

ANTI-NUCLEAR PARLIAMENT

CND National Council felt unable to give support to sit-down in Parliament Square planned for 15 May owing to its timing in relation to the General election. The organisers have now decided to cancel the event.

WOLLATON CND offer . . .

MONTHLY MEETINGS

A STEP AWAY FROM WAR

The History and Importance of Campaigning for a COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN

VIDEO with PAUL NEWMAN as interviewer

There will also be a speaker, Roger Gook

7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 14 MAY Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare St.

Once the date for the General Election is announced, any members' monthly meeting falling during the run-up time will be cancelled.

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH (£1 including tea or coffee) and BRING AND BUY SALE

16 Trowell Rd, TUESDAY 19 MAY 12 - 2 Wollaton. PROCEEDS towards the PEACE FESTIVAL.

CND FESTIVAL 19-20-21 June 1007

------- Worthy Farm, Pilton, Somerset -

Resolutions for Members Policy-Making Meeting

The JULY MEETING (9th July) will be a meeting.Please POLICY-MAKING submit resolutions in time for printing in the June Bulletin. i.e. by 28th May.

FUNDRAISING NEWS MAY 9TH - CRAFT FAIR Congregational Centre, Castle Gate 10 - 4Help needed on the day Ring Rob Holland on 604986 Leon Rossellson amd Roy Bailey JULY 10TH FRIDAY Further details to follow.

If you can help the fundraising group or would like to join this informal group, please contact any of the following for details of meetings, etc. Rob 788274, Sue 782955, Rob 604986.

GREENFIELD CHILDREN'S WORLD LASERS STALLS CAMPING FOOD ALL THIS... IN THE VALE OF AVALON Advance Tickets - £20 from C.N.D. (Festival) whole weekend including Parking & Camping London N1 7JG whole weekend

credit card bookings 01-251 0027 enquiries 01-251 0028

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Cheques and P.O.'s payable to Glastonbury Festivals Ltd. Please enclose S.A.E. and allow 21 days for delivery.

BULLETIN DATES

JUNE: Deadline Thu 28 May. Ready 6 June.

JULY/AUGUST: Deadline Thu 9 July. Ready 18 July.

These dates maximum are to ensure publicity for the Peace Festival and Hiroshima/Nagasaki events. There will be no separate August Bulletin.

IN LISTERGATE 12 NOON SAT. 16 MAY CND SOAP BOX

Speakers: Alan Simpson, Prospective Labour Parliamentary candidate for Nottingham South.

Paul Johns, National CND Chair.

Pet e Strauss, National Executive member

Alan, Paul and Pete will set up their rostrum near the Listergate Stall. They need plenty of supporters to form the nucleus of an audience to attract others to stop and listen. - Please come along -



Sat. 9 May. YOUTH CND STALL 10 - 4 pm Anyone under 21 who would like to help, please contact Rachel on 254148

Sat. 23 May.

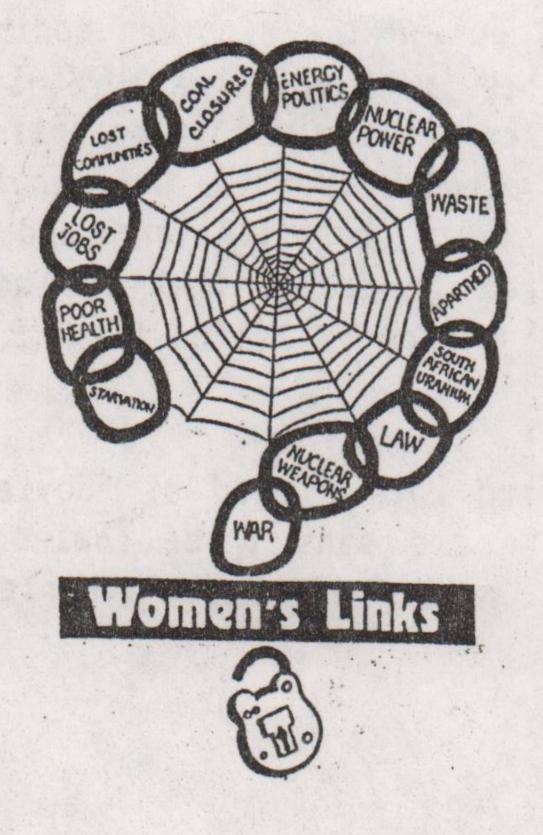
A WOMEN'S STALL 10 - 4 to mark:

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISARMAMENT

"Women linking Worldwide to celebrate our power for change."

