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NOTTM. CAMPAIGN for NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

April '86

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(free to NCNu members)

BASIC CASE LAUNCH DAY-APRIL 12TH.



MARKET SOUARE 12-3PM.

Chance of a lifetime... or a lifetime of Chance?

# 'Chance of a Lifetime' - Launch Day

# Saturday, April 12th

- MARKET SQUARE and environs;
- EXHIBITION BUS;
- STREET THEATRE;
- MUSIC;
- PAVEMENT ART;
- SOAP-BOX SPEAKERS;
- STREAMERS and BALLOONS;
- STALL etc, etc.

Main Events between 12 noon and 3.00pm.

Exhibition Bus open ALL DAY.

HELPERS and CROWDS WANTED!

If you are prepared to help with selling Sanity or the new News Sheet or balloons or carry a placard please report to the table by the bus. It would be helpful if you could make and bring a small collecting tin with the CND logo on it.

Queries to: Karen (863955), Ed (227598) or Simon (861821).

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th.

8.00pm at the Narrowboat, Canal St.

CAMPAIGNER'S' CABARET

with: 'The Flying Pastrami Brothers',

Pete Hollway - mime artist,

+ other comedy and musical acts.

Admission: £1.75 waged, £1.25 unwaged.

PEACE PAINT

(not War Paint!)

Keyworth CND launch their Basic Case Campaign on:

Saturday, 26th. April

9.30am - 1.30pm.

at

Keyworth Square and Wolds Drive Shopping Centre.

DRAMA: "Bang! Bang! You're Dead!"

by Keyworth Youth Drama Group.

BALLOONS, FACE PAINTING, PAVEMENT ARTISTS

# News-Sheet.

"THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME"

Or a

"LIFETIME OF CHANCE"

price 20p

NCND is producing a special 8-page news-sheet for sale to the public during the three months of the first EPIC - Extended Public Information Campaign.

It will explain clearly and simply what nuclear disarmament involves and what CND is. (Many people still don't know and confuse CND with C and A!)

There will be articles on The Nuclear Free Zone, the Peace Festival, Nuclear Accidents, Star Wars and the July 8th Parliamentary Lobby, and, of course, the all-important membership application form.

We need everyone's help in getting the newssheet widely distributed. We are asking ALL MEMBERS TO BUY TWO COPIES - one for themselves and one to pass on to someone else.

The deliverers of the MAY Bulletin will be bringing copies round for sale to those who have not already got them.

# PUBLIC INFORWATION

# CAWIPAIGN

# The Positive Results Of Independent Nuclear Disarmament By Britain

Independent nuclear disarmament by Britain would be a positive step which would help to make the world a safer place. It would:

- 1) Remove obstacles to arms control agreements.
- 2) Allow us to join the majority the countries who are taking the non-nuclear intiative
- 3) Show that real security can only come from nuclear disarmament.

#### 1. Removing Obstacles

Superpower Talks

The nuclear bombs we have now (Polaris missile submarines, RAF bombs for Jaguar/Tornado, RN Nuclear Depth Charges for NR Helicopters/Nimrod) are a real obstacle to any US/USSR agreement. The Soviets insist on counting British and French totals with the US. The British refuse to have their weapons counted. The talks on cruise/Pershing II and the SS20s partly broke down over this. Far from going 'naked into the conference chamber', Britain refuses to take our weapons there at all.

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Our Bomb is also an obstacle to making the Non-Proliferation Treaty effective. The best chance of



stopping the spread of the bomb is to strengthen this treaty; but the non-nuclear countries which have signed it expect and require the nuclear weapons countries to start real reductions of their weapons. This has not

happened. British action could help save the treaty and stop the spread of the Bomb – recognised by many as a major threat to peace. After all, the argument for us having it is exactly the same as that which can be used by countries like Pakistan or Brazil.

#### CTBT

Building new British nuclear weapons will make these two problems worse, but they also create another, even more important obstacle. Britain plans to build new bombs for the Trident missile submarine, and to replace 'ageing' RAF and RN 'tactical' weapons. Because Britain wishes to carry out nuclear tests at the American test site in Nevada, Britain is blocking a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). This treaty is already worked out and it is now possible to verify (check) whether nuclear tests take place. Geological detectors can now spot explosions as low as I kiloton (thousand tons TNT equivalent) and this can be backed up by satellite spying on test sites. The Soviet Union has agreed for the first time to allow geological detectors to be placed on its territory.

