

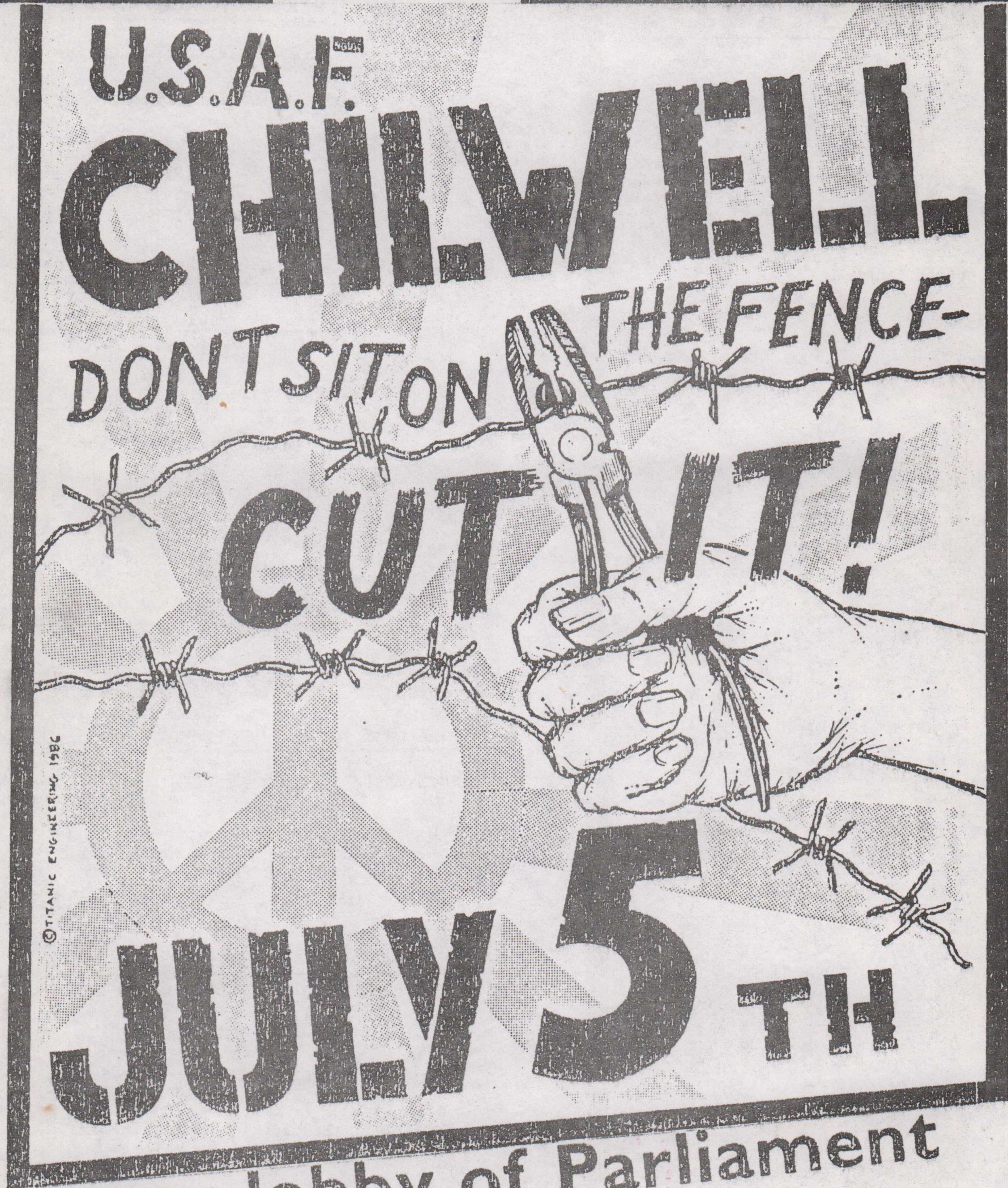
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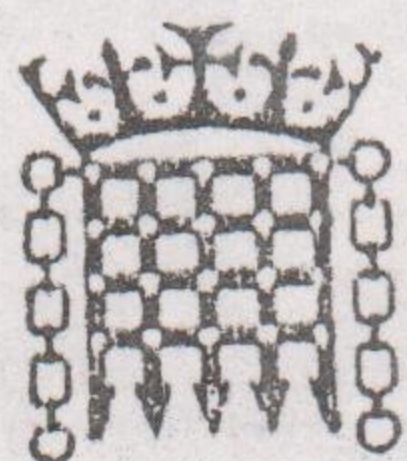
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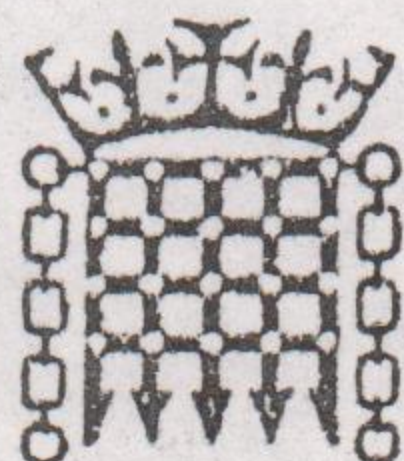
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mass lobby of Parliament



— July 8th —





International Year of Peace  
- Sixth Annual

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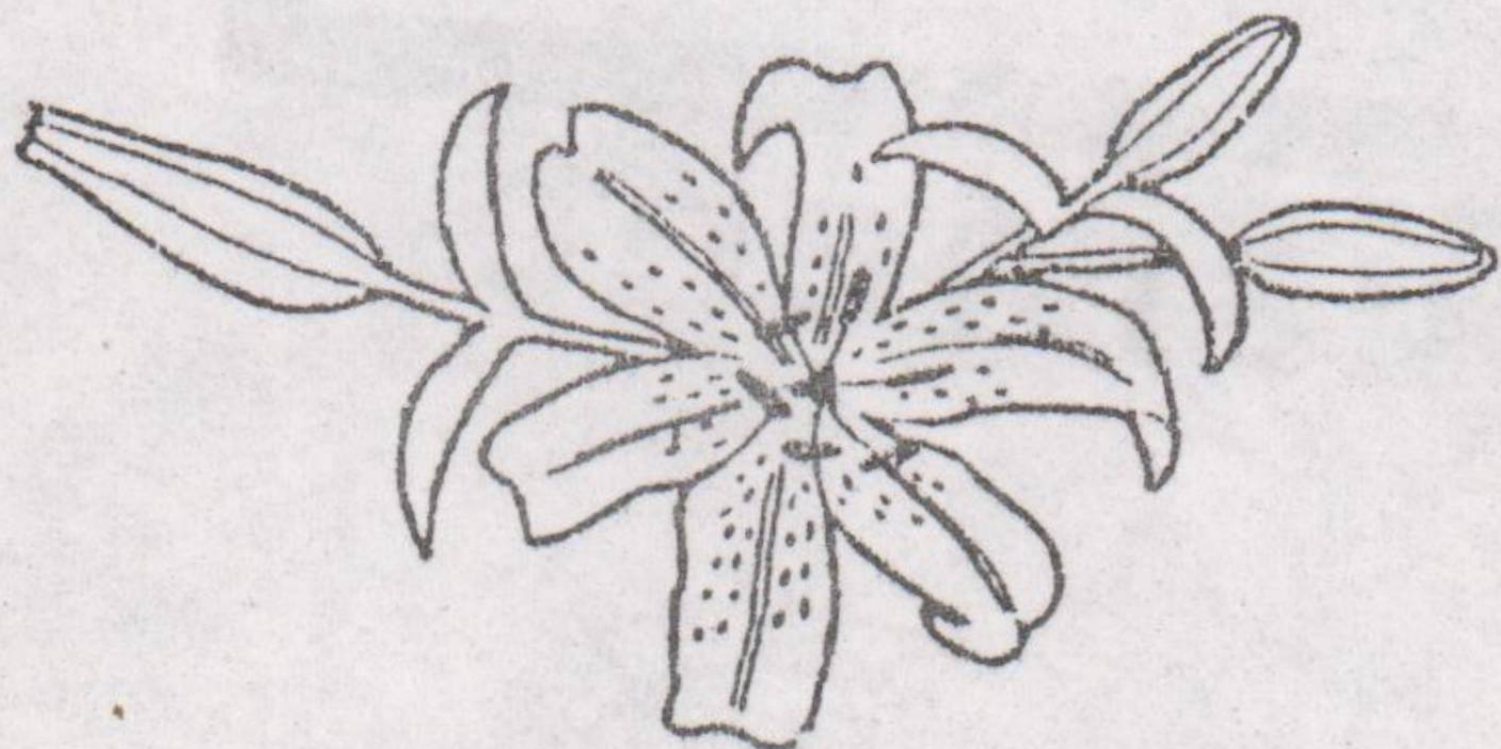
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Contact: Celia Lacey (604986),  
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### Labour CND Campaign Workshop

LABOUR'S DEFENCE AND DISARMAMENT POLICY

DENZIL DAVIES M.P.

