

# NOTTINGHAM

# C.N.D. Bulletin

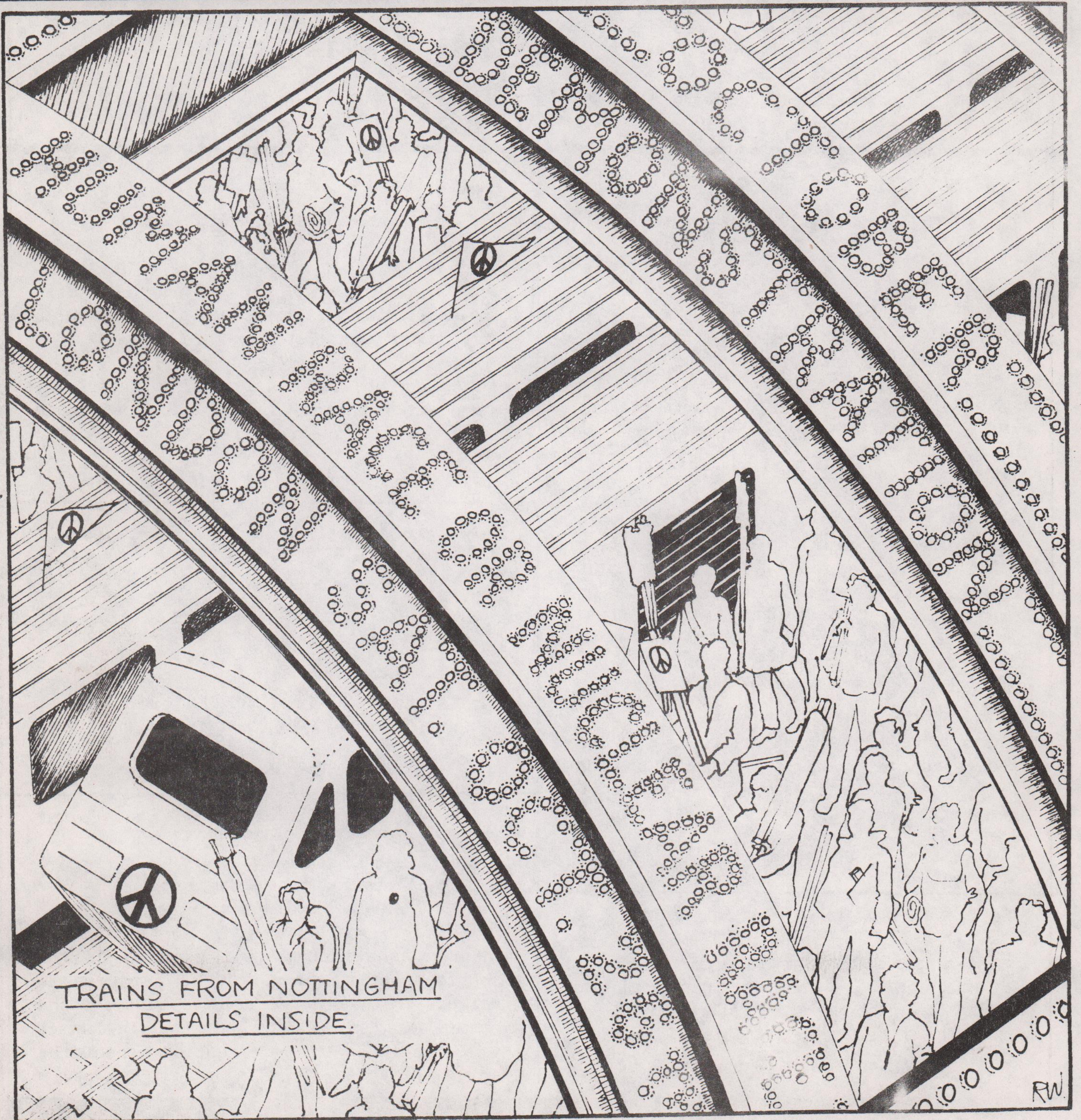
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# DIARY

## OCTOBER

- Tues. 1. Parliamentary Monitoring Meeting.  
7.30. NCND Office.  
Carlton Gedling Film Show (p. 2)
- Thur. 3. Co-ordinating Meeting. 7.30. NCND Office.
- Tues. 8. Oct. 26 Planning Meeting. 7.30. NCND Office.
- Thurs. 10. Members' Policy-making Meeting. YMCA.  
7.30 (p. 5)
- Sat. 12. 3rd World War Conference, Birmingham. (Details in Sept. Bulletin.
- Wed. 16. Raleigh Street Video Show, 7.30. Generous Briton, Alfretton Road.

Sat. 19. East Midlands. Trade Union CND Meeting (ring Gail Squires 816094 for details).

Sun. 20. NOVEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINE  
Bulletin Editorial. NCND Office.  
(Ring Jos 333637 to confirm venue).

Tues. 22. Oct. 26 Panic Stations Meeting. 7.30

Sat. 26. NATIONAL DEMO. Assemble 8 a.m.  
Midland Station, Entrance from Queens Road Car Park.

## NOVEMBER.

Sat. 2. November Bulletin ready (we hope!).

Thurs 7. Co-ordinating Meeting. 7.30pm.

Thurs 14. NCND AGM. 7.30pm. YMCA Boardroom, Shakespeare Street.

