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# Bulletin

NOTTM. CAMPAIGN for NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

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(free to NCND members)





# NOTHING'S WHAT'S

## February:

- Sat 1. Feb6 Frenzy. Disco at QWCC.  
 Tues 4. Peace Festival Group meet (see p 5 ).  
 Thur 6. **NATIONAL MASS BLOCKADE of MOLESWORTH.**  
 Co-Ordinating Meeting (as normal)  
 7.30pm. WEA. Shakespeare Street.  
 Sat 8. Blockaders Bop. Looking back and Moving  
 Forward. QWCC, 8 'til late.  
 Mon 10. Radcliffe meeting with member of the  
 Nuclear Veterans Assn. Library, 7.45pm  
 Thu 13. NCND Monthly Meeting. 7.30pm; WEA.  
 Evaluation/Workshops re Feb6 + other  
 National Demonstrations.  
 Tue 18. Youth CND. 7.30pm I.C.C. (see p 5 ).  
 Thu 20. NCND Bulletin Deadline and Editorial;  
 3.30pm. NCND Office.  
 Sat 22. **NCND Disco.** (see opposite).

## March:

- Sat 1. Beeston Disco (see p 7 ).  
 Tue 4. Peace Festival Group (see p 5 ).  
 Thu 6. Co-Ordinating Meeting. 7.30pm. WEA.  
 Thu 13. **NCND POLICY MAKING** meeting. 7.30pm; WEA  
 (Send resolutions in before Bulletin  
 Deadline, Feb 20th).  
 Fri 21. **NCND DISCO.** (see opposite).

## Nottingham CND Entertains

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+++ NCND ENTERTAINS +++

Due to overwhelming public demand, Nottingham CND will be holding a series of fabulous monthly fundraising social events. The aim is for them to be as varied, entertaining and profitable as possible. Everyone is invited, so please note the following dates in your diary.

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\* Saturday, February 22nd.

**DISCO** at the Narrowboat, Canal Street.

plus:

raffle with top quality prizes!

8.00pm 'til late.

price: £1.25 waged,  
75p unwaged.

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\* Friday, March 21st.

8.00 'til late at the Narrowboat.

The **MARCEL MARCEAU SOUND.**

(8 men who shock their heads!)

plus:

support band

plus:

amazing auction of unwanted Xmas  
presents at knockdown prices!!!

price: £1.75 waged,  
£1.25 unwaged.

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\* Saturday, April 26th.

8.00 'til late at the Narrowboat

'CRAZY CABARET'

price: £1.75, waged,  
£1.25 unwaged.

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Admission on the door or by ticket in  
advance from: NCND Office, Mushroom,  
Hiziki, Ouroboros & Rainbow Centre.

Please come along to our regular  
events, enjoy yourselves and support  
Nottingham CND.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

## Neighbourhood



## Groups

### NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP MEETINGS

- Aspley** 2nd Tues. 8 pm Wm. Crane  
School, Hilcote Drive.  
**Arnold** 3rd Tues. 8pm Kingswell Sch  
**Clifton/** Tues. before the monthly  
**Meadows** meeting. Ring contact for  
details.  
**Forest -** 2nd Mon. & 4th Thu. 7.30pm.  
**Fields** 69, Wiverton Road.  
**Lenton** 2nd Tues. 8pm Edna G. Olds  
School, Church Street.  
**Radcliffe** 2nd Mon. 7.45 Radcliffe Lib  
**Ralph St.** 3rd Tues 8pm, All Saints  
Comm. Cent. Raleigh Street.  
**W. Bridg** 2nd Tues. 7.45 Stumps Bar  
Test Match Hotel.

Ring contact for other groups. Most  
groups are discussing The Basic Case  
at their February meetings.

Forest Fields: are now running a  
weekly stall at Hyson Green Shopping  
Centre, as well as street-selling  
their Newsletter, every Saturday.

Meadows/Clifton: 10 members went  
carol singing for Peace. They sang  
their way around four streets and  
raised £14.60 in an hour and a half.  
Lessons to be learnt for next year:  
have a pre-arranged list of well-  
known carols and leaflets to push  
through doors which remain shut!  
Everyone enjoyed it and found it a lot  
less daunting than anticipated!

We want a really newsy "Neighbourhood  
Notebook" in the next bulletin.  
Please send in details of activities -  
including BASIC CASE plans - to the  
office or ring Jos on 333637.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

Why not take extra copies of  
"CAMPAIGN", so that all the active  
members in the group can read it?

We can order extra copies at 15p each  
(instead of 25p) for groups that order  
and pay for them 6 months in advance.  
(NCND has to order and pay 6 months in  
advance.)

Send your order marked "for the  
attention of Jos" to the NCND office.