WEA SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 11-4 p.m.

#### Members' Monthly Meeting.

"Windscale to Chernobyl -

The State of the Nuclear Industry"

speaker: Nick Armstrong  
(Safe Energy Group)

Thursday, 12th. June

7.30pm. WEA Shakespeare Street.

JUNE 14th.

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#### BINGHAM PUBLIC MEETING.

#### "THE CASE for NUCLEAR ENERGY - who wants waste?"

speakers: Ken Vowles (CEGB)  
Nick Armstrong (Safe Energy Group).

Thursday, 19th June - 7.30pm.

Robert Miles Junior School (off Market Square),  
BINGHAM.

Forest Fields Peace Group presents:

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8.00pm 'til late.

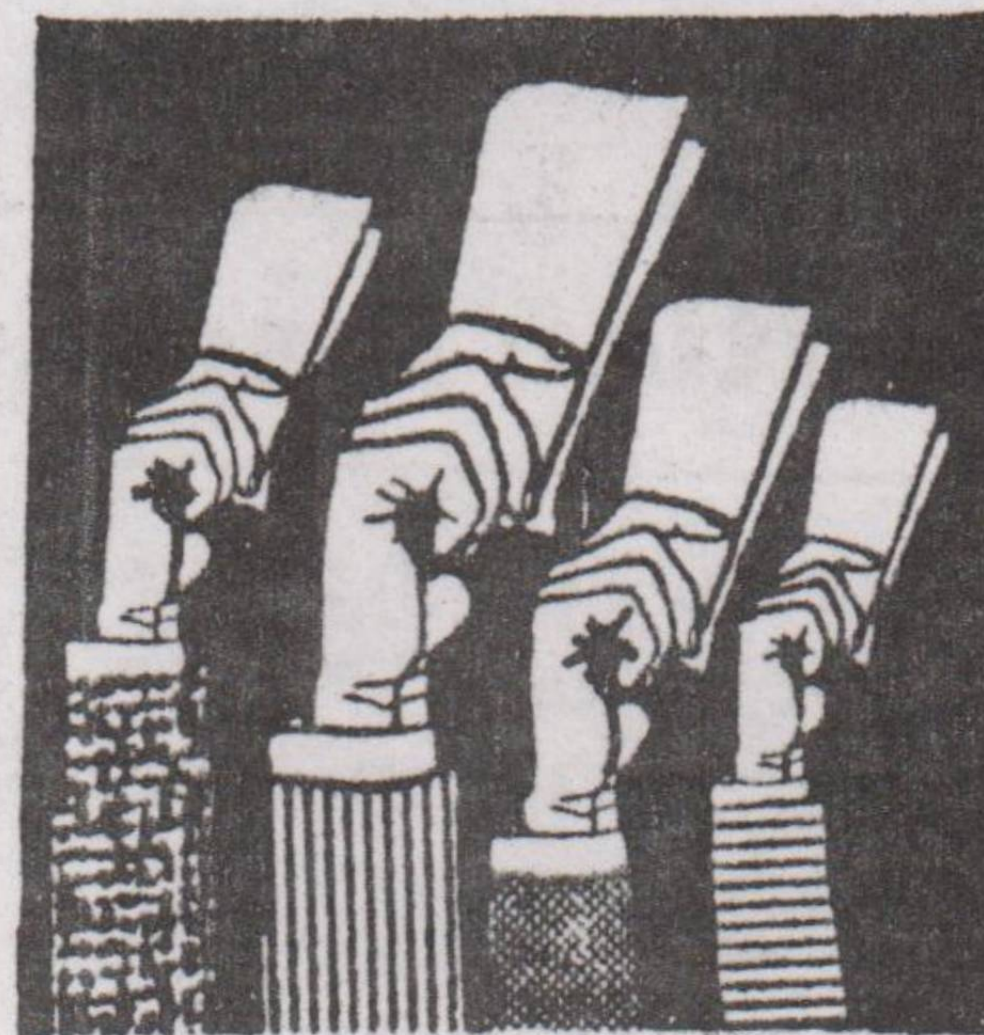
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# mass lobby of Parliament



**TUESDAY, JULY 8TH., 2.30-9.30P.M.**

CND's first Public Information Campaign will culminate in a Parliamentary Lobby on 8 July which will combine the themes of the positive effects of independent nuclear disarmament and opposition to Star Wars.

The opposition to Star Wars is part of a growing campaign among the Western European Peace movements. The argument for independent nuclear disarmament is our own major priority this year. The Lobby will be a chance to integrate the two.

The politics of Star Wars are every bit as crucial for our future as the politics of cruise missiles have been. This is the USA's new bid for nuclear superiority. It fits perfectly with the other strategic developments in the arms race which take the world towards nuclear war. It is the major single obstacle in the US-Soviet strategic arms talks.

The truth is that the positive effects of independent British nuclear disarmament in international politics could be entirely negated by the USA's continuing commitment to Star Wars. Therefore, our opposition to Star Wars and our campaigning on our basic case are two sides of the same coin.

**THE MOST DIRECT ACTION OF ALL** Whatever you may think about life in Britain today; and in particular the attitudes of those in power towards nuclear weapons, we do live in a political democracy. It is your democratic right to talk to your MP - your MP is at the House of Commons to represent your interests. If you do not like the way he or she is doing this then it is your duty to tell them so. Politicians want to be reelected - that is why constituents are potentially the most important force influencing the MP.

You need to write and make an appointment. You take the MPs reply with you- this gets you into the central lobby where you fill in a green card so your MP can be called out to meet you. It is not the ideal place for a quiet discussion but the media coverage of the mass lobby is very important.

**General points to remember when lobbying an MP.**

- 1) Your MP is there to represent you as a constituent. Your opinions do matter: an MP cannot afford to ignore his/her constituents even if they don't agree with them!
- 2) Do not worry about 'not knowing all the arguments'. It is a good idea to do some research beforehand, but simple expressions of terror can be very indeed. The chances that they will not know as much as you think they should!
- 3) Try to avoid confrontation; don't go determined to browbeat your MP into submission. Ask questions: What do you think about.....? What do you mean by.....? Ask for reassurance - the chances are their lack of ability to do this will in itself make them uncomfortable.
- 4) Listen to what they say, and remember it is not the role of CND to justify its position but rather for the MPs to justify their .....
- 5) Do not aim to make radical changes in opinions as a result of your visit. Hope to make an impression - you have shown your concern, maybe moved towards your opinion on one or two aspects, or at least question their own arguments or 'facts'. Hopefully other constituents will also lobby them, increasing the pressure on them to rethink their position.

**Conservative.** The main policy objective should be to undermine their self-confidence in existing Defence Policies. Basic arguments about deterrence, in favour of the restoration of British Sovereignty & Democracy coupled with existing doubts about US domination, First Use, and the cost of Trident should be effective. Discussions and debates with YCs, letters to the right wing press, pressure by establishment figures who support us and Ex-Services CND should all unsettle them. We only need to make them unsure to neutralise much of what they do.

#### LOCAL MP'S

Nottm North Richard Ottaway  
South M. Brandon-Bravo  
East Michael Knowles  
Broxtowe Jim Lester  
Rushcliffe Kenneth Clarke  
Gedling Sir Philip Holland

#### COACHES:

Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way.

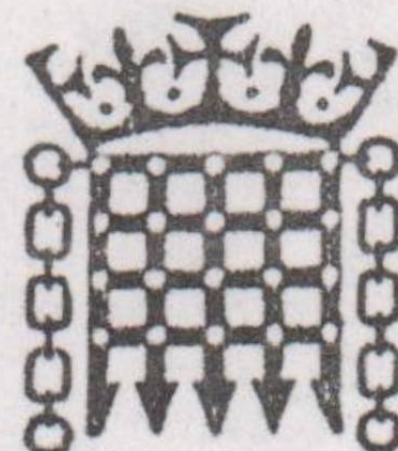
9.00am.

Tickets: £6.00 waged, £3.00 unwaged.

Please buy your tickets early.