## "Pavement 6" Elect for Trial

The six members of Derby CND, arrested on Hiroshima Day for painting shadows on Derby pavements, have elected to go to Crown Court for trial by jury. Supporters who filled the public gallery of Derby Magistrates Court on 3rd Sept. heard Andy Wilson, defence solicitor, ask for committal to the Crown Court on the charge of being equipped to cause criminal damage - paint, brushes, bucket and cardboard effigy (sic).

Reporters in the court pricked up their ears when he asked for reporting restrictions to be lifted and explained that the case had "political" implications. Andy said that he intended to call City and Country officers and councillors to the witness stand to give evidence in defence of the six. A report on the hearing headlined the news on Radio Derby for most of the day.

The six have high hopes that it will be established that the County Council own the pavements and gave their support and permission for the action.

From DERBY CND NEWSLETTER.

### ANYONE GOING TO LONDON?

Postage on goods from the CND shop eats up much of the profit. Any member who happens to be going to London and could collect things for us from the shop (2 mins. from Old St. Station), would be a great help. Please contact the office.

### URGENT

#### HELP WANTED with OFFICE MOVE

We have to be out of our present office in St. Mary's Gate by Sun 13 Oct. We need HELP with the move which will start over the weekend 5/6 October and be completed on 12/13 October.

If you can provide muscle and/or transport - vans will be particularly useful - please contact:

ANN KESTENBAUM on 602497.



TUES 1st OCT 7.30 p.m.

FRANK WHELDON SCHOOL,  
NEAR CARLTON FORUM



FILM - "EIGHT MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT"

TALK - MCANW - "NUCLEAR WAR  
AND NOTT'M".

TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE.

### TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Please: Keep it short.  
State number of words used.  
Keep to the deadline.

We have sometimes no option but to shorten lengthy contributions. If you want us to discuss this with you, please give a phone number or other means by which we can contact you quickly. All contributions should be signed.

EDITORIAL TEAM.



# OCTOBER 26TH. WHERE WILL YOU BE?

Ad nauseam, the October 26th Group once again announce participation in the National Demonstration in London on Saturday, October 26th by members of Nottingham CND. Two trains are running and tickets, which are selling very fast, are on sale from the Office, Mushroom, Ouroboros, Hiziki and 118 Workshop priced £10.00 waged, £6.00 unwaged. Children under five not occupying a seat travel free. Buy your tickets before it's too late!!!

It may nearly be too late to get your tickets but it certainly isn't too late to publicise the demo! Stickers, leaflets and posters are all available from the office for use by Neighbourhood Groups - Raleigh Street and Forest Fields have decided to do a leaflet drop in their respective areas this month to maximise public interest in the event. Furthermore, no-one will fail to be impressed by the billboard advertisements appearing in subways in the city centre. By the way, if anyone sees billboard ads which have been defaced please contact the Office immediately so that we can arrange for replacements to be posted.

Look out for the advertisement which will appear in the Trader around Oct 16th. sponsored by local sympathetic organisations of all kinds!

- \* suggested N/G activities on the day!  
- which need to be thought-out beforehand.
- \* yellow pennants.  
N/Gs might make 'Scout-type' pennants with their group name on to take along.
- \* fancy dress.  
bring some fun and colour to the demo!!
- \* music.  
search out those old copies of Anti-Nuke Music! Re-tune that ancient guitar!
- \* N/G posters in train windows.  
brighten up the train with your N/G decor.
- \* placards.  
there are 'No Cruise / No Trident / No Neutron Bomb' posters available from the Office which can be made into placards.
- \* crazy ideas.  
can't think of any meself but...

We have arranged with British Rail that the trains will leave Nottingham from platform 6 thus enabling us to have our own entrance to the station. This will be on Queens Road next to the Red Star Parcels Office (see diagram).