# 'Basic Case'

## Extended Public Information Campaign

### The Positive Results of Independent Nuclear Disarmament

In April, CND will launch a major national campaign to put over the **BASIC CASE AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS** to the British public. We must win over the 30% of the population who, although against Cruise and Trident, are not yet convinced that we need **NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS** of any kind. Here in outline are some of the **BASIC** arguments for our **CASE**. Do you agree with them? Can you suggest others? How can we - including you - put these arguments across?

#### WE DON'T NEED NUCLEAR WEAPONS because

1) Nuclear weapons do not guarantee lasting peace; sooner or later - through accident or misunderstanding - they will be used.

2) Nuclear weapons are useless as a deterrent unless you are prepared to use them. They are equally useless for defence.

What government could ever use them, knowing that the use of even a few could trigger a nuclear winter and untold radiation effects which would affect its own territory equally with its enemy's?

3) Nuclear weapons are doing enormous damage to our economy and making us more and more dependent on the U.S.A.

4) The manufacture, stockpiling and servicing of nuclear weapons in this country poses unacceptable environmental risks (e.g. the transporting of unstable nuclear warheads by road through populated areas; the increase in child leukaemia cases near nuclear weapons establishments spotlighted in Jonathon Dimbleby's recent T.V. programme: the pollution arising from the reprocessing of nuclear fuel at Windscale).

5) Nuclear weapons, because they are so unspeakably dangerous, involve tight security, and secret decision-making which excludes Parliament. They are contributing to changing Britain from a parliamentary democracy to a police state.

#### WE NEED INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT BY BRITAIN because:-

1. By joining the great majority of non-nuclear nations, Britain could take a lead in putting pressure on the super powers to disarm.

2. Nuclear weapons are illegal and immoral. By renouncing them, Britain would be respected in the U.N.

3. Our rejection of nuclear weapons would demonstrate to the world that we have found them useless and discourage other nations from going nuclear. This would help to make the Non-Proliferation Treaty effective.

4. Nuclear disarmament by a state close to the USSR would help to reduce tension and encourage other European states to follow suit. The USSR has stated that it will not target nuclear weapons on states that have no nuclear weapons on their soil.

5. Britain can develop an effective non-nuclear defensive system that doesn't threaten other countries and therefore doubly increases our own security. Such a real defence system would leave more money for investment in British industry and the social service.

6. Resources - including scientists - would be released for helping to fight poverty and disease in the 3rd World.

7. Our children would grow up in a world freed from the threat of nuclear annihilation.

NCND exec. members and others who attended the Basic Case Workshop before Christmas are prepared to come to neighbourhood groups to introduce discussion on how we organize the campaign in the Nottingham area. National CND will shortly be publishing Basic Case pack with campaigning ideas as well as leaflets, posters, etc. for the first EPIC - (Extended Public Information Campaign) - which will carry on over the summer months. Details of this will be given in the next Bulletin.

*"I believe that if we are to win the hearts and minds of the unconvinced, we need to learn the skills of dialogue and persuasion."*

PAUL JOHNS.

This first EPIC is only the beginning: further EPICs on different themes will stretch through to and beyond the next general election.

In this campaign we need the help of **ALL OUR MEMBERS** in however small a way.

If **YOU** are one of those who for very good reasons have not been able to take an active part in our work, perhaps you could find the time:

- to deliver a few leaflets;
- or to write to your M.P. (If none of us write, they can claim that everyone is happy with Maggie's "defence" policy.)
- or to join others in door-to-door visiting;
- or, most important of all, to talk to a few new people about nuclear disarmament.

Do get in touch with your local contact and find out how you could help.

*"To be effective we have to win the public mind, and not only on specific issues like Cruise, Trident, civil defence and the abuse of the security services. We have to convince the majority of our fellow citizens that nuclear weapons, illegal and immoral, do not defend us and that the arms race, supposed to be for our security, actually maximises insecurity for all."*

BRUCE KENT, SANITY, June 1985.





# Verification

Arms control can only be effective if both parties can verify the total number of nuclear weapons possessed by the other side and check that there are no significant infringements, i.e. cheating. At present, this is possible.

There are three main ways in which arms control treaties can be violated.

## 1 Deploying new types of weapon

All new types of weapon go through five stages before they can be regarded as being 'in service': research, development, production, testing and deployment. It is virtually impossible to disguise all five stages without being caught.

New ballistic missiles, for example, can be readily observed at the testing stage. Infra-red sensors on satellites can spot the hot rocket-exhaust plumes during tests. Also, ground-based over-the-horizon radars can distinguish the patterns made by different types of ballistic missile as they pass through the ionosphere. New missiles can readily be distinguished from old. The accuracy of new missiles can be judged by the degree of 'wobble' observed in the trajectory during a test firing. It is believed that the US regularly observes Soviet missile tests, using radar, photographic equipment and electronic surveillance from ships and aircraft.

The construction of new silos can be observed by surveillance satellites which are apparently able to see objects 1 foot across from an orbital altitude of 100 miles. Radar images can also be obtained, through all but the thickest cloud cover. Camouflage over silos would not be effective, because silos are warmer than their surroundings, and infra-red cameras can detect this temperature difference.