**July 8th**



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

**"NO" TO STAR WARS—**

**"YES" TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT!**



# Petition leading to a MASS LOBBY of PARLIAMENT on July 8th.

In the light of recent events, CND National Council is launching a petition to be presented to each MP shortly before the July 8th. lobby. The petition is in the form of an open letter:

To the Member of Parliament for .....

Dear .....

We are alarmed by the threat to our sovereignty and democratic rights shown by Mrs. Thatcher's agreement to support:

1. The bombing of Libya from bases in Britain and
2. Britain's involvement in Reagan's Star Wars research.

We therefore call on you to press for:

1. The immediate publication of the secret agreements governing
  - a) The U.S. bases in Britain
  - b) Star Wars research in Britain.
2. The removal of American Nuclear bases and an end to Star Wars research
3. Positive initiatives to end Britain's role in the nuclear arms race and to promote the peaceful solution of international problems.

Yours sincerely,

Your Constituents:

Star Wars won't end the arms race. It will make it worse. The Soviet Union will simply build more nuclear weapons to make sure some of them get through. Far from making the world a safer place, Star Wars will:

- provoke yet more nuclear deployments in Europe
- step up the arms race on Earth and in space
- take vital resources away from essential scientific research

President Reagan said Star Wars would make nuclear weapons 'obsolete'. He's wrong. But we do have a way of doing it. Independent nuclear disarmament by Britain will:

- reduce the risk of nuclear accidents and nuclear war
- link us with other nuclear-free countries striving for a world free from fear and distrust
- release money for schools, homes, hospitals, job creation and research for the benefit of the human race.

It's a question of priorities. Take control of your own future. Make a stand.

**Say no to Star Wars. Say yes to Nuclear Disarmament.**

local details

Join CND. You always meant to.

Many Neighbourhood Groups have already discussed how they can integrate the petition into their summer campaigns.

It provides a topical reason for approaching people:

1. On a door-to-door canvas following leafletting.
2. On Street Stalls.

Individual members are also asked to collect signatures wherever appropriate.

**REMEMBER:** to ensure that everyone signing lives in the constituency to whom it is addressed.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN EVALUATION

July 19th is a very important date. On that day we will be running an evaluation workshop at which we will be looking at the successes and failures of our first Extended Public Information Campaign and learning from them.

It will also be the beginning of preparation for September's second EPIC. At least one person from each neighbourhood group must be there but also anyone with interest and ideas. Good evaluation and preparation and creative brainstorming are vital for the success of our campaign.

Mark the date in your diary - Saturday July 19th 10 - 4 at the WEA Shakespeare Street.

Ann Kestenbaum.



# CHILWELL...DON'T SIT ON THE FENCE-CUT IT!

DON'T SIT ON THE FENCE! CUT IT!

CHILWELL SATURDAY JULY 5TH

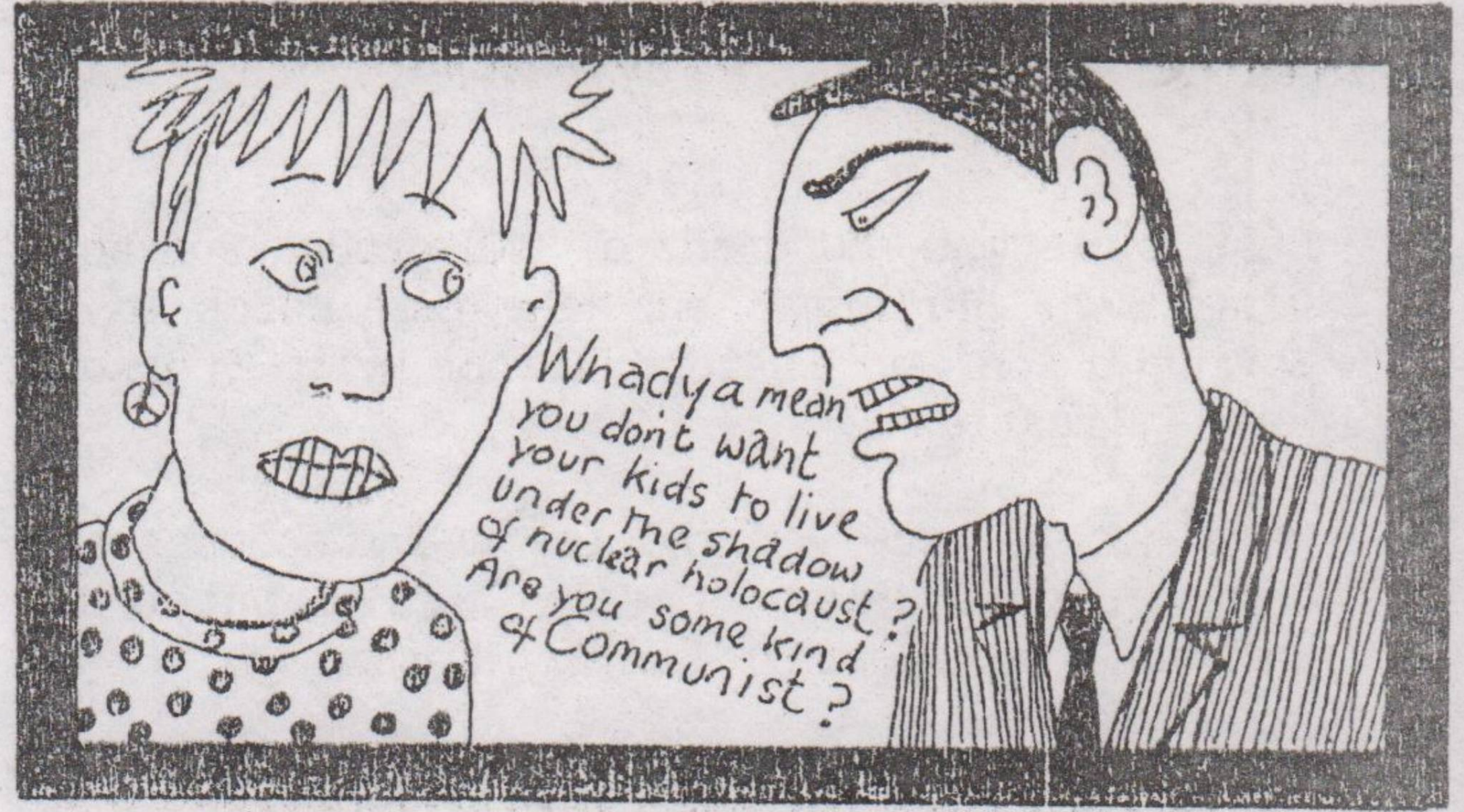
Chilwell has only one purpose. It has only one reason to exist. Chilwell is there to enable the American military to terrorise people and, if necessary, to kill them. We must never forget that. Ever. Chilwell's 1500 fuel tankers, jeeps, tractors and so on, are an essential part of the U.S. Murder Machine. The Alconburys and the Upper Heyfords DEPEND UPON the Chilwells.

We should all be at Chilwell on Saturday July 5th. All together we are strong and powerful. They are worried about us when we all come out of our homes and join together to oppose them.

Let us worry them.

The fence that they put up around Chilwell is a symbol of their weakness. The fence proclaims to the world that they are inside the base WITHOUT our approval or consent.

But it is also a symbol of the hateful divisions and barriers that they have thrown up all over the world. They desperately try to keep us apart. To keep us locked in our own personal fear.



It is intolerable. We must not stand back and watch them in quiet disapproval. It's no use keeping our anger and our fear and our pity at home with us. It's no use holding it inside.

Just as the F1-11s at Upper Heyford depend upon the vehicles at Chilwell, all the US bases depend upon our silence for their continued existence. We must speak out. Speak out loud and clear and all together.