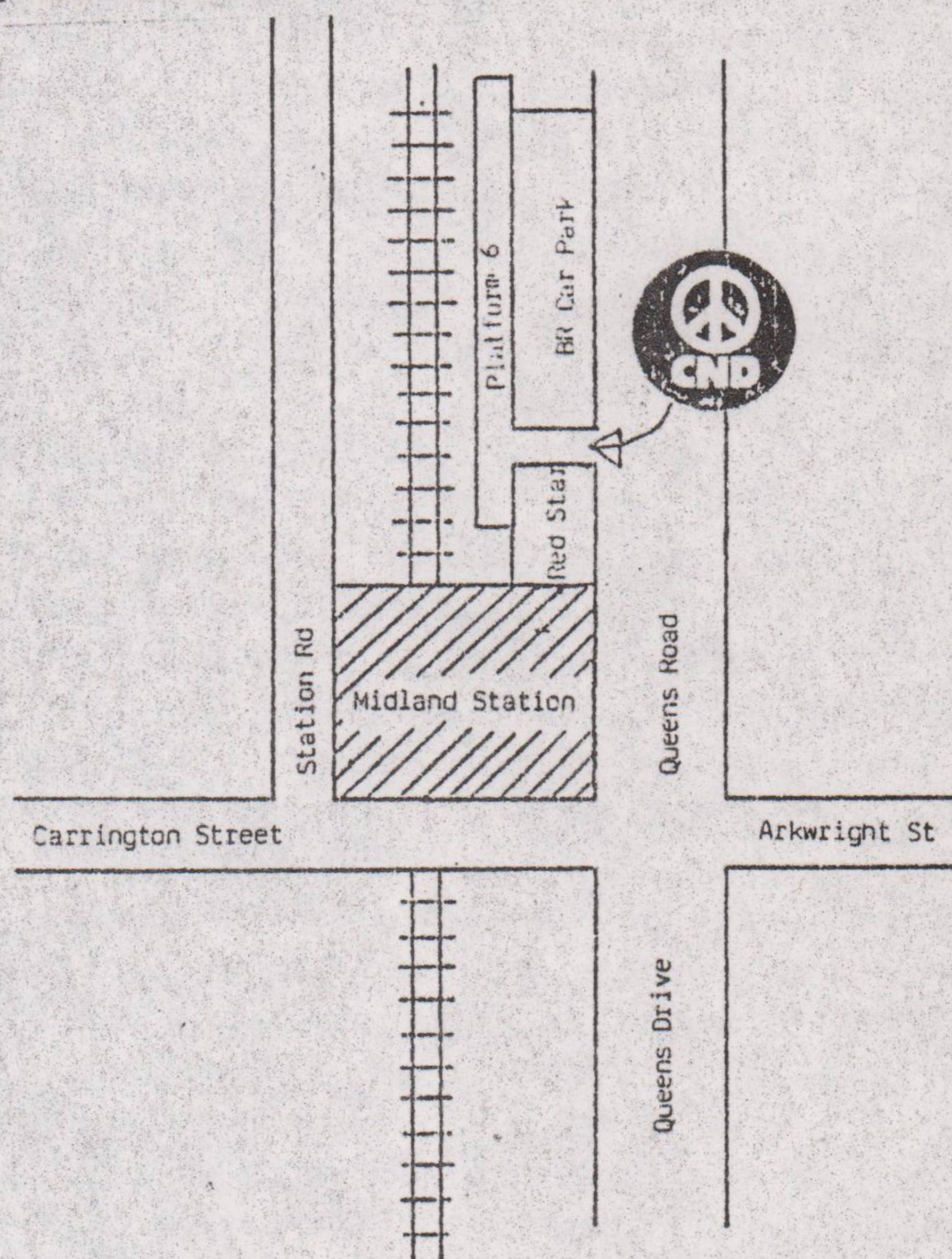
## Please assemble at 8.00am.

The first train will leave platform 6 at 8.29am sharp and must be full. The second train will depart at 8.39am.

The Queens Road gate will be clearly marked and stewards will be in the station foyer to direct lost souls. As you go through the gate, your NCND ticket will be exchanged for a BR ticket which means you can pass through the ticket barrier at St. Pancras with impunity!

On arrival at St. P. we will assemble and march with our banners and placards to Hyde Park in time for the beginning of the main March at 11.30am.

Details of the activities planned, route of the march, speakers at the rally etc. are as in September Campaign, which everyone in Nottingham CND should have received free. If in doubt, 'phone the Office.



Elsewhere in this Bulletin there should be an article outlining how we plan to follow-up the enthusiasm created by the National Demo and what Neighbourhood Groups can do to help. Please look out for it.

Let's plan for decent weather and a positive, forward looking day! See you all there!

Rob Raynham.

Oct 26th Group next meetings:-

- \* Oct 8th.
- \* Oct 22nd. 'Panic stations' meeting.  
(both 7.30pm. NCND Office).



## Balloons for Bases - Let the Bases Go!

One hundred and thirtyfive pink balloons, each representing an American Air Force Base, were blowing in the wind outside USAF Chilwell in the early morning of August 1st. We wanted to provide a visual image of the too-easily forgotten numbers of American warmongering facilities in Britain. The action culminated in the release of the balloons, symbolising the release of Britain from the nuclear threat embodied in these 135 base.

The theme of the action was made clear on a pink banner reading: "Balloons for Bases  
Let the Bases Go".

The colour of the action was vividly clear, with all the women who took part dressed in an amazing collection of pink garments. The colour was deliberately chosen to make this strong visual impact (but also because we collectively like the colour pink). See the video for further visual impact - or did you see the TV news?

After the press had left, we released the balloons. Some were tied on to the fence, to be removed and taken into the base by a worker. Other balloons were unceremoniously stamped on by an irate MOD policeman called Jones, which was also recorded on film.

Two women breached the tight security of the base by climbing through agricultural type fence. Once they had revealed themselves - in bright pink, it's not hard to get spotted - spoken to several workers and had a good look around, they were picked up by the ever-efficient MOD police (about 10 in all) and escorted to the nearest gate with no legal repercussions. Trespass at USAF Chilwell is not a criminal offence. It was great to see them walking pinkly towards us, a nice change from being detained for hours on end.

An interview with Radio Trent taught us more lessons for the next time. It was broadcast the next morning to 1000s of sleepy listeners. A blink of coverage on Central News put us through to millions of viewers. Unfortunately, there was no coverage in the newspapers. The video is very good, thanks to Laragh and Jerky Video - next time we must remember to talk more to the camera.