New nuclear bombers and ballistic missile submarines can be detected during the production stage. Large aircraft factories, runways and shipyards cannot be hidden from view. Nuclear missile submarines are longer than football fields, and can also be spotted on sea trials.

New warheads for missiles and bombers also have to be tested before being operationally deployed. Seismographs (earthquake detectors) can now detect nuclear explosions even under 1 kiloton in yield - even at a range of several thousand miles. Atmospheric test explosions on the other hand (banned in principle by the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty) can be detected from orbiting satellites.

## 2 Deploying more of existing weapons

The deployment of extra missiles of types in existence can be done either by constructing new silos or by providing new re-loads

for existing silos. Additional silos can be observed by close-look photography, as described above. The provision of re-load requires heavy equipment to place the new missiles in the silo. The necessary silo modifications and the reload equipment can be identified by satellite. There is little room for cheating on the total number of missiles.

Extra submarines and bombers can be spotted as they come off their production lines. Bomber squadrons and their support facilities cannot be hidden at airfields.

## 3 Upgrading existing systems

Existing nuclear weapons and delivery systems can be upgraded in several ways. For example, missiles with one warhead can be equipped with new multiple warheads, medium-range missiles can be provided with extra rocket stages to increase their range, and bombers can be armed with air-launched cruise missiles.

Major improvements to missiles such as extra stages or new multiple warheads can be verified during tests by the methods already described.

The deployment of cruise missiles on existing bombers, however, cannot readily be verified from aerial photography.

There is no way of distinguishing by satellite surveillance a 'strategic' cruise missile (i.e. one carrying a nuclear warhead) from a 'tactical' cruise missile (i.e. one conventionally armed). Thousands of cruise missiles are now on the production lines and due to be deployed in both strategic and tactical versions. The non-verifiability of these weapons seriously endangers arms limitation or reduction prospects.

## 4 Proposal for an International Satellite Monitoring Agency

At present the technical means of verification are only available to the superpowers. In 1978, at the first UN Special Session on Disarmament, France proposed that an International Satellite Monitoring Agency (ISMA) be set up under UN control to provide independent verification of treaties. This proposal has so far received little backing from the superpowers (or the British government).

After the UN Special Session in 1978 a group of experts was set up to investigate the feasibility of an ISMA. Their report, which was published in 1981, concluded that (i) an ISMA was technically feasible, (ii) there was no provision in international law that could prohibit it, and (iii) the cost to the international community each year would be well under 1 per cent of the total annual expenditure on armaments. This proposal

has, however, received little political backing despite its obvious value for verification of global arms control.

## 5 Problems in verification

There are two immediate threats to verification of strategic nuclear weapons. The problem of cruise missiles has already been noted.

The second threat is the deployment of mobile missiles. If the other side does not know where they are, it cannot attack them. But then it cannot count them either. This means that mobile missiles could not be included in SALT- or START-type agreements. The SS20 missile, though only semi-mobile (it needs pre-prepared sites) is a step in this direction. Pershing II and the 'Midgetman' Small ICBM (SICBM) proposed by the Reagan administration would be a further major step.

These threats to effective verification make the present phase of the nuclear arms race particularly dangerous. They may make it irreversible. In that case, the present phase will be terminal.

## 6 Verification and arms control

The deployment of certain new types of weapon may weaken the ability of the superpowers to verify each other's arsenal. But this is not an excuse for not pursuing arms control. On several occasions in recent years the USSR has offered to enter into a pact with the West to limit nuclear weapons to their current levels as a first move towards disarmament. However, the West has continually blocked these moves, partly on grounds of verification difficulties - yet the West has more nuclear warheads than the East, has better weapons technology (e.g. guidance systems), and even has more advanced means of verification!

Verification of a ban on ICBM testing could be made now without on-site inspection. Missile testing could be easily monitored by satellite and would provide a valuable brake on the arms race. Any cheating by either side could only be on such a small scale as to be unimportant. Verification of a comprehensive test ban treaty could also be made. If we do not call a halt to the arms race soon, there will be less hope for the future, as further developments send it beyond our control.

This is an edited version of the leaflet on verification from the Scientists Against Nuclear Arms Briefing Pack on Nuclear Issues (2), available from SANA, London Production Centre, Broomhill Road, London SW18 4JQ.

The Verification Technology Information Centre has just been set up. They will answer queries and provide technical briefings.

Contact Dr Jeremy Leggett, VERTIC, 122 Sinclair Road, London W14 0NL. Tel 01-603 7510 (eves), or 01-589 5111 x 5567 (days).

### KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED...

Did you already know all about Verification? Or are you any the wiser having read this Factfile? "Sanity" regularly publishes these factfiles as well as many other thought-provoking articles. It is essential reading for all involved in The Basic Case Campaign. If we are to persuade others, we must ourselves be well informed. Sanity costs only 33p a copy via an NCND member's subscription of £4 p.a. Fill in the form on the back page NOW.