This will be NCND's contribution to actions being co-ordinated by Women's Link, an initiative of Durham Women Against Pit Closures and Greenham. They are calling for 24 hours of local actions by women to demonstrate the connections between the destruction of the mining communities, the development of nuclear power, the nuclear arms race and the risk to the earth's survival. It also links nuclear power and the arms race with Namibian uranium mining and South Africa's illegal occupation of that country. Following Bruce Kent's marathon last year, WALK FOR LIFE, which raised so much interest and money for peace and development, for the first time fifteen of the developing agencies as well as the United Nations Association are organising a nationwide event, which will, amongst its five points, include the issue of war and the efforts required to promote peace.

WALK FOR THE WORLD will consist of four different feeder marches, which will all converge on London



on June 6th. People are being asked to join the march for the time when it pases through their area.

WALK FOR THE WORLD passes through Nottingham on

WED. MAY 27/THURS. MAY 28

For more local information and sponsor forms, please contact:

Dave Eminson at OXFAM, 6 Russell Place, Clarendon St., Nottingham. Tel:415477.



CALLING ANYONE WHO HAS EVER BEEN IN THE SERVICES . . .

War-time or peace-time; national service or regular; armed services, women's services, civil defence (A.R.P. & fire service).

Ex-Services CND was founded in 1983 and has grown rapidly. It draws together men and women of all ages who have had experience of war - or active preparation for war. As such it has a very important role in showing that there are people with such experience who are determined to end the lunacy of nuclear weapons, and the arms race.

There are individual members in our area, but so far there has been no public of the existence of Exmanifestation services CND in Nottingham . It would be a bonus to our campaign to show the public that ex-service people are active in the peace movement locally.

A stall staffed by ex-services people with an appropriate wall display could be highly effective. Those who have campaign medals might perhaps be prepared to wear them. Others may still have badges or other insignia to bring out.

We appreciate that ex-services members may be very busy in other fields. Nevertheless what about giving just a couple of hours on a Saturday to this project? You don't have to actually be a member of Ex-Services CND to take part.

Anyone interested please contact NCND office as soon as possible.

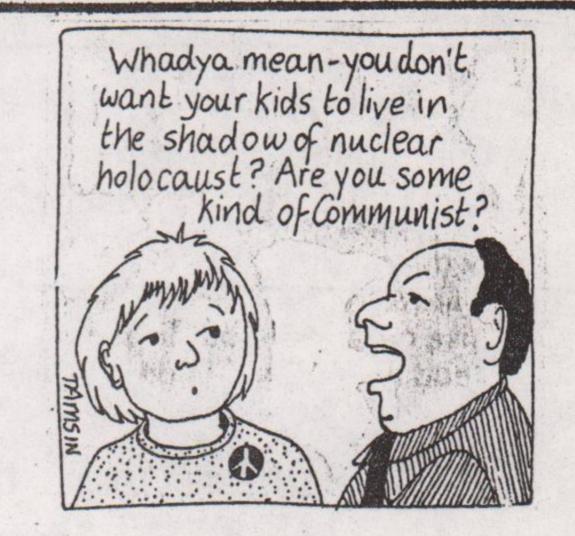
(Ex-Services CND invites anyone elegible to join. Annual sub. waged £3, couples £5, unewaged £1. Membership secretary: Ron Rich, 54 Rookery Rd, Bristol BS4 2DT.)

What better means of doing this than via the LISTERGATE STALL ?

KNOW "THE ENEMY",

Read "Soviet Weekly"

"Soviet Weekly", the newspaper published by the Soviet Embassy, used to be hard going. It used to contain endless verbatim reports of speeches by Soviet leaders and fulsome accounts of Soviet progress in every field interspersed with photos of smiling citizens There were, though, interesting articles on peripheral subjects like archaeology, and good cartoons, some of which found their way into the Bulletin,



Here are the vicious, totalitarian Soviets advocating fundamental democracy on a scale undreamed of in the freedom-loving west!