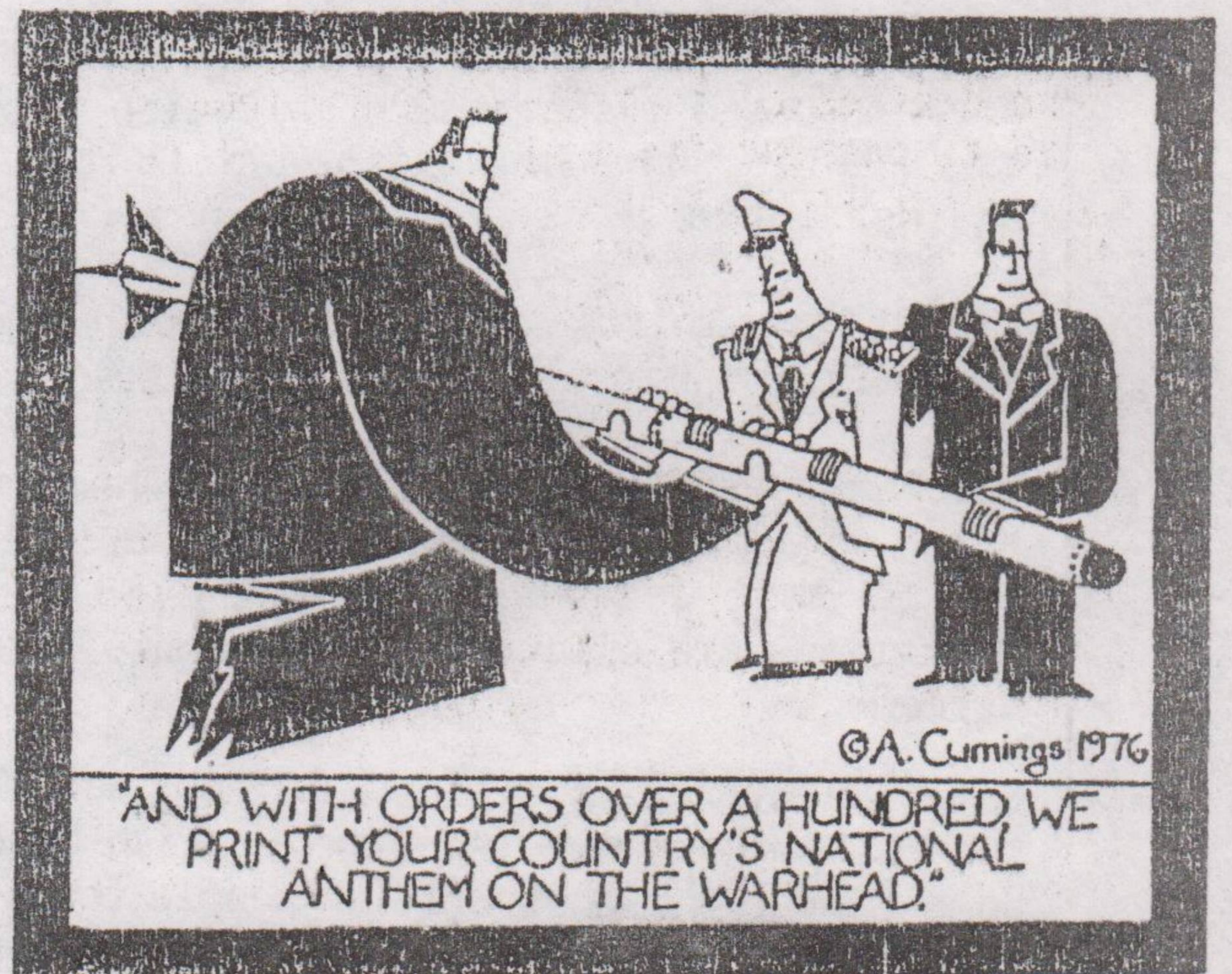
NOT IN OUR NAME  
NOT WITH OUR CONSENT  
NOT WITH OUR PERMISSION

Its presence in our community is an insult. We are sick of this murderous Cold War game. We are sick of the terror. We are sick of the bullying and scheming and lying. Sick of their hypocrisy. They have polluted our land with their spy-stations and missile silos and bomb depots and military bases.

Come to Chilwell on July 5th., Cut the fence. As big or as small a cut as you like. But cut it. It will be a little frightening, of course. Breaking down barriers is always frightening. Some of us may be arrested. Some of us may be fined. But the fear of cutting the fence is nothing - nothing compared to the fear we all felt on the morning of Tuesday April 15th when we heard that They had bombed Libya. That is what is truly frightening, that we could allow a bunch of mad murderous scheming cynical men, to gamble and play deadly games with our lives. With all Life. That is what is really frightening.

Coming together, openly and honestly, to speak our opposition and our refusal to collaborate - that is our only refuge from fear. It is not cutting the fence that is really frightening - it is staying at home.

With their Iron Curtain, they have tried to make us turn on one another as enemies. We have to turn to one another. We have to say to them "We don't recognise your authority ; your borders and barriers; your fences. Your fences are insulting to us".



DON'T SIT ON THE FENCE -

CUT IT!

Pete Strauss.



# Operation Independence Day

Last Christmas, hundreds of CND groups and activists sent Christmas and New Year cards to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe with "Personal Peace Treaties".

Many people received replies and responses and the Personal Peace treaty was printed by various newspapers in Eastern Europe.

Now CND International Committee is launching "Operation Independence Day" card, where CND groups and members can send cards to the United States to coincide with their celebration of Independence Day.

## OPERATION INDEPENDENCE DAY - SUGGESTED MESSAGE

"We, members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, the largest disarmament organisation in Britain, are writing to you as you celebrate Independence Day.

We are asking you to help us regain our independence. We have no say in the decisions which are made in our name and which affect our peace and security.

210 years ago you threw off your colonial status and declared yourselves independent of King and Country, establishing the foundation for a democratic republic.

- There are over 100 US military facilities in Great Britain ( a country of over 50 million people in an area 1/3 the size of Texas) regulated through secret agreements.
- Most of the US weapons based in the UK are forward-based systems such as Cruise Missiles and F1-11s, the bombers used in the raid against Libya.
- Almost two-thirds of British people do not want Cruise Missiles based in Britain.
- Our Parliament was not consulted when a "Star Wars" agreement was signed between Britain and the US last December, and not even Parliamentarians are allowed to know what is in the agreement.
- Some Government ministers did not know that the F1-11s had taken off from British bases to bomb Libya, and most British people think that actions of this kind will make terrorism more, not less, likely.

We are not being anti-American when we say that we want an end to the secret agreements on US bases and Star Wars research.

National POST-IN DATE: SAT JUNE 28.

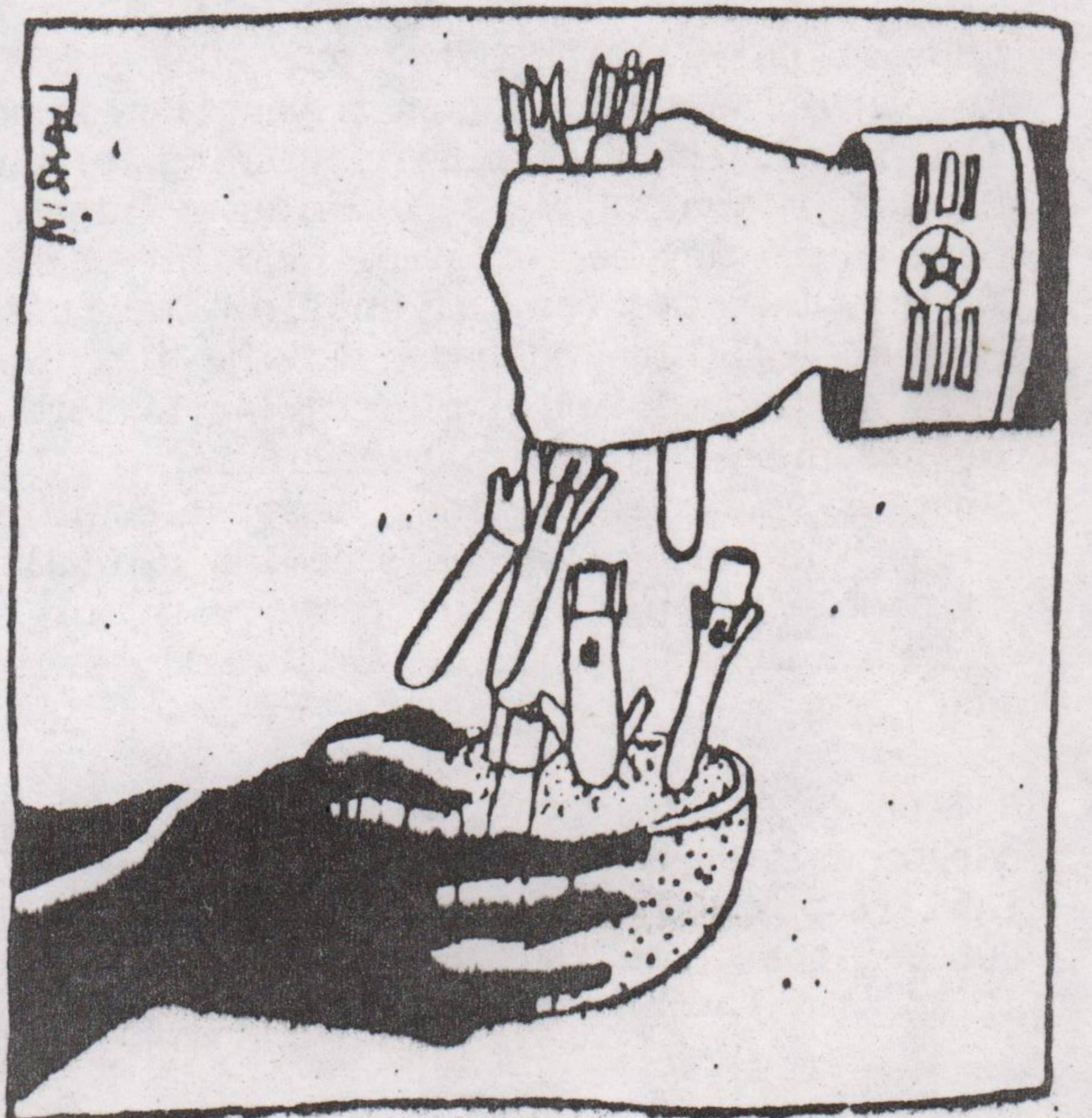
You may have contact with individuals or organizations in the USA to whom you could send your message. Failing that, we suggest:

1. Any of the Nottingham USA addresses given in the May Bulletin (page 3)
2. Contact NCND office. A list of suitable organisations in the USA is being compiled.

We are not being anti-American when we call for the removal of American nuclear bases here and an end to British Star Wars research.

We are not being anti-American when we call for positive initiatives to end Britain's role in the nuclear arms race and to promote the peaceful solution of international problems.

Rather, we write to you, the people of America, because we know that your Government will listen to you, and that, in the true spirit of 1776 you can help us gain our independence and we can work together constructively as partners to make the world a safer place."





## Snowball

The National Snowball Campaign is open and non-violent. But it involves breaking the law. Each of the Snowballers symbolically cuts a single strand of wire of the perimeter fence at a local military base or at an installation linked in some way with nuclear weapons or weapons of mass destruction.

With this action they are saying: LIFE ON EARTH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE Even their liberty.

The campaign started in October 1984 with just 3 people. Then there were 9, then 27. Like a snowball the numbers keep growing at each stage (every 3 months or so) as the campaign spreads to more bases around the country. Around 30 Snowballs now exist, linking the whole nuclear weapons chain; from research facility to magnox power station to reprocessing plant to armaments factory to nuclear weapon stores to air, land and sea bases to nuclear bunkers to radar and communication centres.

Each Snowballer prepares in advance a signed statement to give to the police when arrested, explaining why he/she took part in the action. Each also writes 3 letters about the Snowball - either personal (to family and friends) or to public figures (such as church or political leaders) or to the press.

The Campaign seeks to persuade the government to help stop the nuclear arms race; we specifically request:

1) That Britain votes at the UN in favour of multilateral nuclear disarmament resolutions (regardless of how the USA votes) and supports the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. OR

2) That Britain publicly supports the Nuclear Freeze proposals. OR

3) That Britain takes some unilateral (or independent) first step towards a freeze or reduction in weapons of mass destruction, by abandoning Trident, returning Cruise, or publicly rejecting the forthcoming chemical weapons storage proposals.

Each Snowballer promises to stop the Snowball as soon as any ONE of these three requests is met.

UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT TAKES SOME STEP TOWARDS STOPPING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE - THE SNOWBALL WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND GROW.

If you wish to support the Snowball Campaign, or would like to know the nearest Snowball to you, please contact the Snowball Campaign, c/o The Green-House, 48 Bethel Street, Norwich NR2 1NR. Tel Norwich (0603) 631007.

## THANK YOU

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Nottingham City Council for their very generous grant towards the cost of maintaining the CND Office.



# GLASTONBURY

## CND FESTIVAL 1986

20-21-22 June Worthy Farm Pilton Shepton Mallet Somerset

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## Bruce's Long March

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On June 30 Bruce Kent sets out from the Polaris Base at Faslane to walk 500 miles to Burghfield. He will follow the usual route taken by the Polaris convoy which takes the Polaris warheads along Britain's main roads to be serviced at the Burghfield factory near Aldermaston, Berks.

Much of his route follows the A1. He will be in the Nottingham area between July 22 and July 26th.

He will be doing a public meeting in Nottingham on

### TUESDAY 22ND JULY

Bruce's walk will be a major publicity event of CND'S Summer Campaign. It can also be a fund-raising event. You should have received a sponsor form with your last bulletin. Please get busy collecting sponsors. (More forms available at NCND office).

Bruce invites local campaigners to walk short distances with him. Details of this is the next bulletin.

### FACT OF THE MONTH

Bruce will be walking about 500 miles in 38 days (30 June to 6 August Hiroshima Day) averaging 12 - 14 miles daily..

This means that for every mile he walks:

- the British military will spend approximately £3.5 million
- The World spends \$8 million on arms.
- 1000 children die in Africa from hunger or related causes.

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## Roving Campaigners

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Nearly 300 people from Nottingham travelled to London on April 19 to take part in the protest against the use of British bases to bomb Libya.

On the same day, Linda from Radcliffe group stood by the stall in Listergate with a money-box and a notice saying "If you can't demonstrate - donate". She collected over £20.

On May 15, 35 people took part in a sit-down protest at Nottingham Tory HQ against the support given by the 3 Nottingham M.P.s to the Government's Libyan escapade.

Mrs. Thatcher has received 585 signatures on a petition asking her to offer London as a venue for a summit meeting to discuss a comprehensive test-ban treaty. The signatures were collected in Listergate on two consecutive Saturdays.

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## Magazines

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The Rainbow Centre is trying to expand the stock of magazines and journals within its library. Do you subscribe to any of these? If so, please donate them to the Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road. Any others not mentioned also welcome.

LIBERTY  
NEW SOCIALIST  
OUT WRITE  
300 GROUP NEWS  
NEW INTERNATIONALIST  
CONSERVE  
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THE PACIFIST  
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OXFAM NEWS

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## Raleigh St. CND Women's Group

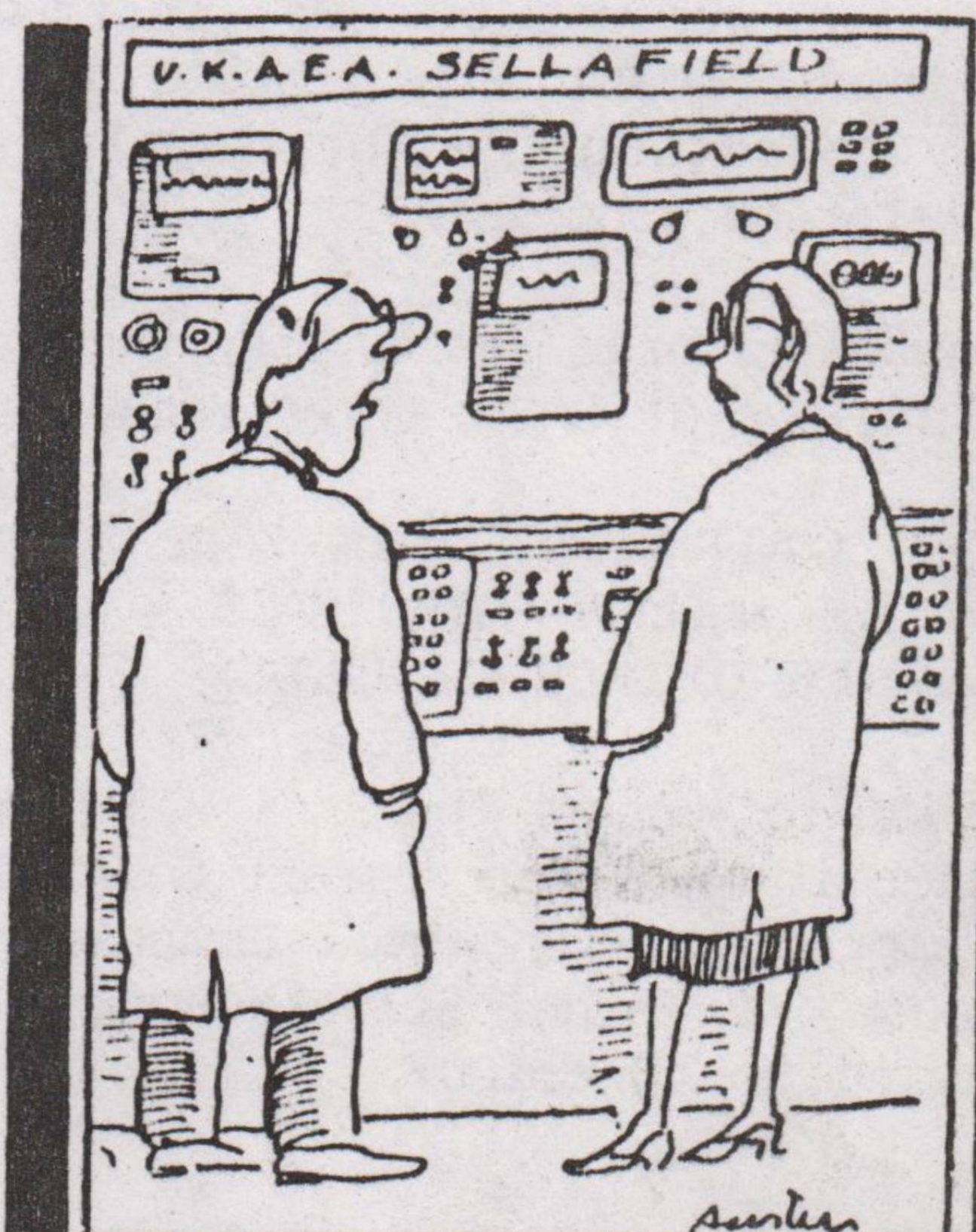
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Women from Raleigh Street's Women's section are making an overnight stay at Greenham Common on Saturday June 28th - Sunday 29th.

