we aim to organise practical solidarity, and educate ourselves on the region and its politics. Please contact John Truscott (as above) for details.

Karen Merriman

HOW TO REGISTER

Complete the form below and send it with a registration fee of £7 to Third World War Conference, c/o END, Southbank House, Black Prince Rd, London SE1 7EJ. The registration fee covers the conference fee, the information pack and lunch. We hope that this fee will in many cases be paid by the CND group delegating a member to attend. Extra copies of the information pack are available at £3 each plus 50p p&p.

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CND or other group (if applicable) _____

Please indicate three choices for the morning workshops *in order of preference*. We will make every attempt to meet your first preference but it may be necessary to allocate you to your second or third preference:

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Horn of Africa	Indian Ocean
Southern Africa	Pacific Ocean
Middle East	

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I enclose a cheque for £7 made payable to Third World War Conference.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please also send me _____ more leaflets to distribute in my CND group and to friends and colleagues.

The **Third World Conference** has been organised by CND's International Committee, END (European Nuclear Disarmament), the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign and the El Salvador Solidarity Campaign.

THIRD WORLD WAR CONFERENCE

**Digbeth Civic Hall
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Birmingham B5**

**Saturday
October 12th**

10 am — 6 pm

"The peace and disarmament movements have been concentrating on the symptoms of the disease — Cruise, Pershing II, Star Wars, while failing to look for a cure. The arms race, the cold war, inequality and injustice are part of the same global problem. Solutions will only be found when we look to the roots of the conflict which are part of everyday life in the third world."

Meg Beresford

"This Conference is overdue. Our European concentration on missiles and warheads has sometimes resulted in a low profile for the nuclear developments which threaten the rest of the world today. Hopefully this conference in October will enable us all to have a more global perspective."

Bruce Kent

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END South Bank House, Black Prince Rd,
London SE1
NSC 20/21 Compton Terrace, London N1.
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AGENDA

Morning: After key-note speeches by speakers from Asia and Central America there will be regional workshops focussing on:
Central America/Southern Africa/The Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia)/The Middle East/Afghanistan/Indian Ocean/Pacific Ocean.

Afternoon: Workshops on the implications for CND of a Third World perspective:

- ★ Do we ignore the likely ignition points of a nuclear war?
- ★ Why does the peace movement here find so little reverberation in the Third World or amongst ethnic minorities in the 'First World'?
- ★ Can we campaign against U.S. military bases here in Britain whilst ignoring over 2,000 other U.S. bases around the world?
- ★ Can the peace movement see nuclear weapons only in terms of Europe when the superpowers make policy in global terms?
- ★ Does the peace movement profess the global objective of human survival, and if so what does this mean in practice?
- ★ Can the central aim of CND — nuclear disarmament — be achieved without involvement in the root causes of conflict; inequality and injustice?
- ★ How should the peace movement work in Britain, itself a country which contributes to destabilisation and war in the Third World?

The conference will end with a plenary session on the day's discussions and ideas for activities around the issues raised.