In the same issue, an article on the Soviet education system outlines its achievements and points out the improvements still needed. There is also an article on AIDS in the USSR, (13 cases so far,)

"Soviet Weekly" sometimes gives interesting nuclear

Glasnost has now made "Soviet Weekly" a very good read, Although Gorbachev's speeches are still there so incidentally is Margaret Thatcher's main Moscow utterance - the articles are far more varied and some contain forthright criticism of the economy and social structure. In the March 21 issue the following passage from a very interesting article comparing American and Soviet agriculture is printed in red for emphasis,

Now we must say what we think about such farm managers, It would be only fair, after all, if they were selected, elected and, if need be, fired by the people who make hay and grow grain, If we do not make kolkhozes (collective farms) self-governing, no agro-business organisation will help,

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information that is not used by the British press, such as news of a report from the Los Alamos Laboratory that the U.S. conducted nearly 70 secret nuclear tests during the eighteen months commencing Jan, 1960, This was while a U.S.-British-Soviet freeze on nuclear testing was in operation, President Eisenhower had pledged that the U.S. would not resume tests without prior notification, and White House officials assured the world that the moratorium was being observed, Moscow is asking the U.S. embassy for an explanation,

Why not come and have a read of "Soviet Weekly" at NCND office? We are sent three copies. It is also available at libraries and via newsagents, (16p,)

Jos Wood,



PEACE PENTECOST PLEDGE CROSSES

These are ways of mobilising support for Peace Pentecost and also raising money to help to pay for the event. The pledge crosses are a way people who cannot attend the demonstration can be there in "spirit". Crosses are available from NCND office. People should write their names and a message on the cross and give a donation. The crosses will be tied to the fence at Upper Heyford

PEACE PENTECOST

This year's Peace Pentecost will be held at the U.S. bases of Upper Heyford and Croughton in Oxfordshire on June 6th.

Peace Pentecost is Christian CND's national act of witness - an opportunity for Christian peace activists (and others) to gather together to proclaim the message of peace and publicly witness against the evils of the nuclear arms race. It is an event which happens on both sides of the Atlantic, providing a focus for Christian resistance to nuclear war preparations.

CHRISTIAN CND'S PLANS FOR JUNE 6TH

We have planned a three stage event so that everyone can participate to some degree, even those who are unable to walk far. Each stage of the event includes worship, the main service taking place at Stage Two (Upper Heyford field).

Christian CND held the first Peace Pentecost in 1983, at Upper Heyford: that, too, was an election year. Since than Upper Heyford was expanded - new land has been taken into the base and EF111 electronic radar jamming aircraft are now based there. It was these planes which last year flew to Libya to take part in the bombing mission over Tripoli.

In 1987 Christian CND will again be at Upper Heyford and will be linking our protest and witness there to nearby USAF Croughton, a US Communications station. In both places - which so visually portray the Bad News of our nuclear age - we will be proclaiming the Good News of peace.

NATO'S PLANS FOR PEACE PENTECOST

When Christian CND's representatives met with the

STAGE ONE: Assemble USAF Croughton (Main Gate) 10.30 am. After a short time of worship there will be a procession to Upper Heyford (6 miles). This stage will end on the north side of the Upper Heyford airbase ("festival field").

STAGE TWO: People not walking from Croughton should gather in the "Festival Field" (on the Ardley Road) from noon. There will be stalls, music, children's area and so on. When the procession arrives at the field there will be an act of worship (1.30 pm).

STAGE THREE: There will be a procession from the field around the west side of Upper Heyford airbase along the Portway bridleway. Pledges of support (white crosses available from NCND office) will be tied to the fence. The procession will end in Camp Road - which goes past the main ga te - with a final prayer.

CRUISE AT MOLESWORTH

REMINDER: Hopefully you still have the buff sheet stapled to the last Bulletin giving details of action if we hear that CRUISE HAS COME TO MOLESWORTH.

police to discuss our plans for June 6th, they discovered that it is the date for a NATO Open day and air show at Upper Heyford.

The USAF amd NATO will be engaged in a very costly public relations exercise, in which the hardware of nuclear war will be dressed up as fun and entertainment. Our presence will be a reminder to those in the area and those attending the air display that Upper Heyford is a nuclear base on constant alert. It is not about fun but about nuclear war preparations.