#### Summary

By dismantling our existing weapons and stopping any new production, we would make any US/USSR agreement easier, strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and enable ourselves to agree to a Comprehensive Test Ban. Getting rid of British nuclear weapons would increase international security in these three important areas.

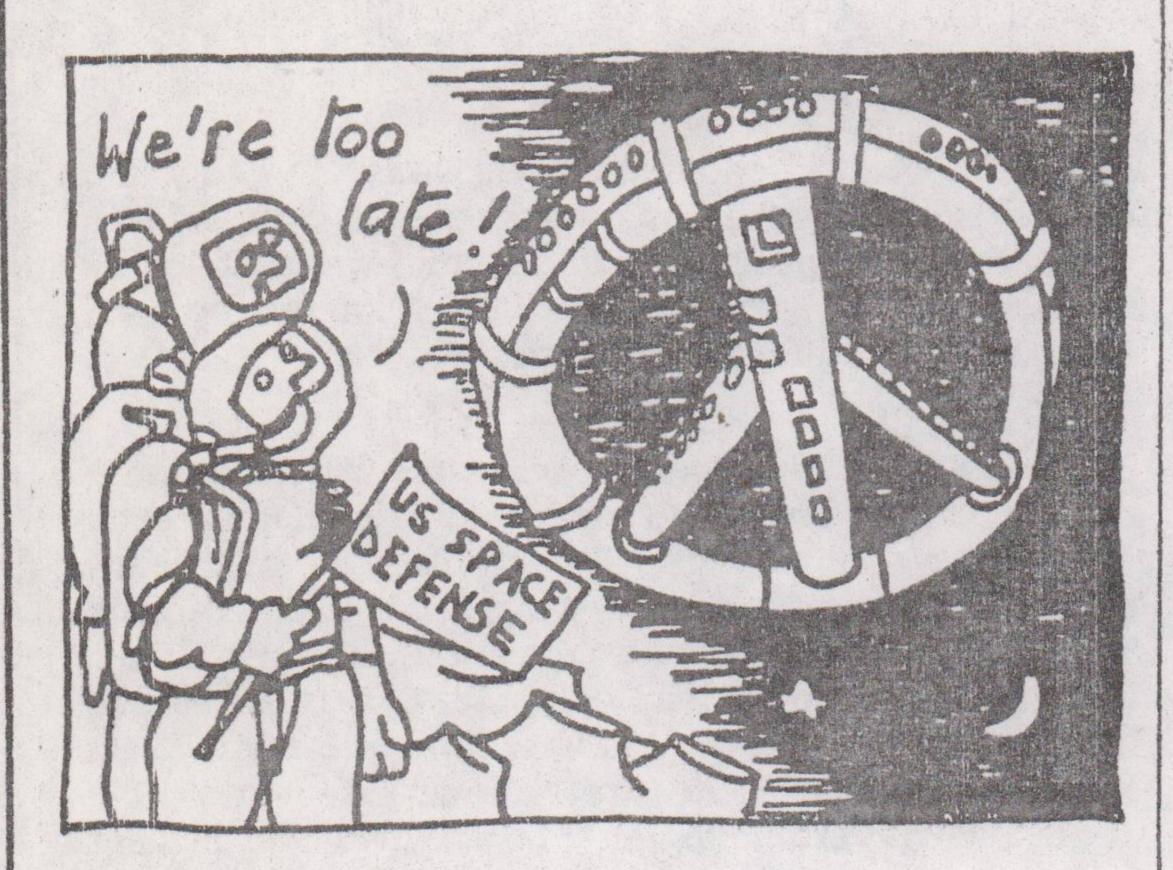
#### 2. Non-Nuclear Initiatives

As well as removing obstacles to disarmament, British nuclear disarmament would free us to make major new initiatives to reduce the risk of nuclear war. Many of these could be in collaboration with existing, non-nuclear countries – after all, only five states are acknowledged nuclear powers, and only a few more have the potential to be so.

Just as New Zealand's refusal to accept US nuclear armed ships has echoed around the world, so British action could:

- inspire people working for nuclear disarmament in other countries
- strengthen the hand of moderates in other countries
- join the many nations urging the superpowers to reach genuine arms reduction agreements. Achieve a complete ban on the production of nuclear weapons and the testing of long-range missiles; satellite and on-site verification could make sure that these measures stick
- allow us to use the resources presently used for nuclear purposes to supply real human needs in this country and to provide aid to the countries in the poor south. Constructive assistance policies are a more stable way of acquiring friends and influence than the supply of arms, which (as in Argentina or Iran) can easily end up being pointed at the supplier!