We are going down in a mini-bus which is already full, but any other women are welcome to form a convoy or meet us there.

The peace campers desperately need women to relieve them and to boost their morale, which has been rather low recently due to decreased numbers. This must have been especially frustrating during the recent Libyan crisis.

They would greatly appreciate food and money, so we plan to take as much as possible. If you can donate money or contribute food, please leave it at the CND office. We will also have a donation box at the next two fund-raising events (see diary). For any additional information see me, Sue Pascoe, or telephone J.C. 626805, Hilary 700416 or Dorothy 706571.



*Their cover-up technology is miles behind ours.*



# LETTERS

BEYOND CHERNOBYL

The tragic accident at Chernobyl has finally brought home to many people, who previously couldn't have cared less, the dangers of the nuclear environment in which we live. The scale of the Chernobyl disaster is yet to be fully understood. So far only a few have died, but casualties will inevitably mount during the weeks - months - years ahead and the environmental damage to the Soviet Union's main grain-producing region will bring yet more suffering.

More and more people will be making the link between nuclear energy and nuclear weapons and realizing that the devastation caused by an accident at one reactor is minute in comparison with the aftermath of the use of nuclear weapons - or conventional weapons used on nuclear power stations.

One aspect, that I feel we need to give special prominence to at present, is the danger nuclear weapons present in simply existing. Not many people realize how frequently they have to be serviced. The RAF's weapons need refurbishing after only about 30 days. Polaris/Chevaline warheads have to be completely stripped down after every 60 day patrol.

The consequences of an accident while the warheads are being trundled in the Polaris convoy up and down our main roads for servicing at Burghfield are chilling. Even if there is little likelihood of a nuclear explosion, a conventional one is very possible and could scatter plutonium and other radio-active materials over a wide area. An American study in 1979 predicted that a severe nuclear weapons accident could generate a radio-active plume 28 miles long. Chernobyl gives us an inkling of what the consequences could be in our densely-populated island.

Bruce's walk down the route of the Polaris convoy is indeed timely.

JOS WOOD.

I am writing in relation to the letter in the April issue of the bulletin over the signatures of Dave Appleby and Jill Murray, who say they find it difficult to accept the integrity of the Soviet peace offers, or that we should "abandon the myth of equal responsibility".

There was nothing superficial or lacking in integrity about the "Unilateral Moratorium" on nuclear explosions operated by the USSR from August 1985, twice extended and followed by an assurance that they would not cause an explosion so long as the USA did not do so. The American explosions were carried out despite this example and the offer or appeal that went with it, and thus brought to an end this wonderful opportunity for the permanent banning of nuclear tests. We in the peace movement in the west did not in my opinion, and I include myself, do enough to campaign to force our

governments to respond to the Soviet offer and restrain the Americans. So far as the "Myth of equal responsibility" is concerned, the record of behavior of the USSR as compared to that of the USA speaks for itself and is slowly but surely destroying the "Myth".

It is unfortunate that there is still so much blind prejudice about the USSR and the letter I refer to is an example of it. The real purpose of the letter is shown in the last sentence of the last paragraph, the operation of which would turn CND from being a broad organisation campaigning against nuclear weapons and for peace into an Anti-Soviet organisation supporting an extremely tiny minority of dissidents representing no-one but themselves.

I do not know where the "Guardian" they quote got its information from, but I am absolutely certain that the young lady concerned is not detained because of her support for CND. Millions of people in the USSR are campaigning for peace and against nuclear weapons, the point is that they do not have to convince their own government like we do, their government is in the forefront of the campaign to rid the world of these deadly weapons and for peace. If one goes to the Soviet Union and walks the streets there as I and my wife have done, then the desire for peace of the Soviet people becomes readily apparent, we really should not believe the propaganda for hatred that is published over here.

L P Nickolay.

There has been a noticeable lack of neighbourhood news in the Bulletin of late, despite a plea in the December issue for more information on recent activities. In February the request was for a "really newsy Neighbourhood Notebook" for the March issue.

Sneinton CND sent in a letter sharing our recent news and some of the exciting things we have planned for the future. What happened to the letter and the "Newsy Neighbourhood Notebook"? Not much room for news in the small space allocated to what should be a main part of the Bulletin. Knowing the extent to which our letter was cut, I wonder what happened to the others.

The Neighbourhood Groups are NCND and it is important that we should know what each other is doing. If ideas are shared via the Bulletin, other groups can use or elaborate on other's successes or failures and the feedback is most valuable.

CAROL BATES.

(We agree, but unfortunately very few groups ever send in reports. To remedy this, we are asking a particular group to report each month, starting with Forest Fields. Ed.)



### FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP

The Forest Fields Peace Group was formed about 16 years ago, following a one-sandwich-board-bearing-man protest in Hyson Green. The group chose to call itself a Peace Group rather than a CND Group because it was concerned with the wider issues of peace as well as nuclear disarmament and this concern has continued. Although clearly the main emphasis of the group has been to campaign for nuclear disarmament, it has supported a wide range of struggles including Anti-Apartheid, the Miners' Strike and the Central American Solidarity Campaign among others.

One aspect which we feel is very important is local campaigning, going onto the streets of Hyson Green and Forest Fields and talking to people about the basic issues of nuclear disarmament. For the past two and a half years we have produced a monthly newsletter, not only for members, but also to sell to the public. We regularly have stalls at local events, we are represented on the management committee of our local neighbourhood centre where our meetings are held, and the demonstrations that we organise are often staged locally, with marches around local streets, etc. The group has also held several local public meetings. Recently an information stall has been set up for a couple of hours on a Saturday in the middle of Hyson Green.

Our group is about 130 strong with an active core of about 20 or so members. To keep all members in touch with the group, a street representative system has proved successful with each street rep. having about 10 members to visit and deliver mailings. We hold social events at regular intervals to raise money and, as importantly, to enable members to get together in a more informal setting. Membership is open to everyone in the Forest Fields and Hyson Green areas and to all others who share our aims. There is a wide range of members with different political standpoints, varying in age, colour and creed; some work; others are unemployed or retired. There are families, grandparents, children and teenagers - all opposed to nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction.

We support non-violent direct action and civil disobedience alongside other forms of protest and have a very active Affinity Group which regularly organises and takes part in N.V.D.A., both locally and further afield at places like USAF Molesworth, Upper Heyford and Greenham Common. Some actions aim to disrupt, others to gain publicity and others may be purely symbolic protests. Many of our members have spent time in prison for their beliefs.

We believe that the first step towards peace for Britain, other than getting rid of our own nuclear weapons, is to get out of NATO and kick all U.S. troops, bases and other American

military out of this country. The group meets at least twice a month with one meeting set aside for discussion. Speakers from other groups and organisations are invited or specific topics introduced by our own members. The other meeting is spent organising the many activities which the group is involved in.