If you are interested in joining a group going from Nottingham, contact Brian and Mary Ward on 842337, as soon as possible.

On the day after . . . Leafleting at bus stations and in the square.

Vigils at roundabouts

The weekend after , , , Demonstration at USAF Molesworth,

IN PARLIAMENT

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The MoD and the Government have been very evasive about the control vehicle en route to Molesworth, and the launchers spotted at Alconbury. Jeremy Corbyn MP was told that no confirmation could be provided, Dennis Skinner has tabled questions asking why 100 US service personnel were transferred from Greenham to Alconbury on 1 April (no joke) along with 10 Dodge Ram support vehicles.

(from "Campaign!")





Cyclists, including National Chair Paul Johns, about to set out on the Nuclear Free Roads Relay. (Photo by John Birdsall)

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CND's first major London demo for eighteen months was a huge success. CND estimated that 100,000 people took part.(The police, as usual, halved the figure.) The head of the march left the Embankment at 12 noon; banners were still entering Hyde Park more than three hours later. that every nuclear power station was a potential nucleaar bomb. Jonathan Porritt of F.o.E. drew attention to the way in which nuclear states site their nuclear plants on their frontiers - or coastlines rather than centrally. Luciana Castellina, leader of the Italian Peace movement and an M.E.P., told us that polls show that about 70% of Italians are against nuclear power and want U.S. bases out of Italy. A speaker on a different theme was Lorna Henry from Molesworth, who raised the problem posed to the peace movement by rape.

The glorious spring weather helped to make this a very special day, and provide a real morale booster for any of us who may have allowed ourselves to become despondent over the past year. It proved that CND is still a force to be reckoned with - that we canmobilize people in their thousands from all over the country.

Despite the solemnity of the occasion for the march, the anniversary of the terrible accident at Chernobyl, the spirit of the demo was one of hope for the future and confidence that "We shall overcome",

The unity of the struggles to rid the world of nuclear weapons and nuclear power was the theme of many of the speeches at the rally in Hyde Park, Paul Johns stressed NCND contributed five coachloads to the demo. Some others made their own way there. Some of us arrived in Hyde Park in time to be part of the human antiradiation symbol that appeared on t.v. We waved our black and yellow balloons with varying degrees of fervour for up to half an hour while cameras situated in a cradle suspended from a giant mast were focussed on us from above. Only a fraction of those on the demo took part: nearly half the march was still on its way; others were relaxing in the hot sun.

April 25th was the first time that a national demo has been arranged jointly by CND and another great campaigning organisation, an important step in widening of our movement,

Jos wood.

Bread not Bombs

Week of action on the arms trade

to the third world: 20 - 28 June

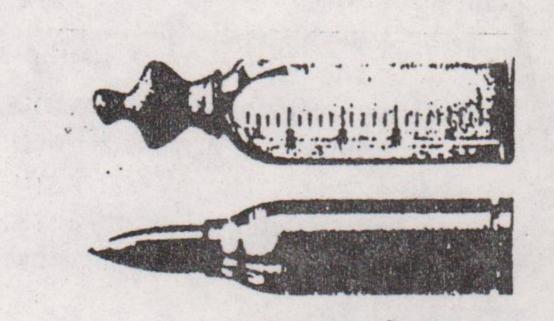
Arms can kill without a shot being fired

EVERY DAY 15,000 people die from hunger and 30,000 more from preventable diseases due to poor water supplies. Yet last year Third World governments were encouraged to buy \$24 billion-worth of armaments from the countries of the rich world. Money spent on weapons wastes scarce resources and distorts economies as well as fuelling wars. Development aid can get swallowed up in the need to relieve the effects of war.

Britain is involved in the arms trade

Most of the industrialised countries heavily promote weapon exports. In Britain the Government uses taxpayers' money to set up arms fairs and support arms exporters. Not enough is being done to promote positive alternatives.

Three quarters of British arms exports go to Third World countries, worth around £3,700 million in 1986. This is more than double the amount given in official development aid. As one of the leading arms exporting nations, we in Britain bear a heavy responsibility for the misery and destruction that the arms trade causes.