## The Peace Balloon

Did you see your balloon in Hyde Park? A picture of the Peace Balloon formed the backdrop to Moira Stuart reading the 9.15 p.m. BBC news.

Have you a decent photograph of the plane towing the "CND Trespassers, Go Home" banner at the Molesworth demo on April 8th '85? It could be useful.

Before this event we approached the RAF for permission to overfly the base from the land of a nearby sympathetic farmer. Sq. Ld. McCrae informed me that permission would not be given to us or any one else. Being a group which finds that its best interests are served by remaining within the law we accepted this and turned up at the perimeter on foot with 30,000 others. If the pilot towing the banner had not received permission he was breaking both aviation law and also the new Greenham/Molesworth bye-laws.

The following day I phoned Sq.Ld. McCrae at the base to find out if permission had been given and was informed that it hadn't and that this trespass along with that of a helicopter carrying the press had been recorded on tape and forwarded to "higher authorities".

After a reasonable interval I phoned the Civil Aviation Authority Safety Officer and asked what had been the outcome. He had received a report on the helicopter but nothing about the plane.

## Hole in Molesworth Radar

I wrote to the Cambridgeshire Police to find out the situation and received a reply from Chief Supt. Street saying that he had made enquiries of the Commanding Officer of Molesworth and had been informed that "no plane had come within 1 and a half miles or 20,000 ft. of the base". This kind of error or lie is very dangerous, so I have contacted Gavid Strang, MP, in the hope that he will pursue this "hole in Molesworth's Radar" as a matter of urgency.

These dealings with "the authorities" are a spin-off of the Peace Balloon which we find invaluable but a bonus of which we were not aware. For example, the CAA. fellow in charge of ballooning, recently phoned me to ask for confirmation that we would not be dropping parachutists into Menwith Hill where we were about to fly legally. I reassured him that this was not in our plans. Later we heard of a woman in Yorkshire who, suspecting her phone was tapped, had



## Parachutists

said in a telephone conversation about Menwith Hill Peace Camp's birthday celebrations, "Oh yes, the balloon is going to drop in parachutists!"

Another effect we hoped the balloon would have on CND members was to raise morale. We, in common with other groups, have received knocks as well as fillips. The best compliment, amongst many, came from a woman in Lincoln who said the sight of the 32 ft. CND emblems on the balloon taking shape moved her to tears.

The joy of following the balloon is the number of people stopping their cars and literally jumping up and down and cheering, or train drivers blasting their horns as the balloon flies over, or the fire-engine which pulled up on our first tentative tether of the balloon in the Nottm. University grounds and the firemen each buying a badge.

Many of the towns over which we've flown have asked us to return next year which is reassuring, but we'd prefer to spread our campaigning.

We have sadly failed on occasions. We were at Barrow in October '84 and so was high wind which cut us out. We were at the Brighton Conservative Party Conference 200 yds. from the Metropole Hotel and again rain and wind prevented us from reminding people of the CND message.

When we started our fundraising we stated "If you don't see the balloon over your town or on the television, we'll return your money". Thank goodness that now we won't be asked to return the £3,500 we've received in donations.

I said last month that I'd also report on our financial situation. We still owe £4,000 on the balloon! We're not doing badly; give us your faith, give us your money... Nationally, 800 people x £5 would make us solvent!

PATRICK AND THE PEACE BALLOON GROUP,  
134 Chewton St., Eastwood, Nottingham.