• join with other countries supporting a system of international spy satellites to check on the superpowers — there is strong support for this in the UN. International spy satellites would enable the UN to know what was going on and prevent the superpowers acting in secret. The European Space Agency would be one way of getting the satellites into space.

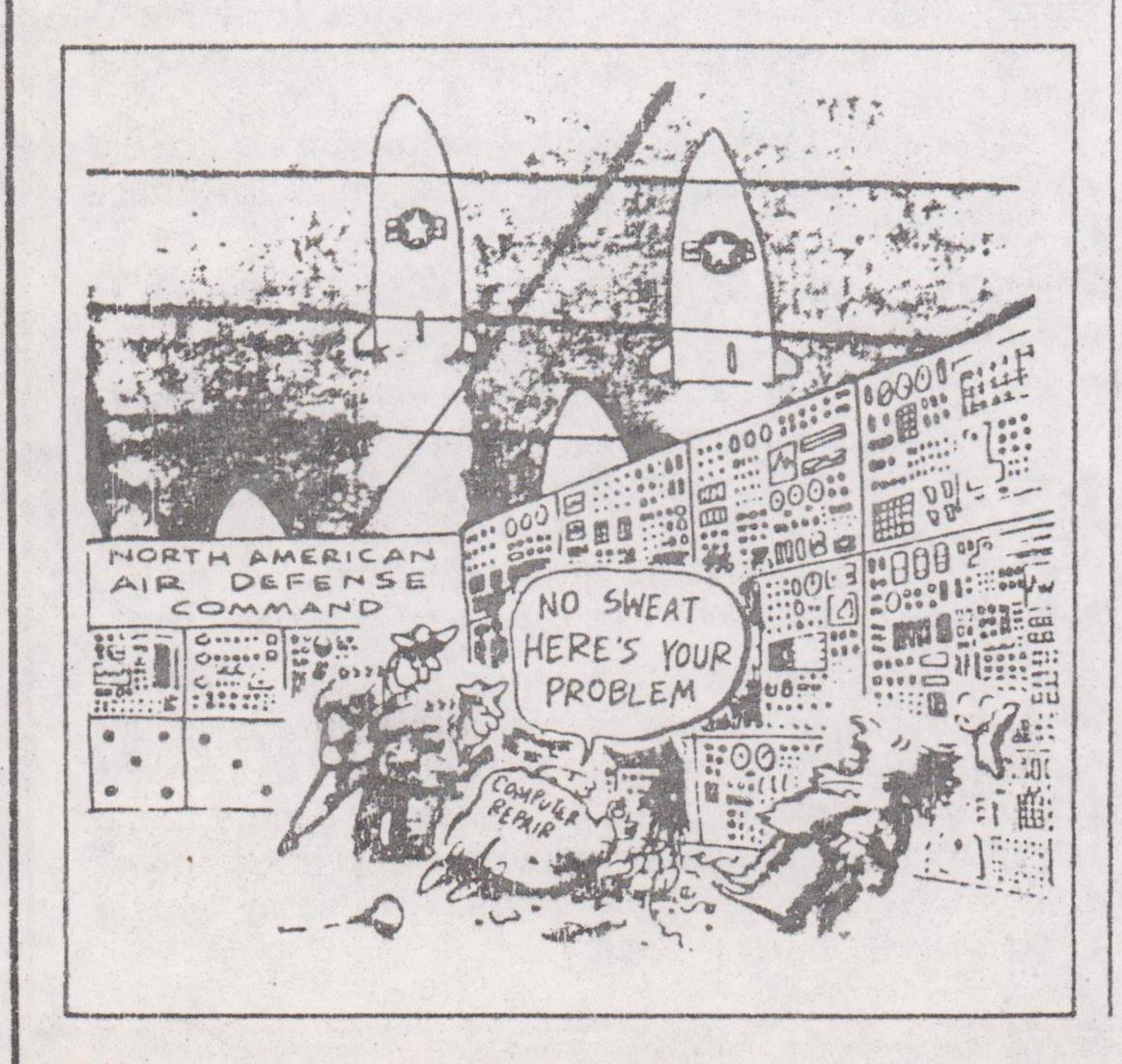


# 3. Nuclear Disarmament Means Real Security

Realising the belief that having our bomb keeps us safe is based on two assumptions:

- 1. That the greatest threat we face is from a deliberate attack.
- 2. That we can have nuclear weapons without using them.