Our group is well known in Forest Fields and Hyson Green and, we hope, respected by many. We are a group of ordinary, very concerned people who have done nothing more than work hard to promote our cause. We are not special; any group, if it cares enough, can do the same. We have our ups and downs, but lulls in attendance at meetings, drops in membership, lack of support at events and demonstrations are worked through. We try to support each other when we feel despondent which we can all do at times. We believe that the only way to have any effect is to keep going - so we do! And so should you - join your local neighbourhood group and help it work!

CATHY CARSTAIRS.

## Peace Festival Progress

We are beginning to get there. Despite three of our number emigrating to the Lofoten Isles, two high-jacking a number 27 bus to Cuba and one eating his own Zanussi brothel creepers the organisation of the festival goes on.

What we need from the membership now is a commitment to help on the two days prior to the festival, on the day itself and the day after. Last year we had very few people prepared to sleep on the site in order to safeguard the marquees and equipment. It can be fun.

Don't forget the night before the festival when you will be able to witness the best alternative entertainment this side of Shephed. Saturday night starting at 8.00pm 'til late, bring your own booze and a friend.

For more details ring Celia on 604986.

Next meetings 16th and 24th June 7.30pm at the Rainbow Centre.

### **RUNNERS and CYCLISTS!**

The fundraising group is after you!!!

Anyone entering for the Robin Hood Marathon of Half-Marathon or for the Great Nottingham Cycle Ride who is prepared to be sponsored for NCND, please let us know. We already have some volunteers from our previous appeal but we could always use more! Please contact the F/G via the NCND Office.



# BREAD NOT BOMBS



## A WEEK of NATIONAL ACTION against the ARMS TRADE

21st - 28th JUNE

- \* Over 500 million people in the world today are hungry. Yet the rich world exports almost \$24 BILLION worth of armaments a year to Third World governments.
- \* Britain, as the world's fourth largest arms exporter, is heavily involved in this trade. Over THREE QUARTERS of Britain's military exports go to Third World countries.

Representatives of local organizations are planning a week's activities in Nottingham.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Contact David Lane (816049), Val Harris (472802) or Rob Raynham (Rainbow Centre 585666) for details of local events.

## SOUTH PACIFIC PEOPLES CALL FOR HELP

Following the Chernobyl disaster, we are all very aware of radiation pollution. We too often forget that the people of French Polynesia have been living with it for years. Now is our chance to give publicity to what has been going on.

France has carried out 41 atmospheric and over 70 underground tests in French Polynesia. The testing continues despite the strong opposition of all the South Pacific Forum countries.

France is not a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty or any other arms limitations treaty and is reported to have given nuclear technology information to the potential nuclear weapon states - Israel, Pakistan, Iraq and South Africa.

The extent to which Tahitians have been contaminated by radioactivity has yet to be established as no adequate statistics have been made available. Rumours abound of army planes flying French Polynesians to Paris for cancer treatment.

Tahiti's once strong independence movement faces enormous difficulties - for over twenty years Tahitian leaders have expressed their fears about the effects of the testing programme on the health of their people and they called on their neighbours for help.

Women for a Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific want to set up a 'phone network to pass on information. Anyone willing to act as a link in the network should contact:

Diana Shanks, 26 Chalk Hill Road, Norwich.

W N F I P are also launching the TE TAATA TAHITI TIAMA (Free Tahiti) petition:

I wholeheartedly support this petition to

- 1) Stop French testing in the Pacific
- 2) Grant independence to Tahiti from the French.

Make your own petition form with columns for name, address, signature and send completed forms back to Diana Shanks (see above).



# Noticeboard

## GROUP 2,000.

Do you want to be put away for having delusions of grandeur? Then come and join us!

We will get 2,000 new CND members before you can say 'happy 1987'.

Think you've heard it all before?

We have - but we're doing something about it!

With better ideas, renewed vigour and tons of energy does it really seem like such an enormous task?

NO? - Come to our meetings:-

4.30pm. Thursday, 5th June - CND Office.  
4.30pm. Thursday, 12th June - CND Office.

Karen Winfield.

## ROVING CAMPAIGNERS

During May and June we are distributing tens of thousands of each of our three public information campaign leaflets and knocking on many Nottingham doors with the petition.

If you are not involved with these activities in any particular neighbourhood group but have a few hours to spare in the next four weeks, please help. We are organising a campaign to leaflet parts of the city where the local group is weak or non-existent.

Just let the office know your name, address, telephone number and whether you're available week days, evenings or weekends. We'll get back to you with details of when the leafleting is to be arranged. We aim to organise it in groups for one or two hours at a time.

Ann Kestenbaum

## SMALL TINS WANTED.

We badly need small tins with lids - such as those medicines are supplied in - for storing badges for the stall.

## Can anyone help?

## Typists - we need you

The Membership and Bulletin teams badly need more help with typing. This is done on a word processor which is available during office hours. No previous w/p experience is required. Anyone who can help please contact the office.

## ANYONE GOING TO LONDON?

NCND is in frequent need of people able to collect small quantities of stock and other items for the CND National office at:

22-24, Underwood Street. (nr Old St. Tube).

Please contact the Nottingham CND office if you are able to help.

## Office volunteers wanted.

We do not have enough volunteers to keep the office open as long as we would like and to cover for people going on holiday. If you can spare a few hours - either regularly or just occasionally, please contact the office.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR MEMBERS' POLICY MAKING MEETINGS JULY 10TH

1. The members of Nottingham CND urge the County Council through its Environmental Health Section, to carry out regular monitoring of levels of radio-activity in the Nottinghamshire area. If over the years no significant changes in the levels of background radiation is noted, the check will have proved its worth. If however, the rates increase, Health Authorities will have a powerful base for taking appropriate action.

Proposer: Marjorie Brown.

2. Executive reports to members' meetings should be given orally. Written reports have proved tiresome, time-consuming and a waste of paper, and cannot be effectively distributed.

Proposer: Karen Winfield  
Seconder: Andy Househam

3. To avoid alienating members of the public NCND marches and demonstrations should be free of aggressive chanting and sloganeering.

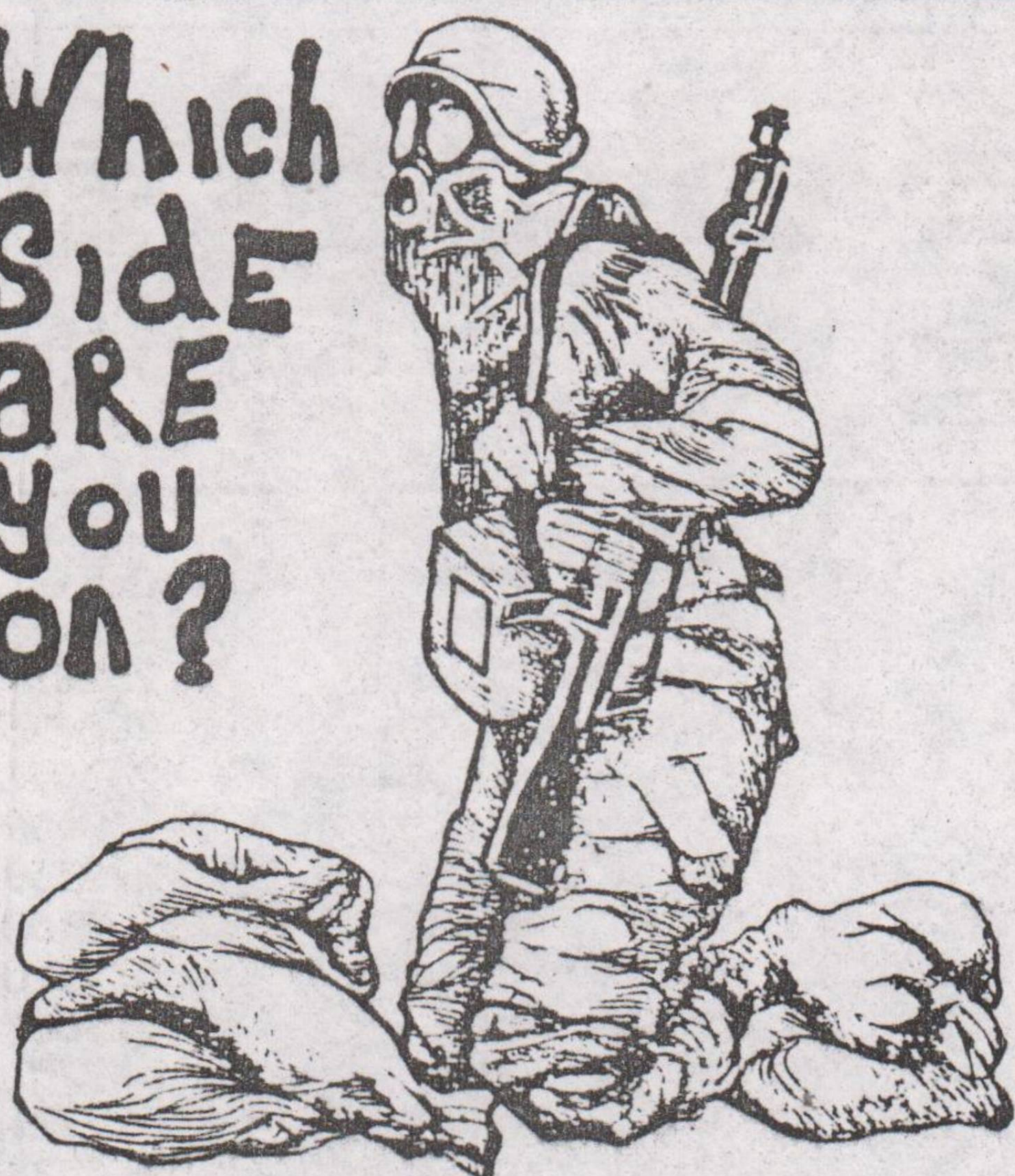
Proposer: Ann Kestenbaum  
Seconder: Colin Piper