## Youth CND

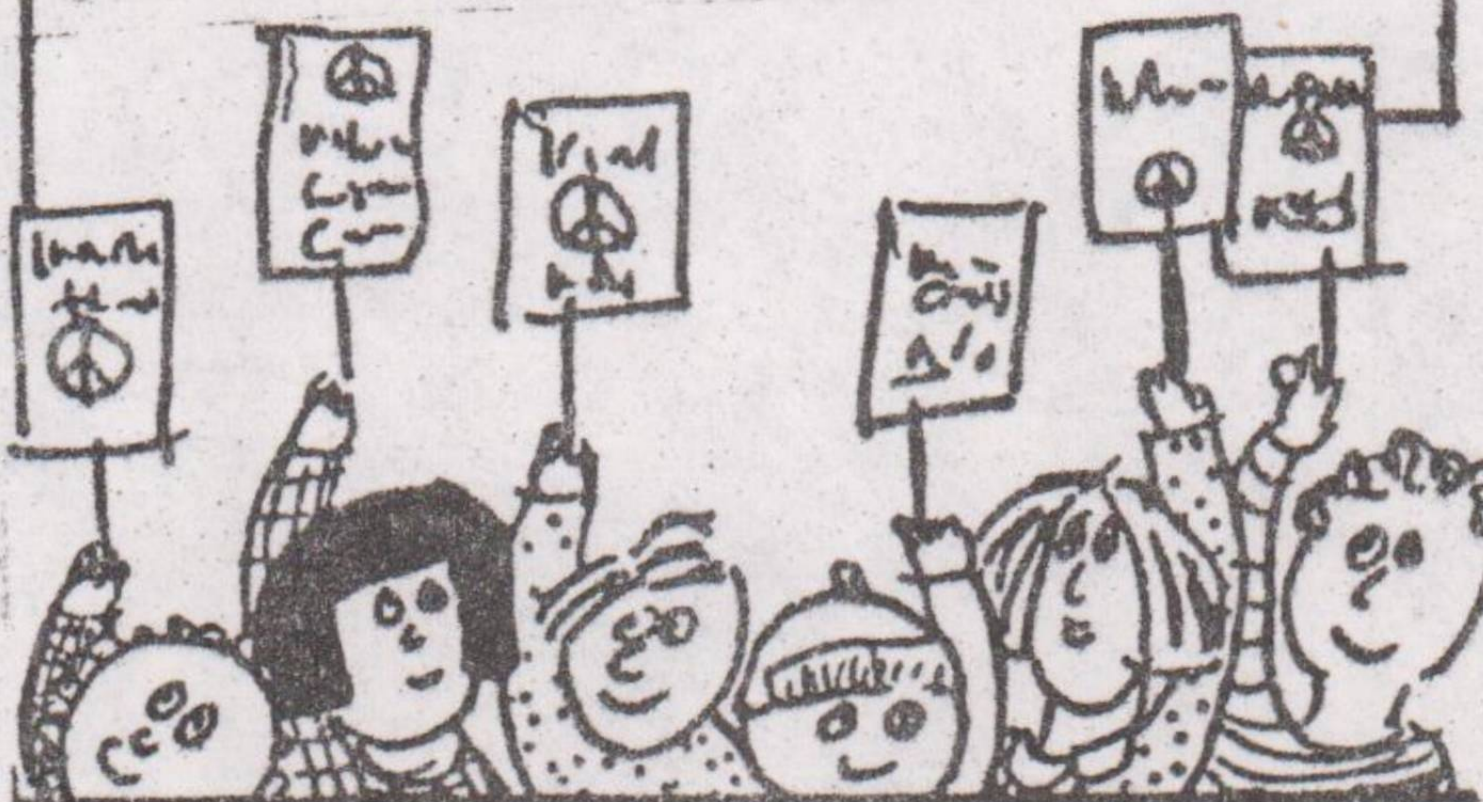
CALLING ALL MEMBERS UNDER 21

There will be a meeting of the newly-formed Nottingham group of

YOUTH CND  
on:  
TUESDAY 18 FEB.

at 7.30 at the International Community Centre, Mansfield Road.

COME ALONG AND BRING OTHERS, TOO.



# PEACE FESTIVAL

Anyone interested in helping with planning and organizing this year's festival is invited to join the Festival Working Group which will be meeting, as follows:-

Tues. February 4th  
Tues. March 4th  
Tues. March 25th.

all at 7.30pm at The Rainbow Centre,  
180 Mansfield Road.



# INTERNATIONAL PAGE

Many members may be unaware of this latest "Star Wars" horror, which has received little media coverage. We reprint extracts from a report in "The Guardian" on 13.1.86.

## STAR WARS



**SDI LASERS "WILL BE ABLE TO START FIRE STORMS"**

Soviet cities could be burnt within minutes say experts.

From Robert Scheer in Livermore, California.

Laser weapons being developed as part of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative could more easily be used to incinerate enemy cities than to protect the US against Soviet missiles, according to an article in a leading physics magazine and a study being circulated among government weapons scientists.

The study, which was produced by R and D Associates, an influential defence think tank based in Los Angeles, cites data indicating that, "in a matter of hours, a laser defence system powerful enough to cope with the ballistic missile threat can also destroy the enemy's major cities by fire. The attack would proceed city by city, the attack time for each city being only a matter of minutes. Not nuclear destruction, but Armageddon all the same."

Lasers "have the potential of initiating massive urban fires and even of destroying the enemy's major cities by fire in a matter of hours," according to the article by Caroline Herzenberg, a government physicist at the Argonne National Laboratory. "Such mass fires might be expected to generate smoke in amounts comparable to the amounts generated in some major nuclear exchange scenarios," warns the article in the current issue of Physics and Society, published by the American Physical Society. That could cause "a climatic catastrophe similar to nuclear winter," a reference to the disastrous lowering of the earth's temperature many scientists believe would result from a nuclear war.

### A NOTE ON "THE PARADOX OF HESELTINE" (December Bulletin).

Well, I hope none of those people who wrapped their brains in knots trying to unravel the flaw in Heseltine's logic were expecting a neat, simple answer in this issue! I would refer anyone wanting a clear exposition of this and related paradoxes to the first chapter of Martin Gardner's book "Further Mathematical Diversions" (Pelican £2.50). The book is available from Mushroom (where I work!), but just in case you think the whole idea is a sales ploy let me say that I will happily go out for a drink with anyone who's interested in discussing the paradox and I will bring my own copy of the book along!