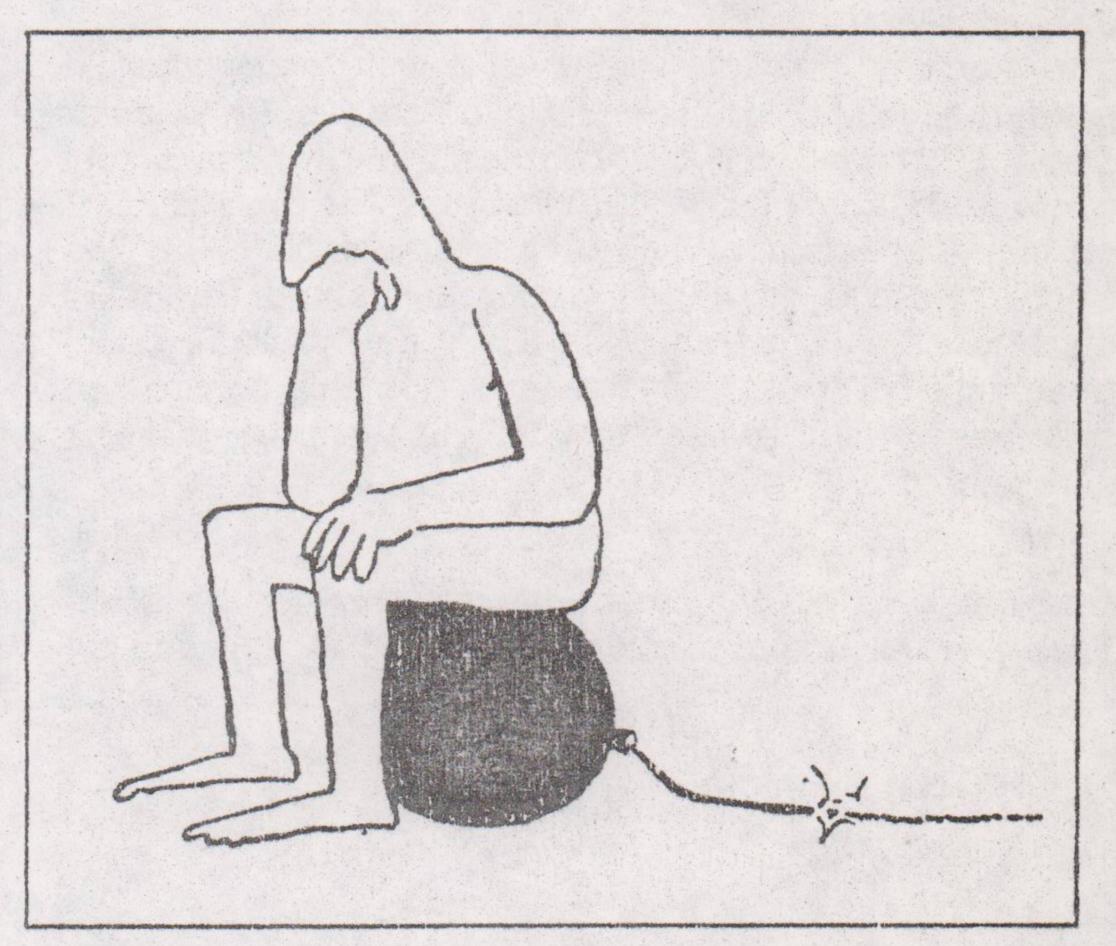
It is unrealistic to believe that the major threat is from cleliberate attack. If there was an attack British 'independent' weapons are useless unless we all want to commit suicide. In the real world we know that accidents through uncontrolled crises, faulty computers and human error by military commanders and by politicians, are far greater threats. If you believe in 'conspiracy theory', nuclear weapons may be some deterrent, but if you prefer the cock-up theory, nuclear weapons are worse





than useless. Nuclear weapons cannot deter an accident - only removing the weapons can do that.