We learned a lot from this action. We will

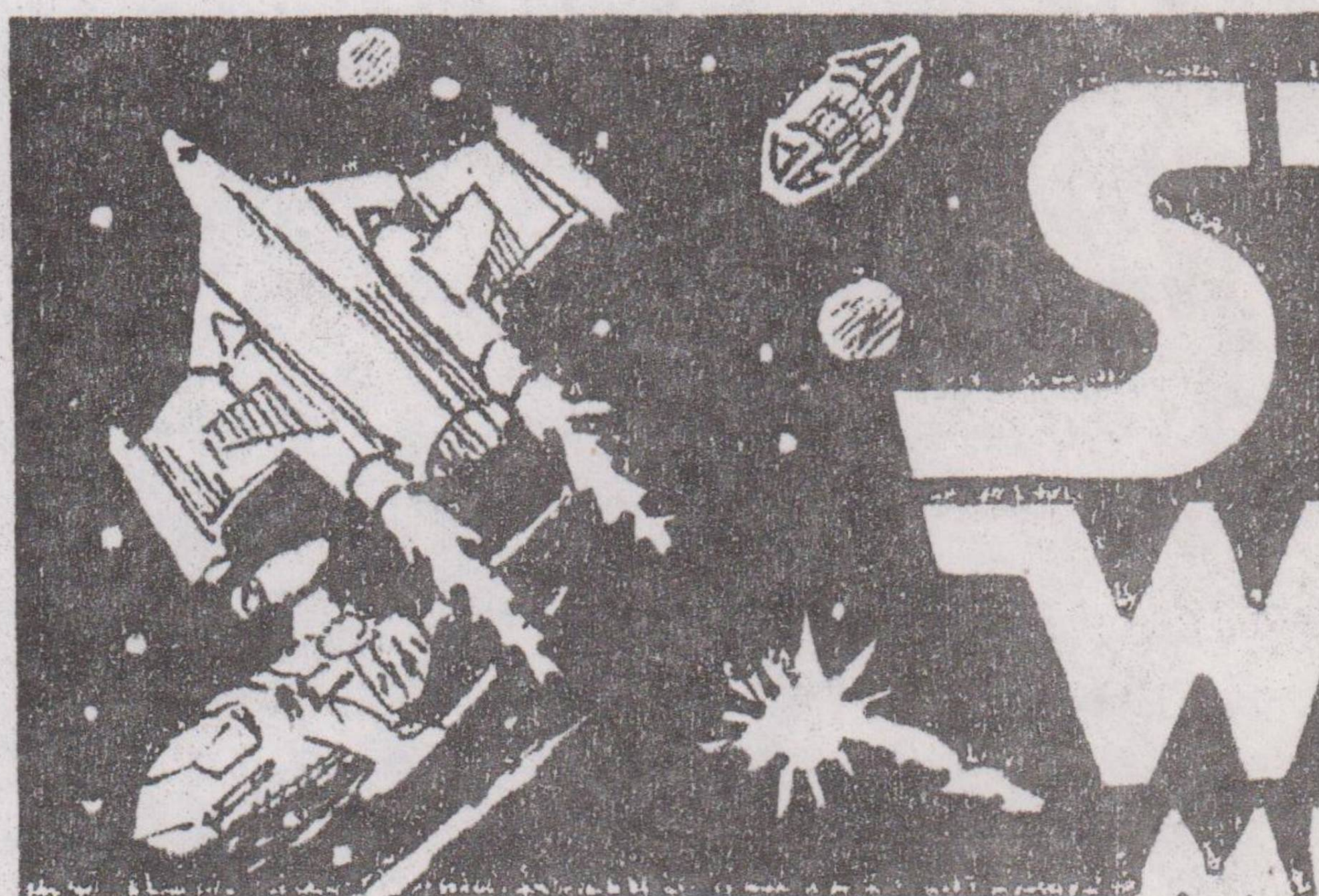
each be more prepared and confident having had this wonderful experience and more able to contribute to and organise other actions, whatever they are and whoever they are with.

BARBARA COULSON.

## Star Wars Meeting

The YMCA boardroom was packed out at the September meeting to hear Dr. Malcolm Dando of the Bradford School of Peace Studies explain the chilling implications of Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, dubbed "Star Wars" by its opponents.

S.D.I. has nothing to do with providing a complete protective shield against nuclear weapons; it has everything to do with making a pre-emptive strike possible. The massive resources in money and brainpower being invested are likely, Dr. Dando thinks, to make possible a partial screen capable of dealing with any retaliatory enemy missiles not knocked out in a first strike. S.D.I. is not just a research programme; it will involve testing and deployment, and will break the A.B.M. treaty that all are agreed is central to successful arms control talks.



The outlook is not all gloom and doom, however. S.D.I. could be the thing which at last brings home the nature of the "deterrence" that so many people still believe to be the purpose of having nuclear weapons. People who disagree with us on just about everything else are uneasy about "Star Wars". Someone pointed out in discussion that the "Daily Mail" had, the previous day, had a two-page spread on S.D.I., giving many of the points made by Dr. Dando.

For a good short briefing, see the CND "Facts" leaflet on "Star Wars". Price: 10p.

JOS WOOD.



## October Members' Meeting

THURSDAY, 10 OCT. 7.30pm.  
YMCA Board Room, Shakespeare Street

This is a policy-making meeting. The following resolutions have been submitted for discussion.

1. NCND resolves to end its policy of refusing "to talk" to the Nottingham Evening Post.

Proposed by: Pete Strauss;  
Seconded by: Geoff Young.

2. A major obstacle to the ultimate success of our campaign lies in the fact that the majority of the British public, while disliking Cruise and Trident and having some awareness of the horrors of nuclear war and the futility of civil defence, still think some nuclear weapons are necessary for our defence.

As a start to the "Basic Case Campaign" in Nottingham, NCND should run a public event - possibly in the form of a debate - aimed to answer the question: Can Britain be defended without nuclear weapons?

Proposed by: Radcliffe-on-Trent  
Peace Group.

3. That NCND Constitution be altered from 1 male and 1 female chairperson to allow either 2 females or 1 male and 1 female chairperson.

Proposed by: Pete Strauss;  
Seconded by: Geoff Young.

4. That each member of the Exec with specific responsibilities shall submit a brief written report on the work in their area in the previous three months to each Policy Making Meeting.