KEITH LEONNARD

P.S. December: NCND publish a story implying that Heseltine often gets it wrong.

January: Heseltine resigns!  
February: ? ?

## French Tests

The Women's Network (U.K.) for a Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific are organizing a campaign to publicize French tests in the Pacific. They are establishing a telephone tree, asking for street action 2 days after each explosion.

Anyone interested, contact: Tulip Hambleton, 109 Cardigan Road, Leeds. 0532 743 777.

TE TAATA TAHITI TOIA MA (Free Tahiti).

Forest Fields Peace Group presents.....

STRATEGIC ARMS & LEGS TREATY

on Saturday March 1st  
from 8 'til late

at the Forest Fields  
Community Centre  
Gladstone St. Forest Fields

Admission - £1.50 waged  
75p unwaged

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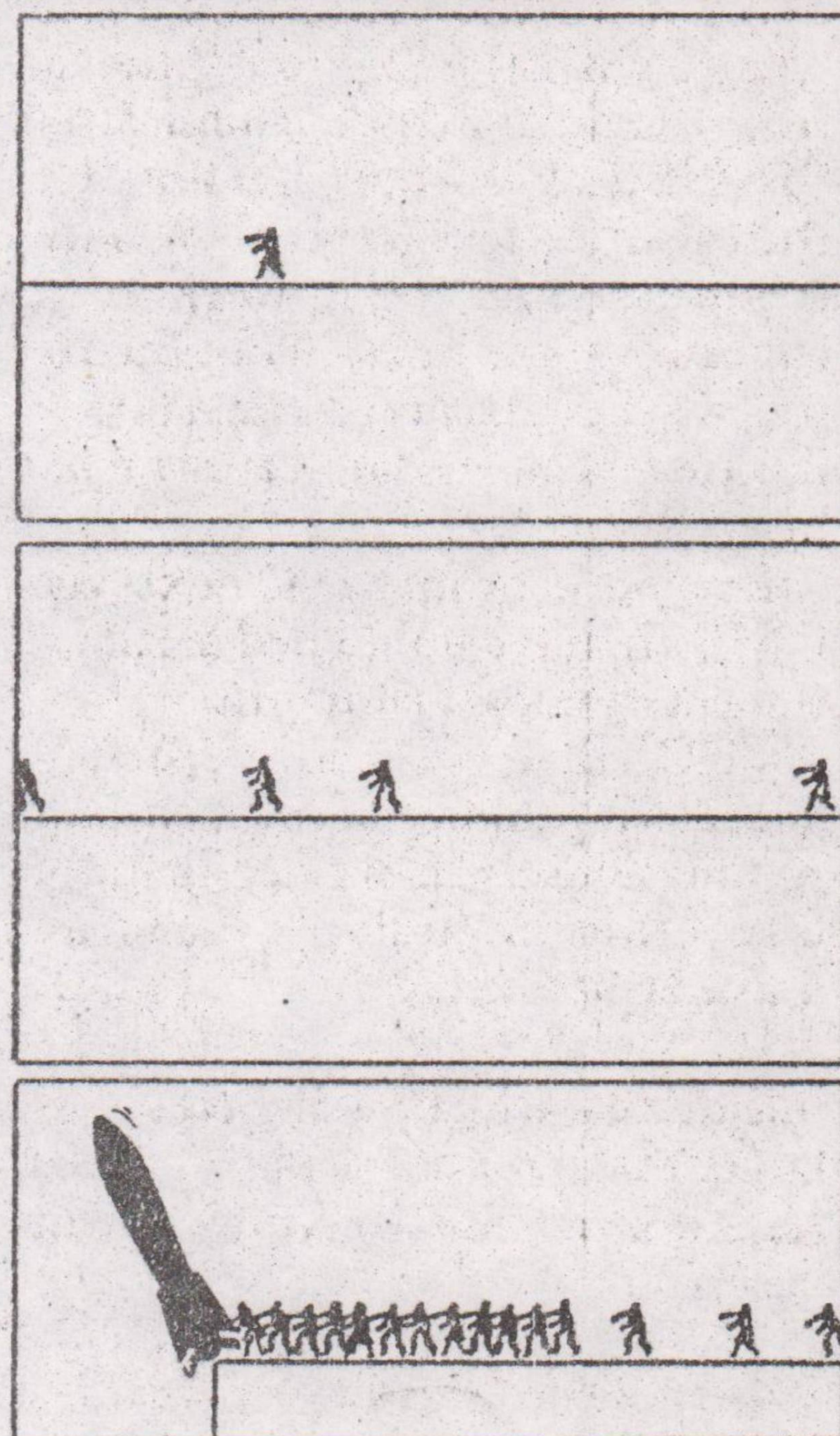
Molesworth Ploughshares, the group which successfully organised a shipment of wheat to Eritrea from Molesworth cruise missile base, is launching a new campaign. Called TOOLS OF ERITREA, it is just that - a project to collect, refurbish and ship agricultural hand tools of Eritrea.