The most recent evidence on the Nuclear Winter shows that even a small number of nuclear explosions on cities, totalling around 100 megatons, would send a cloud of smoke high into the atmosphere, blocking out the sun, reducing temperatures and wiping out the grain producing areas of the Soviet Union and North America along with the rice producing areas of Asia. Our possession of nuclear weapons would not prevent this happening to us through a war elsewhere, and our use of nuclear weapons would only worsen our position. Only nuclear disarmament can provide the security we need.



#### Moral / Legal Arguments

It is immoral and inhuman to be prepared to use nuclear weapons; and having nuclear weapons means using them.

The possession and use of nuclear weapons is illegal under a range of international laws including the Genocide Act and the Nuremburg Charter. Article VI of the latter states: "The crimes hereafter set out are punishable as crimes under international law: (a) crimes against peace: (1) Planning, preparation or waging of a war of aggression, or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances;

(b) participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the acts mentioned in (1)."

It is clear that using nuclear weapons would breach many international laws which outlaw indiscriminate destruction. Article VI, however, makes it a crime to prepare to commit such acts.

The article on pages 3 and 4 on The Positive Results of Independent British Nuclear Disarmament comes from the Basic Case Briefing Pack (£1.75 from NCND office). It was compiled too soon to include reference to Gorbachev's disarmament plan. We therefore reproduce the Editorial from the March "Sanity" to rectify this.

# Moscow moves



On January 15th Mikhail Gorbachev announced to the world an ambitious 'three-stage' plan to rid the world of nuclear weapons by the year 2000. As a way of outbidding Star Wars in offering to make nuclear weapons 'obsolete and impotent' it seems to have succeeded, if public opinion is anything to go by.

Yet perhaps the small print of the proposals is as interesting as the ultimate aim itself, for it contains specific and concrete proposals which make possible an agreement to rid Europe of medium-

range missiles.

Gorbachev first indicated in Paris last October that he was interested in an interim agreement on medium-range missiles in Europe. Since then he has dropped, one by one, negotiating positions thought of – even by some of his colleagues – as sacrosanct.

The Soviet Union is now prepared to completely eliminate SS-20 missiles in Europe if US Cruise and Pershing II missiles are removed, even if no deal is

made on strategic missiles or Star Wars.

NATO has been slow to react. One of the major problems, it seems, concerns the French and British Governments. For the last remaining conditions for a deal are, according to Gorbachev, that Britain and France must pledge not to 'build up' their nuclear forces and the US would not transfer nuclear weapons to third countries.

It is not so long since the Soviet Union was demanding the right to maintain SS-20s in Europe as an answer to British and French weapons, even if it was possible to reach agreement on Cruise and

Pershing II.

This is a real change in the Soviet position. The British Government says repeatedly that it is in favour of multilateral disarmament. Yet instead, when a negotiated agreement is offered, Sir Geoffrey Howe says that it would be 'quite wrong' for Britain to freeze her existing nuclear weapons and to cancel the Trident missile programme.

The whole thing might be one gigantic bluff by the Soviet Union, these conditions slipped in to prevent agreement and to blame it on the British and French. If so, then now is the time for Britain to call that bluff and see how serious the Soviet Union really is.

# Defence Without Nuclear Weapons

One day Conference organized by the GREEN PARTY Saturday 14th June. International Community Centre 10.30am - 5.00pm

The majority of people will continue opting for nuclear weapons whilst they have no information on credible alternatives. This conference is designed to explore some of those alternatives.

AM Speaker: Britain without nuclear weapons followed by discussion.

PM Workshops:

- 1. Non-military options eg. civil resistance, non-violence.
- 2. European options eg. membership of NATO, strategy for leaving or staying, alternative alliances.
- 3. Defence and decentralisation eg. does all defence have to be organised centrally? Can the nature and organisation of territorial defence vary from region to region?
- 4. Disarmament and the individual eg. how would it affect our lives? Conscription? Citizen's militia?

Speaker: Peace is more than Disarmament.

(Competition for markets and resources etc)

Tickets £2.00 (or £1 for half day only)

From Nottingham Green Party 45 Exeter Road, Nottingham, NG7 6LP

WOMEN FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE & INDEPENDENT PACIFIC are organizing an action at PORTSMOUTH to protest at the departure of the British Fleet on an exercise that will culminate in shelling Kaho'olawe, a sacred Hawi'ian island. April 12—14. Further information from Cas Smalley, 118 Julian Road, W. Bridgford.