## Resolutions for National Conference

have to be in before the July Members' meeting and will therefore be dealt with at the Coordinating Meeting on July 3rd.



Which  
Side  
Are  
You  
On?



## Peace protest in the Wake of the Libyan Bombings

by Les Parsons

A feeling of outrage was widespread after the American attack on Libya. Throughout Europe, thousands of people took to the streets to voice their opposition to the British and the American government's terrorist policies. Seemingly this was the last straw for many people. "Which Side Are You On?" is a book written as a response to the bombing of Libya by someone who has been protesting against British and American foreign policies for many years. I have just returned from the court in which he was sentenced to 40 days imprisonment for this protest.

A fuller review of the book will appear in next month's bulletin, but it is available now at Mushroom, the NCND office or through our contacting me if you have difficulty obtaining a copy. Just leave a message at the NCND office.

Geoff Young

Les would appreciate letters of support - the address to write to is:

Leslie Parsons,  
HMP Lincoln,  
Greetwell Road,  
Lincoln.

Jerry Deacon also appears in court soon and by the time you read this will also be at Lincoln prison and would likewise appreciate letters while he is there.

Both Jerry and Les were charged with "offences" which took place at USAF Molesworth in 1985. Please write to them.

Thank you.

"For St. George's Hill, we can read our planet itself. In the age of Exterminism, we are all Diggers, reclaiming what is ours. They will try to cut us down, but they cannot cut everybody down. And if we do not defy them now, they'll cut us down anyway, whether by intent or accident or error."

## "Humanizing Hell"

George Delf, pub. by Hamish Hamilton.

This book is about the nuclear nightmare in which the whole world now lives. It takes apart all those "respectable" institutions under which we all live, mostly in acquiescence, and lays bare the roots of a system poisoned by the insane policies of a nuclear "defence" strategy.

Initially feeding any prejudices we may have towards the institutions of the "Establishment" - in particular, public schools and the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, it then goes on to draw the Peace Movement (activists excepted) into the net of complicity, even the author is not spared the rod! As such, the book is aimed at complacency and apathy, particularly amongst the legal profession, in the face of this greatest crisis ever faced by humankind. It is about Law and the real role of law within civilised society, and how no one person, or group of persons, no matter how elevated, may be above it. The results of so being were well enough demonstrated in Germany under the Nazis, from which the author draws many comparisons.

Do not be put off by this stress on the Law, etc. This is a very readable and, at times, moving book from a man who stoutly castigates the very system that he himself went through. So strong is his feeling on the issue of nuclear weapons that he, along with others, is indicting the P.M. on a conspiracy to commit genocide! Contact INLAW (Int. Lawyers Against War) for details of this.

New address:- INLAW, Stone Carrs, Westgate in Weardale, Co. Durham. DL13 1SL

If you find the price too great at £6.95, a copy is available at the central lending library - business library second floor. Better still, ask for it at your local library.

N.B. A copy of the indictment, etc. will be available in CND office.

BILL HAINES.



# What's On

## June:

- Thu 5 Co-Ordinating Meeting 7.30pm. WEA.  
 Sat 7 Labour **CND Workshop** with **Denzil Davies MP.** 11 - 4 WEA, Shakespeare St. (see page 2 ).  
 Thu 12 Members' Meeting. **'Windscale to Chernobyl.'** 7.30pm. WEA.  
 Sat 14 **Defence Without Nuclear Weapons.** Green Party Conference. 10 - 4. I.C.C.  
 Sun 15 Fundraising Meeting. 8.00pm. Portland Arms, Canning Circus. All welcome.  
 Tue 17 Bingham Public Meeting (see page 2 ).  
 Thu 19 **Bulletin Deadline + Editorial.** 1.00pm. CND Office.  
 Fri 20 **GLASTONBURY '86**  
 - 22 **PEACE FESTIVAL**  
 Sun 21 **BREAD not BOMBS**  
 - 28 Week of Action. (see page 11 ).  
 Sat 28 Operation 'Independence Day' Post-In Day (see page 6 ).

## July:

- Thu 3 Co-Ordinating Meeting. 7.30pm. WEA.  
 Sat 5 **Don't Sit on the Fence - Cut it!** NVDA Action at USAF Chilwell. (see page 5 ).  
 Tue 8 **MASS LOBBY of PARLIAMENT.** (see p 3 ).  
 Thu 10 Members' Policy Making Meeting. 7.30. WEA. (see page 13 for resolutions).  
 Sat 12 **SPOTZ Alternative Cabaret.** Festival Site - 8.00pm 'til late.  
 Sun 13 **\*\*\* PEACE FESTIVAL '86 \*\*\*** (see p 2 ).  
 Sat 19 Evaluation of 1st EPIC. WEA, 10 - 4pm.  
 Tue 22 Bruce Kent in Nottingham. (see p 8 ).

## August:

- Wed 6 **HIROSHIMA DAY.**  
 Sat 9 **NAGASAKI DAY.**

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step towards a future free from the threat of nuclear war.

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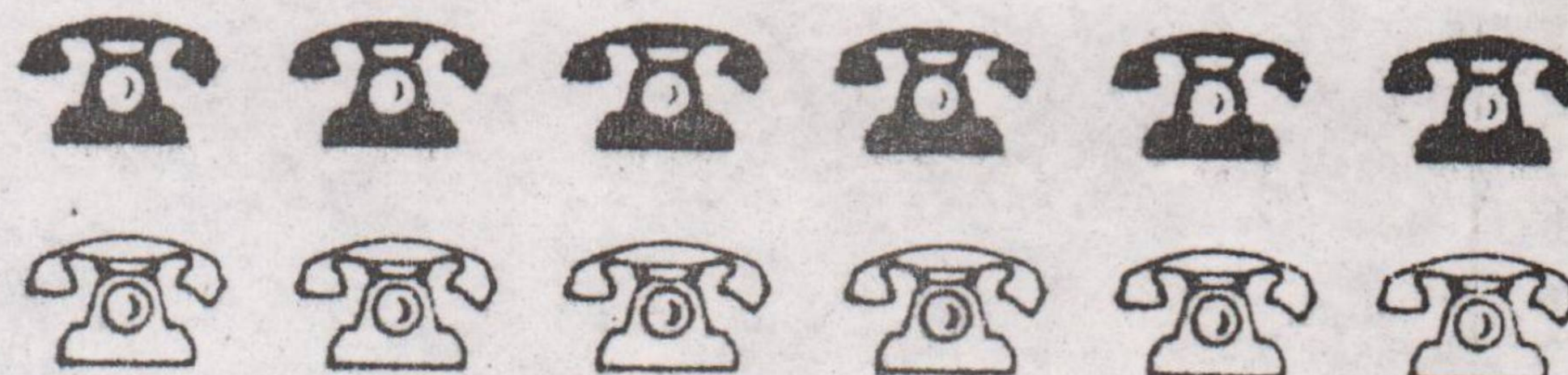
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### NEW LEAFLET

LIBYA - CHERNOBYL - STAR WARS

NCND has produced a new leaflet to meet the needs of the post-Libya and Chernobyl situation. It is now available from the office and will replace the one planned on American bases, which will be available in the autumn.

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