Up and down Britain, local groups will be collecting mattocks, heavy hoes, spades and shovels. These will be repaired and made serviceable where necessary, then stored in readiness for the next stage of the campaign.

At Easter, after a march through the fertile English countryside, the tools will be tested in the soil - the soil of Molesworth which could be used to grow food instead of housing nuclear weapons.

If you are interested or have any tools to offer, contact the local collector:

Gordon Evans, 7 Station Terrace, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Tel.335737.



### UNWANTED XMAS PRESENTS

Would anyone with any unwanted Xmas presents or other disposable clutter think about donating their wares to the Nottingham CND Fundraising Group. Please leave all saleable items at the Office. Thank you one and all.



# Operation Xmas Card Czecho -slovak Style



NCND has received over a dozen cards accompanied by peace letters from people in Bratislava.

The letters, which are in English and all the same, are on similar lines to our own "Operation Christmas Card" message. They end:

"Let us join forces to have nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction removed from the whole world and to make sure that the arms race is never extended to outer space. I am convinced that we are linked by our common fundamental objectives, in the interest of which we ought to work hand in hand." Replies are being sent - but not in Czech!

## Listergate Stall

The stall is one of NCND's most important activities. There it is - Saturday after Saturday, outside Marks & Sparks, letting the great British public know that CND exists in Nottingham, even if only a few stop to buy or talk.

During the pre-Christmas period, the stall did exceptionally well: vast numbers of Christmas cards and badges, especially the more expensive ones, were sold.

But don't let us make the mistake of thinking the stall will just keep itself going. The rota list for 1986 is almost bare. NEIGHBOURHOODS, PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

Besides volunteers, the stall needs

### SUITCASES

We could do with several to make transporting the stock easier. Has anyone got one to spare?

The Stall is an essential part of the Basic Case Campaign. Give it your support.

## Pensioners for Peace

I have received a New Year Card and letter in Russian from Tamara Khapalyuk of the Byelorussian Peace Committee at Minsk. A translation of part of the letter reads:

"We hope that the agreements reached at the Geneva Summit will lay the basis for a warming-up in the international climate and, in the final analysis, will lead to the elimination of weapons of mass destruction. In many ways this depends on you and us, on public opinion in all countries being persistent, uncompromising and firm in the struggle for peace."

I am trying to organise a Pensioners trip to Minsk, sometime in the summer. If we can get at least 10 participants, we can shop around and reduce the cost. Anyone interested, please contact me.

LOUISE JESSOP, 10 Morton Gardens, Radcliffe on Trent. Tel. 332073.



This was the decision of Co-ordinating Meeting following Cruisewatch speakers at the December Members' Meeting.

## Gizza job, mate !

Mushroom Bookshop (10 Heathcote St., Nottingham. Tel. 582506) is looking for a new full-time worker with energy and enthusiasm. We work collectively. Driver preferred. Applicants must be vegetarian (and CND supporters!).

Closing date is Feb. 7th, so please contact us immediately for a full job description.

for details ring Woody 228518 or Jill 222578

BANG presents

## PATTI O'DOORS and others

Saturday March 1

8.00pm

£1 unwaged/£1.50 waged

Age Concern Centre,  
Styring St. (nr. Bus Stn)  
Beeston

tickets available on door.

to raise money for Molesworth (Feb 6) fines

# FEB 6

## How did you fare?

MANY Nottingham CND members reading this may have participated in the Mass Blockade at USAF Molesworth just recently. Many may have been arrested, many charged with minor offences. All those suffering this insult, and becoming 'peace criminals', will almost certainly incur fines of between £25 and £50 when the full weight of summary jurisdiction bears upon them later in the year.

It is not hard to see why some blockaders will feel compelled to further their protest by refusing to pay any fines incurred for peaceful protest.

"The choice has been forced back so that we have to make it now - BEFORE war comes. In the past we had to decide not to become war criminals. Today, we have to decide to become peace criminals or else become war criminals by default". Nicholas Walter, 1963.

because they feel that paying such a fine amounts to admission of guilt. We must recognise that under international law it is not a crime to resist the preparations for genocide. Nevertheless, in our society, as we have seen in the past, 'peace criminals' are to be imprisoned for their convictions.

However, there will be many who cannot make such a sacrifice but who will remain bound by the law to pay their fine.

Although magistrates are prepared to allow the less well off to pay their fines at £1 per week there will inevitably be blockaders who will have some difficulty in meeting the requirements of the court. In this respect, the Defend Molesworth Group would like to ask members of Nottm. CND who feel able to make donations to a special Defence and Aid fund, all monies to be used specifically to pay a proportion of those fines incurred by individuals suffering financial hardship. If you would like to make a contribution, especially if you were not at the Feb 6 demonstration and feel you can help in this important supporting role, please make donations to:

Feb 6 Defence + Aid

and return to:

Defend Molesworth Group (D + A),  
180, Mansfield Road,  
Nottingham,  
NG1 3HW.