## Letters

We are writing in response to the letter by Jos Wood, in the March bulletin, in which she proposed that the recent series of 'peace moves' announced by the USSR should be welcomed by CND and that further more we should "abandon the myth that both sides are equally responsible for the arms race."

We find it very difficult to accept the integrity of the Soviet offers when we read articles like that in The Guardian of 15.03.86 describing the fate of Anyetta Fadeyeva, a 17 year old school girl who is currently incarcerated in a mental asylum for the third time in her life because of her support for CND.

The continuing persecution of her and other members of the "unofficial" peace groups in the USSR gives the lie to current Soviet initiatives. Indeed, how can we believe that the Soviet government seriously desires peace when it suppresses so ruthlessly the most enthusiastic internal supporters of its avowed policy?

We feel that the present Soviet stance appears very attractive, especially when contrasted with the aggressive posturing of our own government and its allies, but we are disturbed that we may be deceived by the superficial, Of course, we must give a cautious welcome to the Soviet proposals but we feel that our enthusiasm must be tempered by a healthy contempt for the lies and propaganda of professional politicians (be they from the East or the West). To this extent, we believe that the present Soviet initiative must be understood within the context of the power play arising from the so-called "disarmament talks" in Geneva.

CND aspires to be a popular movement, rooted in the desires of ordinary people for peace as opposed to the fear and aggression manifested by their rulers. To this end, we feel that we should channel our energies to support peace campaigners in mental asylums and labour camps in the USSR rather than the corrupt regime that keeps them there.

David Applebaum and Jill Murray

"THE CASE OF THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING BULLETIN'

When I first became aquainted with the NCND Bulletin, issues of 16 to 20 pages were common. Then last year they began to shrink, first to 12 then to 10 pages. I delayed writing in the hope that it would recover of its own accord, but now it is down to 8.

You ask for comments but one wonders if you will have room for any in the next issue.

From being a monthly bargain the Bulletin must now be eligible for a "Con of the Year" award. Unless you propose to reduce subs in proportion.



# Write to your MP

#### YOUR LETTER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

M.P.s have an "alert' system - 10 letters is a warning; 20 means the issue is urgent; 50 means democracy is in danger. If none of us write, M.P.s can claim that everyone is happy with Government Defence policy.



# J can make a difference

Letters to M.P.s are not difficult to write. It is important that each is individually written. Standard letters have far less impact.

On July 8th. CND is organizing a mass lobby of Parliament as the climax of the Summer Public Information Campaign. It is important to have written to M.P.s before this, If we are to get them to come out and talk to us.

For those who find letter-writing off-putting, here are some suggestions of how to go about it:

- Introductory sentence such as: "I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the ..."
- 2. Make your own point as far as possible in your own words. It is usually best to stick to one simple point; you could choose something from the article on pages 3 and 4 or from the Special News Sheet; eg.:

- Britain should stop blocking the Comprehensive Ban Treaty.
- Nuclear weapons cannot deter accidents.
- Nuclear weapons are immoral.
- Britain should take a more positive line on recent Russian offers. (See Sanity editorial page 5).
- 3. End by asking the MP what his oline is on the point you have raised.
- 4. Send to your MP c/o House of Commons, London W.1.

Your letter does NOT have to be full of facts, figures and complex arguments. A simple letter from someone who is obviously very sincere can often be more effective!

# May Day

#### MONDAY 5TH MAY

This year's traditional march organized by the Trades Council is on the theme of

#### SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

The ending of Apartheid in South Africa is of vital importance for World Peace. The present South African Government is illegally occupying Namibia with its huge reserves of uranium and is thought by many defence experts to already have nuclear weapons. We therefore think it important that we have a big presence on this march.

The NCND banner will be there and so will as many "basic case" placards as we can muster bods to carry.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: Please bring your banners

ASSEMBLE: 10.30am Market Square

MOVE OFF: 11.00am

RALLY: 12.15pm Queens Walk Community

Centre

Speakers: Stalls - including our own

EVERYONE: PLEASE COME

# Sanity Street Sales

Sanity CAN be sold in the street - it is both legal and possible. All we need are people willing to have a go.

Pete Strauss on his own sold 15 in Listergate in less than an hour on a recent Saturday. A team of two or three could acheive far more and entertain themselves and passers-by with repartee on the title.

"Sanity for Sale!"