Proposed by: Pete Strauss;  
Seconded by: Dave Dickinson.

5. That NCND Bulletin Editor and Regional Delegate to National Council (if from Nottingham) each be an elected post of NCND Executive.

Proposed by: Ann Kestenbaum;  
Seconded by: Dave Dickinson.

## October Demo FOLLOW-UP Campaign

We are taking up National CND's plans for a campaign to recruit new members and to get existing members' interest rekindled by trying to maximise the uplifting and empowering feeling which invariably comes out of a Mass Demo. By asking Neighbourhood Groups to adopt and work around the ideas listed below, we hope to build on the feeling of strength, affinity and community we get by being part of a huge event such as Oct 26th undoubtedly will be.

The ideas we would like N/G's to make a contribution to are as follows;

### \* wear a badge day,

November 2nd. is designated 'wear a badge day'. NCND members are asked to wear their badges in the week leading up to 'WABD' and to get their families, friends and other sympathisers to do likewise. Whole conversations can spring up on the strength of one CND badge and it's nice to see lots of people wearing them anyhow!

### \* 'dear neighbour' leaflets,

These are designed to inform neighbours about Oct 26th and should be given out the day after the demo. They tell of the reasons why you were at the Demo and, again, are a good starting point for conversation.

### \* follow-up meetings,

Many folk on the National Demo are not members of CND who could be encouraged to become involved locally if there was a meeting specially arranged or if your N/G had an event planned soon after to which they could be invited.

Please let the Oct 26th Group know of your N/G's plans as soon as possible so we can include them on publicity materials to be handed out on the trains.

## Christmas Cards

National CND Christmas Cards are now available at the Office.

4 attractive designs including the dove and a Raymond Briggs Snowman.

10 cards with envelopes 99p.



## A.G.M.

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 7.30  
Y.M.C.A., Shakespeare Street  
(Boardroom upstairs)

This is our chance to come together to look back and assess our campaigning over the past year; to work out our future policy; to elect officers and exec. for the forthcoming year.

### AGENDA

1. Chairperson's and treasurer's reports, each followed by questions and discussion.
2. Election of Officers and Executive Committee (see separate notice).
3. Motions on NCND policy. These should reach NCND office by Sat. 19 October in time for publication in the November Bulletin. (Some policy resolutions will be discussed at the October Members' Meeting).
4. Discussion of National Conference Agenda motions.

NCND has five votes at National Conference. We shall decide at the meeting on what and how we wish to mandate our delegates.

September "Campaign" contained National Conference resolutions. Every member (or family) should have received one. If you did not, there are still some at the office.

Don't be put off by the long, long list. Have a look at them: if possible, discuss those that interest you in your neighbourhood group, come along and join in what should be an interesting debate.

By the time of the AGM, we shall have the full Conference Agenda, but it will be helpful if you bring your "Campaign" copy with you.

## NOMINATIONS

are invited for  
NCND OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Required: 2 Chairpersons (one of each sex)  
1 Treasurer  
6 Committee Members.

Nominations with names of proposer and seconder, nominee's NCND number and signature indicating willingness to stand, should reach NCND office by Saturday 19 October in time for publication in the November Bulletin.

Elections will take place at the AGM.

Nominees: Please let the office have a short written statement about yourself (about 200 words or less) by Nov 1st. These will be circulated at the AGM.

If you want to know more about what is involved in being on the exec., get in touch with Ann Kestenbaum (tel. 602497) or any other exec. member.

## ARREST AND CUSTODY WORKSHOP

Following a number of difficult and painful experiences of arrest and custody, a workshop is being planned, open to all involved in NVDA or who may be in the future. The day-long workshop will cover the legal aspects connected with arrest and custody, as well as the psychological aspects of such experiences as being detained for long periods in bad conditions. It is hoped that the new Police and Criminal Evidence Act will be covered and that the day will include a session presented by a solicitor. A creche will also be available.

The Workshop will be held at the Queens Walk Community Centre, on Sunday 8th December (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Full details will follow in next month's Bulletin. For further information, contact Cathy Carstairs (96 Burford Road, Forest Fields. Tel. 788655) or Les Parsons (51 Birkin Avenue, Hyson Green).

## New Office Premises

*After a long search, Nottingham CND will be moving to new premises soon. We have a suite of rooms in Queens Chambers. The full address is:-*

*Suite 17/18,  
Queens Chambers,  
King Street,  
Nottingham.*

*Our telephone number will also alter as we have to transfer to a different exchange. Keep a look out for the new one.*

*More details about the new offices in the November Bulletin.*



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## LETTERS

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Pat Robson's constructive reply to Pete Strauss's article on NVDA confirms that there are different ideas as to the appropriate role of NVDA. In that context, it seems healthy for differing views to be aired openly, in a positive dialogue.

Speaking as a person involved in NVDA, I am sure Pat is right that activities involving civil disobedience can have an alienating effect on some of those whom we try to influence to support our aim of disarmament. I do not, however, believe this to be a reason for limiting NVDA. Explaining and justifying civil disobedience is one of the difficult but essential campaigning tasks facing us. We must take on that task because civil disobedience is occurring (as it always has) in response to an intolerable situation - a nuclear arms race that makes a nuclear holocaust ever more likely - and where the political and legal structures in our society are being manipulated, not to expose and end that threat, but to perpetuate and intensify it. Pat suggests that we are not in a situation where the actions of our government "go seriously against natural justice". But nuclear warfare is the ultimate abuse of natural justice and we are dealing with a government actively conspiring in nuclear war preparations and the escalation of the nuclear arms race and which is prepared to manipulate the law in order to achieve those aims. So we engage in civil disobedience, not because we believe in breaking laws at random, but because we see supposedly lawful structures trying to disguise the most hideously unlawful and immoral actions. We need, therefore, to be proud of our civil disobedience, in just the same way as black American civil rights activists were proud of their civil disobedience. If we bring that to our campaigning work, NVDA can be a persuasive tool, as it was in America in the Sixties.