# CND/PAN 200 CLUB

It's not too late to join the CND/PAN 200 CLUB

The 200 Club works by getting people to pledge £1.00 a month. Each person is allocated a number and every Month there is 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 too.

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

December:

£50 E. Greenwood  
£10 Pat Robson  
£5 D. Lunzer

January:

£50 Chris Blunsden  
£10 Harry Loach  
£5 Melissa Ronaldson

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.)

Please return to CND/PAN 200 Club, 17/18 Queen's Chambers, King St. Nottingham.

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

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# Letters

Dear friends,

I WOULD like to make a contribution to the debate surrounding the style, content, presentation and production of the Bulletin.

FIRSTLY, may I say that having been involved in all stages of Bulletin production for nearly a year I feel that the time, effort and occasional glimmer of skill put in by the current Bulletin Team deserves wider recognition than has been forthcoming. A difficult series of jobs have to be timetabled, co-ordinated and carried out over a two week period entirely by volunteers (who carry their mature years with grace!) using complex and usually idiosyncratic machinery. We must always remember that the quality of the NCND Bulletin depends heavily on the quality of equipment we are able to use. Nevertheless, the Bulletin usually comes out on schedule.

THE BULLETIN has improved out of all recognition in the last nine or ten months although I think it is fair to say that there are still areas where further changes can be made which would make our newsletter a more valuable publication, especially since the adoption of Basic Case. Now we have a unique opportunity to fully integrate the whole range of publicity methods available to us, including the Bulletin, and to campaign over the next two to three years in an orchestrated and co-ordinated manner.

## \* Content.

AT PRESENT the Bulletin is pretty boring to read. We need regular in-depth factual articles explaining the complexities of the Arms Race. I would suggest lifting or re-writing articles from other magazines on issues such as French, Chinese, Israeli and South African nuclear weapons. Explaining wider Peace related issues such as the Namibian/South African/British connection or poverty and the Arms Race. Articles linking issues, making the connections, simplifying the past, present and future nuclear thinking of the strategists. Why don't we commission people to write for us? We could approach Bradford School of Peace Studies - I'm sure they could send down lots of interesting and informative material we could use.

THE BULLETIN can also be improved by making it funnier. Why all doom and gloom? Using cartoons, occasional humorous passages and a degree of wit employed when writing articles would make things much more interesting to read. What about a regular cartoon strip or funny column?

## \* Presentation and Style.

THIS IS an area where we have made big improvements over the last year. By using word processors we can get more information into the same space more quickly, more easily and more conveniently than before whilst keeping copy legible. This is a great advantage. For instance, we can move from 2 columns (like this page) to 3 (as in

the Jan Bulletin). We can make the layout more like that seen in daily newspapers by adjusting column widths, using bold paragraphs, underlined sections, different typefaces, italics &c. fitting in boxed advertisements, cartoons, logos and so on around the articles in an attempt to make the page more attractive to the eye. This isn't that difficult to do using computers. The keynote here is looking at other publications, lifting ideas, making any adjustments and incorporating them into our material. Simple!

## \* Production:

AS I mentioned earlier, we must always bear in mind the constraints placed upon us by the quality of equipment we use. The only thing I have to say on this point is that basically, you get what you pay for. The professional printers do a professional job on first class machines at, I hope, union rates - we do it on our own from start to finish for on average £80 per issue. Short of spending more money on each monthly Bulletin to get better print quality, the only alternative I see is to go to an issue every two months with twice the money spent ie. instead of £80 per month we spend £160 every two months with 6 editions per year instead of 12. Personally, I would not like to see this happen. There are many reasons, in my view, why it would be an undesirable step but perhaps the most important is that a bi-monthly Bulletin would not be able to keep pace with the rapid series of events taking place within Nottingham CND and elsewhere. It would not function as a means of keeping members closely in touch with what is going on. The entire system of NCND would be slowed down if members only had access to information bi-monthly. I am happy to continue with an improved monthly Bulletin knowing that members are kept in touch with what has been, is and will be going on.

MAY I say that the January edition was in no way meant to pre-empt the current debate on nor was it supposed to show 'the way forward' for the NCND Bulletin. Anyone who saw it will agree that it was a superb document - the best we have ever produced. The whole thing was more difficult to organise, to lay out and to collate and don't forget there was a specific reason for that Bulletin - complete Feb 6th briefing. It was a 'one-off' in a sense and so cannot be regarded as a normal edition. Indeed, together, NCND and the Defend Molesworth Group spent £165 on printing.

I THINK it is fair to say that it would be impractical for us to do similarly every month. Our arguments are strong and our campaign is stronger than we sometimes think. Basic Case will merge the strands of it. The Bulletin is a great asset to us in this regard - we should use it to its fullest capacity. Let's take a simple look at it, decide what we want, and do it.

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