"I've sold all mine"

"Sanity for only 65p" etc, etc

Anyone willing to join with others to sell "Sanity" please contact the office or Pete Strauss direct.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

"40 Years of Peace"

with: Michael Meadowcroft (Liberal),
Bob Cryer (Labour),
and a Conservative M.P. still to be
approached.

SUNDAY, May 18th.

Further details to be announced in the May Nottingham CND Bulletin.

## Leaflets

Leaflets are going to play an important part in our summer campaign. Many neighbourhood groups are planning house distribution as well as using leaflets in conjunction with street events. Some groups are planning saturation leafleting in chosen areas. They will deliver two or even three leaflets and then follow this up with door to door canvassing.

Tha National CND leaflet will be available from April 12. Its theme is:

We've brought Nuclear weapons out into the open - Now let's get rid of them.

A local leaflet, with emphasis on the dangers of accidental nuclear war is being produced, and a third one is planned.

# Molesworth-Alconbury Land Trust

The Trust was set up to facilitate the purchase of a plot of land on the route of the proposed link road between Alconbury and Molesworth. The site was to be divided into a large number of small plots, each owned by separate individuals as was done by F.O.E at Otmoor, so that compulsory purchase would be difficult. The necessary £20,000 was successfully raised and legal formalities well under way, when a complication arose in the shape of a rival bid of £35,000. The identity of the bidder/s has not been disclosed.

Since half the site is classified as a site of Special Scientific Interest and cannot be developed, and the bid is well above market value, it seems more likely that the bid has been make on behalf of a Government department than an ordinary property development company. The Trust are circulating subscribers to find out what course of action they should take next.

MEET and MINGLE at the MEMBERS' MEETING.

Thursday, 10th. April.

7.30pm. WEA Lecture Hall, Shakespeare St.

We shall be showing the Bristol Video 'Chance of a Lifetime' which will have been shown at a Press Conference in the morning. The press will also be invited to the evening viewing. We shall have other videos available for showing as requested.

## NFZ vehicles

County Council vehicles will soon be carrying a striking new logo:

Nottinghamshire - Nuclear Free Zone.

When you see a vehicle with the logo, why not write to the Chairperson and express your delight?

# Rainbow Centre .... Disasters

We seem to have been doing a good line in minor disasters recently - not only do most of our volunteers move onto paid work as soon as they have got the hang of the centre, we were also burgled twice on Sunday recently losing much of the shop's stock.

So here come the appeals - someone somewhere must know people (possibly people who have retired from paid employment) who would be willing to help out in the shop half a day a week/fortnight - so go on - ask all your friends and get them to ask their friends - it's a nice job, talking to people and selling them ideologically sound products! If you can find anyone interested ask them to contact me on 413279 (day) or 472802 (home) or leave a message at the Centre.

Secondly, we need to re-stock quickly so we need to raise some money - we welcome any donations of cash, things to sell in the shop (clothes, books, homemaid goods etc.) that raise us money and, of course we are still collecting paper for recycling. So have a look around and see what you can do, we need to keep developing Rainbow as a focus for peace activities in Nottingham and we can only continue to survive and expand if we can pay our way.

VAL HARRIS

# APPEAL FOR A NUCLEAR FREE BRITAIN

"We believe that the threat to use nuclear weapons should play no part in Britain's defence policy. We therefore call on the next Government to dismantle Britain's nuclear arsenal, and to close down all American nuclear bases in Britain".

This is the wording of a new kind of petition to be launched with the first EPIC campaign. It is addressed to the NEXT government and therefore can be up till the General Election.

It should prove very useful for getting into conversation with people on stalls, when canvassing, at work, in queues, etc. etc.

Copies are available at NCND office.

# NCND Policy

The two resolutions put to last month's policy making meeting were both passed.

#### NATIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS

It is now NCND policy to call on National CND to replace the 'traditional' London rally/march for 1987 with a series of simultaneous demonstrations throughout Britain, and to make the national demonstration during the Autumn British Bomb campaign an act of large-scale civil disobedience or non-violent direct action focussed either on Parliament or on Aldermaston and Burghfield.

#### PEACE FESTIVAL

NCND is to make a grant of £1,000 towards the 1986 Peace Festival. Amendments were added to the effect that:

- a) Any profit arising from the Peace Festival when all debts are settled should be paid into the NCND account.
- b) The Peace Festival Group should produce and distribute accounts to all neighbourhood groups and committees, showing items of income and expenditure within three months of the Festival.