I think Pat is wrong to suggest that active participation in NVDA, for example through the Defend Molesworth campaign, occurs at the cost of neglect of campaigning and neighbourhood work. In my experience, most of those active in NVDA locally are also involved in many other areas of the struggle for peace. Personally I have found that regular activity at Molesworth and the ensuing direct contact with what is happening there always increases my determination to campaign, communicate and persuade and I am sure that many others have similar feelings. In Forest Fields, we have found that increased commitment to NVDA has led to increased work in our neighbourhood, for

example through our monthly newsletter, now successfully sold on the streets every weekend.

At a general level, I think the role of NVDA can be misinterpreted unless we fully recognise that CND has always had two aims. One is, as Pat stresses, a campaigning role, with the objective of converting people to support for nuclear disarmament. The other, equally important, is to oppose nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction, in the present. We must, at one and the same time, campaign to persuade the people of this country of the need for real disarmament and oppose a nuclear state whose policies directly threaten the whole electorate, whatever their views, as well as those who cannot vote - our children.

NVDA is now at the heart of that opposition, just as the turning of Molesworth into a genocide base is the obscene cutting edge of that threat.

As a member of the peace movement, I fervently wish for the majority of people in this country to share our views on nuclear weapons and the nuclear state and to act accordingly. But Molesworth is Molesworth and Cruise is Cruise, no matter what the majority are manipulated into believing and voting. I would continue to directly oppose Molesworth, Cruise and the obscene nuclear arms race even if I knew that 99% of the electorate believed that was wrong.

There are many historical examples of passionate opposition becoming the root of effective campaigning for change. We can achieve change if we keep both aims in dynamic unity. We can also do this by avoiding the temptation of the politics of expediency, that demands we do only what the majority feel is okay (or, as is so often the case, what reactionary media decide is what the majority feels is okay). However people are persuaded to interpret them, the facts of Molesworth are that it is being turned into a U.S. Cruise missile genocide base, as part of nuclear war preparations that are illegal and immoral and this is a direct attack on the rights of everybody in Britain, whatever their current views. It is that situation that makes me proud to be involved in NVDA and happy to explain and justify civil disobedience on the street as of Forest Fields and Hyson Green. Our task is to show people who the real law-breakers are and to remind them that civil obedience has delivered us to the very edge of nuclear holocaust.

Les Parsons. Forest Fields Peace Group.



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M.C. ST MART'S  
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Having read the recent CND articles regarding the Evening Post, I feel that it has to be said that some of the arguments put forward in favour of abandoning the boycott are simply not true; in particular, Pete's claim that CND is the only group adhering to the boycott. While it is true that some members of the Labour Party and indeed some members of CND have chosen to talk to the Evening Post in recent months, the vast majority of the Labour Movement (with a few notable exceptions) still vigorously uphold the boycott. Some of you who have seen the Post recently may be surprised to read this, as lately the Evening Post has adopted some rather underhand tactics in an attempt to fool the public into thinking that the boycott has been abandoned. A particularly good example of this kind of deception occurred when the Evening Post ran a full-page article on a speech made in the House of Commons by local MP, Mr. Brandon Bravo. This speech, which included inflammatory comments about the problems of ethnic minorities within the community, so incensed the local Labour Movement that letters of complaint were sent to Brandon Bravo from several local T.U. and Communist party branches, etc. Extracts from these letters were then printed in the Post, but were presented in such a way that the letters appeared to have been written directly to the Evening Post. If, as some people would have us believe, the boycott has been unsuccessful, then why does the Post go to such lengths to make it seem that the boycott no longer exists?

True, after 7 years, the boycott has not led to the reinstatement of the sacked journalists, but then again the CND, which has existed for far longer than the Post dispute, has not yet achieved its objectives. Both, however, have achieved minor victories over the years and I do not believe that either campaign should concede defeat. What is even more ironic is that the current attempt to withdraw CND's support for the boycott could not have come at a worse time, for, as Mr. Williams states in his letter, the print unions are at present conducting negotiations with the Posts' Management. I would consider it utterly foolish and insensitive for CND to have upheld the boycott for so long and then to abandon it at a time when there is a real chance of resolving the dispute. Could this perhaps explain the Evening Post's eagerness to woo the Peace Movement back?

Furthermore, I do not accept that the attempt to isolate the Post has failed. The fact is that journalists working at the Post find their career progress severely hindered by the boycott

and I think that it is widely accepted that the paper's content is of a fairly poor standard. Nor do I believe that the Evening Post is the single most important news agency in the area. True, it has a large circulation, but how many of the people who read the Post listen to the local radio or read other local newspapers? Don't be fooled into thinking that simply because CND does not communicate with the Post that its arguments will never reach the minds of the Post's readership.

Even if the boycott were lifted, what kind of coverage could the Peace Movement look forward to from the Post. I realise that of late the Post has adopted a more reasonable style of reporting on Peace issues, but how long this would last once the Evening Post had succeeded in winning back our favour is a debatable point! Personally, I do not subscribe to the theory that "any publicity is good publicity" and I think that the reactionary type of reporting exemplified by the Post coverage of the Chilwell Trespass can, in fact, do far more harm than good.