BREAD NOT BOMBS WEEK is supported by Campaign Against Arms Trade, Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, Christian Aid, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Oxfam, Pax Christi, Quaker Peace and Service, United Nations Association, Voluntary Service Overseas, War on Want, World Disarmament Campaign, and Womens International League for Peace and Freedom.

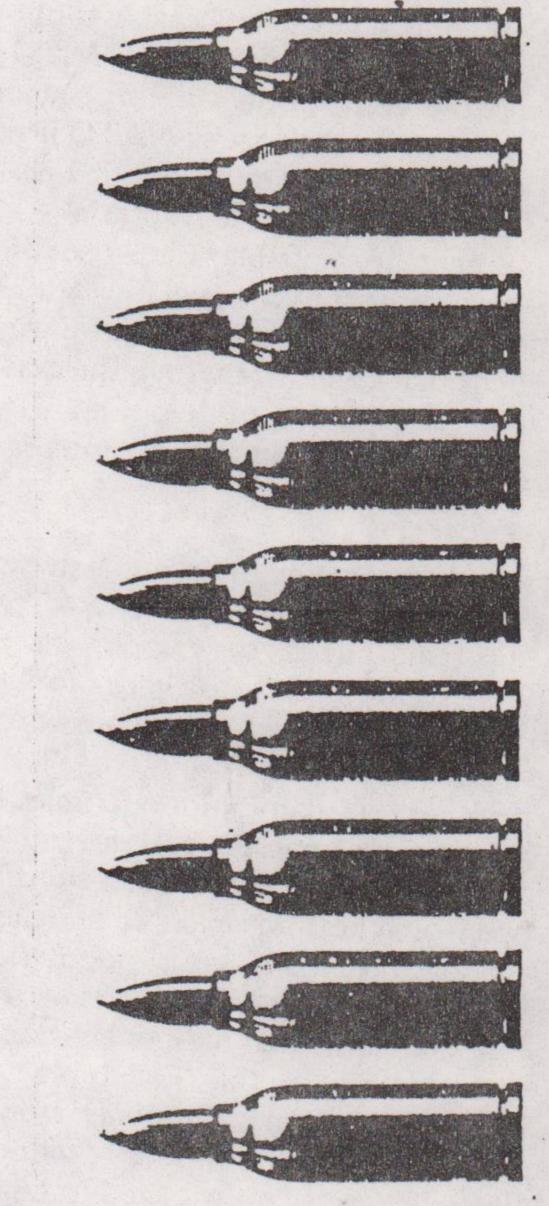
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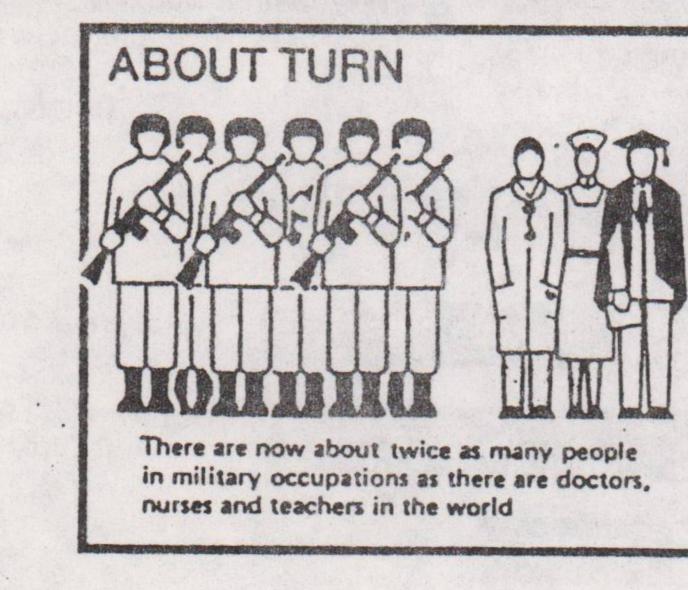
SATURDAY 16 MAY

10 - 4.at the FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, Clarendon St.

Anyone interested invited. . For more information contact DAVID LANE on 816049.