- DON'T MISS THE NEXT -

#### DEFEND MOLESWORTH BENEFIT

May 16th.

I.C.C. Mansfield Road.

6.00pm 'til 10.30pm.

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, BAR, VIDEOS, CHILDRENS ROOM.

## Data Protection Act

Details of membership of Nottingham CND are held on computer. Under the conditions of the Data Protection Act we are obliged to tell you exactly what is held on the computer and give you the opportunity to object. The following information is held by us:

#### NAME, ADDRESS, MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please send any objections to NCND 17/18 Queens Chambers, King Street, Nottingham. The details of those members who do object will be kept manually; your membership will not be in jeopardy.

## What's On

#### APRIL:

- 1 5 International Children's Art Exhibition. Angel Row Library.
- Thur 3. Co-ordinating Meeting. WEA 7.30 P.M.
- Thur 10. Member's Meeting. Videos and Social. WEA 7.30 P.M. (See p. 8)
- Sat 12. LAUNCH DAY.
- Tues 15. Youth CND. I.C.C. 7.30 P.M.
- Thur 17. BULLETIN DEADLINE & Editorial. NCND office. 3.30 P.M.
- Sat 19. TUCND A.G.M. WEA 10 A.M. 4.30 P.M.
- Sat 26. NCND CABARET EVENING
  with mime artist and local bands. The
  Narrowboat, Canal Street.
- Wed 30. Keyworth PEACE PAINT (See p. 2)

  May Bulletin ready for collection (hopefully).

  PAUL JOHNS (CND National Chair) speaking at Newark, Lilley & Stone School. 7.30 P.M.

#### MAY:

- Thur 1. Co-ordinating Meeting. WEA 7.30 P.M.
- Mon 5. MAYDAY MARCH. (See p. 5)
- Thur 8. Member's Meeting. "The Women of Greenham" with Chris Drake.
- Fri 16. Defend Molesworth Benefit. (See p. 9)
- Sun 18. °40 Years of Peace'. Forum with Michael Meadowcroft and Bob Cryer. (See p. 8).
- Fri 23. NCND CEILIDH with local musicians. I.C.C. 6.30 - 10.30 P.M.

#### JUNE:

20 - 22 GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL. (See p. 6)

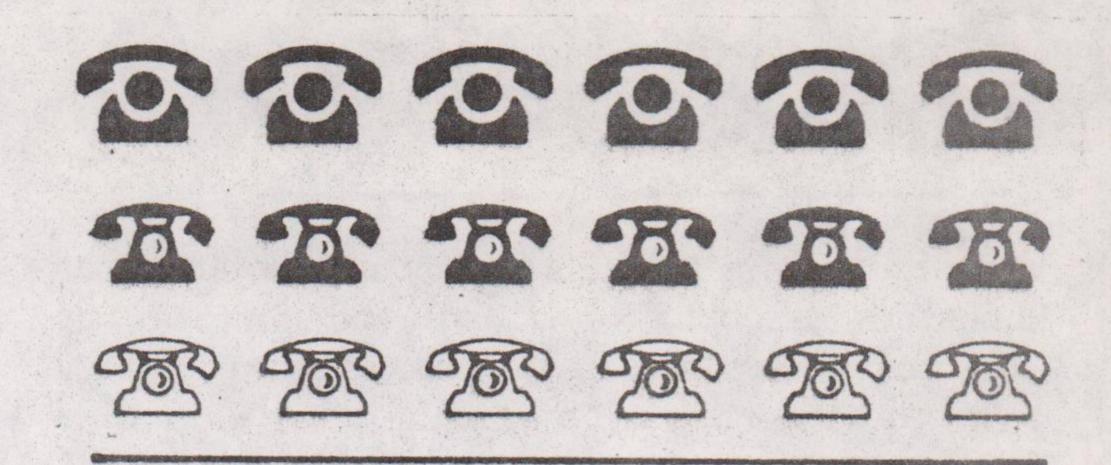
#### JULY:

- Tues 8. NATIONAL LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT.

  Details in next Bulletin.
- Sun 13. PEACE FESTIVAL.

correction: The February cover was adapted from a cartoon by Y. Cherepanov which appeared in a recent 'Soviet Weekly'. We apologize for the error.

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