Admittedly, though, the issue is not of the political complexion of the paper, but about the right to strike. However, Mr. Williams tries to justify the action of the Post Management, the fact remains that the Post refused to recognise the Right to Strike and has never demonstrated any willingness to deviate from that stance since the 1978 dispute. Indeed, although we are told that the dispute is a historical event with no place in the present, nothing could be further from the truth. The T. Bailey Forman Group (of which the Nottingham Evening Post is a part) was still being used as an anti-union weapon as recently as last year. NUJ members of the South London Guardian Group were threatened that production would be switched to the T. Bailey Forman plant at Huthwaite if they refused to agree to a new technology clause in their contracts of employment. This, of course, was an attempt to forestall joint NUJ/INGA action and is just one in a series of incidents concerning T. Bailey Forman and its campaign against the Trade Union movement.

I hope that CND members will try to attend the meeting of Oct. 10th and decide for themselves on this issue, so that the boycott does not become a kind of conditioned response, but a well supported and understood policy of NCND.

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Finally, I hope that CND will recognise that the right to strike is as fundamental a right in a democratic society as the right to protest and that if one of these rights is allowed to be taken from us, the other will quickly follow. Indeed, the issue that Pete Strauss raised of the success of CND saving the world is a very important point, but I believe if we are earnest in our desire to save the world, then some change must first take place in order for us to do just that. At a time when a TUCND group has just been established in the region, don't let the progress that CND has made within the T.U. movement be damaged by a miscalculated change of heart.

GAIL SQUIRES  
(Secretary of E. Midlands  
TUCND).

Dear Nottingham CND,

I read with interest Barrie Williams' letter in this month's issue of the magazine. He has put exactly my views into writing, which I formed when I read Pete Strauss' article in the August issue. I was extremely surprised to learn that Nottingham CND had decided to boycott the Evening Post, and more important, still do, all because of the NUJ strike several years ago. I am a relatively new member and was not aware of this action.

I agree entirely that CND should be a non-political organisation. My reasons for joining CND were because I wanted to rid the world of nuclear weapons, not because I thought CND supported the Unions, Labour Party or dare I say Conservative Party or whatever.

I think advertising is by far the most important means of reaching the media and getting our message across. What has CND gained by this boycott of six years? The only thing I can see that has come out of all this is the loss of the many members we could have perhaps gained by advertising in the Evening Post during the last six years.

For goodness sake put politics aside.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Bucko.

Dear Colleague,

It's the media silly season. Cold war horror tales concerning diplomats in the Soviet Union being smeared with chemicals, the Guardian's fairy story about the Russian embassy allegedly refusing Pat Arrowsmith a visa and now, not to be outdone, August's Bulletin contributes "Nottingham CND and the Post" where the author suggests the local CND should start talking again to the Union-busting Post. Seven excuses are advanced and have to be answered.

1. It's true some groups have broken ranks and stopped the boycott. This is to their eternal shame. There's nothing wrong with being the only, or practically the only, group to adhere to a principled position. Striking miners who stuck it out to the bitter end didn't make the "others are scabbing" excuse. CND should be proud of its continuing principled stand.

2. The continued production of the paper is a fact which has to be faced up to and is a major failure of certain unions to deliver effective solidarity. If only the power workers could be won to disconnect the electricity. But it's for the union in dispute to say if, and when, a struggle is over. At the moment, the NUJ has urged a continuation of the boycott. CND members are well advised to respect its wishes. Who knows that industrial action won't be stepped up at a future date?

3. CND is probably making a sacrifice in its ability to reach a wider Nottingham public. this is open to question. But is there any evidence that the people here are less favourably disposed to CND's case than in areas where the Tory press can be contacted? CND's ability to get its message across in a society where all the news media, with one honourable exception, are hostile to its case, will always have to rely, in the main, on other methods.

It's an inflated piece of wishful thinking to expect a story every day of the week, if a correct approach is adopted. What kind of story would the public read once our press releases had been through the hands of scab subbies? If a sacrifice is being made, then so be it. Sometimes they have to be. Ask a striking miner!

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4. That is not to say that the Tory press shouldn't be used in normal circumstances to attempt to reply to scurrilous articles, letters and editorials. Occasionally, progressive movements receive a half-decent report. But the situation here isn't normal, even although where it is, there are plenty of examples of local CND's being victims of gutter journalism without adequate redress.

5. Nobody has suggested the issue is to do with the Post's editorial line, so to even raise this issue is a monumental irrelevance. Yes, it is to do with the sacking of journalists and that should be a splendid reason for the Bulletin to spike a 7-point scab charter. The depletion of our wooded environment is hastened by the inclusion of this type of material.

There is an unanswerable case for CND and others to black the anti-CND Guardian while Preston remains its Fuhrer. Remember the Sarah Tisdall affair? Members may also consider supporting the only media source which supports them, the Morning Star. However, their misty-eyed love affair with the Guardian makes that happy state of affairs a far-off pipe dream.

It may be tough luck that Nottingham CND is embroiled in a dispute with an anti-union paper. To remain credible, with integrity intact, the present posture should continue.

6. Point six is a paragraph of waffling tautology repeating the "end the boycott" plea made elsewhere.

7. A principled stance is neither a knee jerk nor dogmatic orthodoxy. That's a gross insult to those who hold steadfast to decent beliefs for as long as it takes them to achieve their ends. Abandoning a principle for short term expediency is a grossly unprincipled act. Even if Nottingham CND sells its soul, there's no guarantee it'll be rewarded with reasonable access to the Post, although it might get a nice pat on the head from its managing editor.

We've all heard of the "Socialists" and Labour Party members who are not anti-union. Shirley Williams, Owen, Jenkins and Chapple, all had more than 10 years' membership of the Labour Party.

It's sometimes very difficult to know how effective certain actions are and how much they contribute towards achieving their objectives and it may be that the boycott is having little

effect on the Post's bosses. You could pose that argument about a whole series of actions. Does tying a balloon to an airbase perimeter fence have any impact on the minds of NATO's war planners? Or even a half million strong demo? No one suggests these actions should stop and, hopefully, no one will in future.

The Post dispute does at times seem like a never-ending saga and the maintenance of the boycott may be viewed by some as an exercise in futile sacrifice. But the main issue boils down to one of principle. Is CND's present posture right or wrong? Not only would breaking the boycott be a massive stab in the back to the NUJ, an action equal to crossing a picket line; it would also mean communicating with non-union scabs, individuals with not one microdot of decency, integrity or principle. Scum of the earth, in fact!

When the NUJ says so is the time to consider approaching the Post and an increase in discussions with them is desirable. We can all have our grouches about the NUJ and some of its members, especially those who contribute to the anti-CND garbage we get in the likes of the Sun, BBC and Guardian, apparently without any hurt consciences. Other unions' miserable performances in this case can be condemned, too. It's far easier to have deep feelings of solidarity with miners, health workers and council manual workers.

But, in the Post case, the NUJ took a brave decision, CND responded splendidly and continues to do so. Long may the boycott continue!

Yours fraternally,  
ALAN LUNDIE.  
(Member No.217)

# OCT. 26

# SAVE IT!

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A short appeal must go out for

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The September co-ordinating meeting passed by 7 to 6 a vote of censure on the September Bulletin Editorial Team for going against NCND policy in printing the "Post" editor's reply to Pete Strauss.

We consider that since this involved no kind of communication with the "Post", it did not infringe the boycott and does not seem to us to run counter to any of the resolutions on the subject in the past minutes of co-ordinating and members' meetings.

We were accused of giving publicity to one side of the case only. Unfortunately we did not receive a single reply to Pete's statement.

The fact that the Editor of the "Post" considers the views of NCND so important to his paper that he reads our bulletin and communicates with its correspondents is, we think, significant. We considered that the Editor's letter would be of interest to members who will, of course, make up their own minds on the issue.

Finally, we would welcome more people prepared to help with the Bulletin - both with the sometimes difficult problem of deciding what goes in AND the work of actually producing the Bulletin - typing, printing, collating, etc, which is becoming more and more dependent on retired members.

Next Editorial Meeting - Sun 20 Oct.

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN TEAM.

## Listen to the Hibakusha

*Public Meeting for Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day.  
Friends Meeting House, Leicester, August 4th.*

On Sunday, August 4th, seven people travelled south to Leicester to attend a public meeting at which two Hibakusha, the survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, were to speak.

The Friends Meeting House was packed to capacity and there was a sense of anticipation in the air as the small group of visiting Japanese entered the Hall.

After the introductions and opening remarks Chikara Kurisu rose. Speaking through an interpreter he gave a brief account of what he had been doing on the morning of August 6th, 1945 and how he saw a blinding flash of light as the bomb exploded followed by a strong wind and

intense heat. He described the 'black rain' which followed shortly afterwards and how it made those who survived the blast fall ill and eventually die a painfully slow, lingering death. Chikara only survived because he was several miles from the hypocentre. He told his story in a dispassionate, almost withdrawn manner and this seemed to give greater poignancy to his witness.

Hiroshi Nakashima recounted his experience in an altogether different, though equally compulsive way. He spoke forcefully and with great passion about how the people of the world should heed the cries of those who suffered the single most monstrous act of War ever committed by humankind - **that it should NEVER be allowed to happen again!** He described the devastation to the city and how he had seen the charred remains of people lying everywhere as he walked into Hiroshima looking for his family. Nearing the centre he became aware that there were no bodies anymore - only strange shadows scoured onto the few remaining buildings. He never found his family.

There followed a short session of questions during which a group of Conservative students tried to turn the gathering into a political meeting and to embarrass the visitors with remarks justifying the use of atomic weapons. The Hibakusha answered with grace and politeness contrasting the vulgar disrespect shown to them by the students. Thankfully, all other questioners were interested in discovering more information about the Hibakusha and about the way in which they perceive the worldwide Peace Movement. Needless to say the Hibakusha fully support and are pleased to be associated with the work that CND is doing to remove nuclear weapons from Britain. They gain strength from the many people in the Peace Movement they have met whilst in this country and have great respect for the dignity and integrity of CND. We have a corresponding respect for the Hibakusha.

Several interesting facts regarding the Hibakusha came to light, not least of which was that they were rejected from Japanese society in the years after the end of the War and, indeed, still are in some quarters of Japan. They were ostracised to such an extent that people wouldn't go near them, touch them or even drink from the same cups as the Hibakusha for fear of catching the terrible diseases they contracted as a result of those two bombs.

The closing remarks were very moving and as people stood and applauded loudly flowers, paper cranes and other tokens of friendship were passed between representatives from Leicester CND and the Hibakusha; a fitting climax to a memorable and unique experience.



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