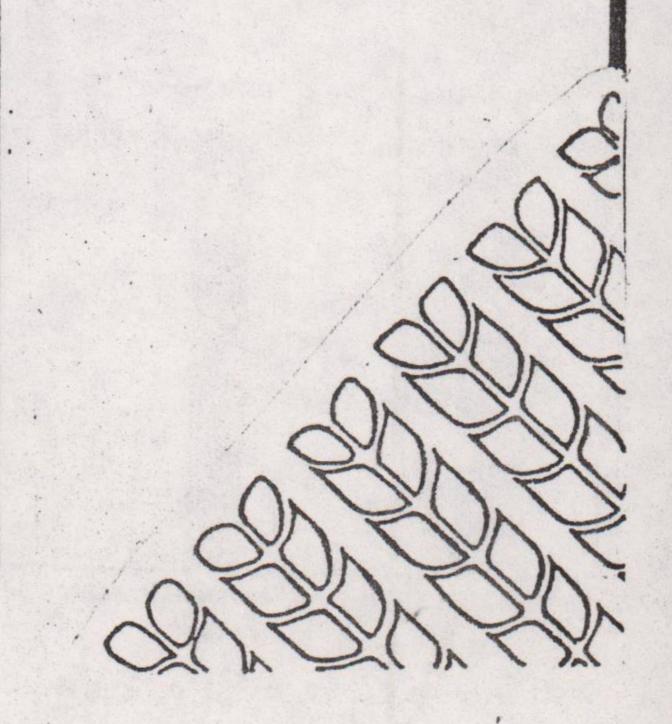
Full details of BREAD NOT BOMBS WEEK in Nottingham will be given in the next Bulletin.

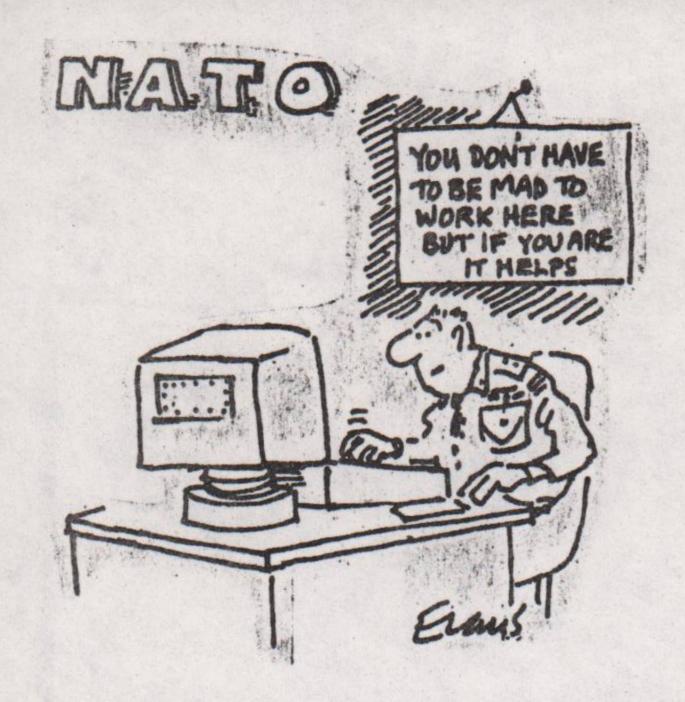




The money required to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated at \$17 billion a year. It is a huge sum of money

...about as much as the world spends on arms every two weeks.





The conventional

balance

MOST WESTERN governments still seem reluctant to put Mr Gorbachev's apparent enthusiasm for nuclear disarmament to the test. One of the major obstacles to nuclear disarmament is the widespread belief that the Soviet Union has overwhelming superiority over NATO in conventional forces. For, if such superiority does exist, the West needs nuclear weapons, not only to deter nuclear attack, but also to defend Western Europe against Soviet conventional attack.

This argument lies at the heart of the opposition

government figures, estimates that NATO now outspends the Warsaw Pact by around 25 per cent. The independent Stockholm International Peace Research Institute calculates that the gap is much wider, with the NATO military budget now about twice as great as that of the Warsaw Pact, suggesting Western advantage.

Most important is not how much is spent, but what is obtained for that spending. In some areas the Soviet bloc has a considerable numerical advantage. But in others NATO is well ahead. Overall the picture is one of rough parity or indeed of forces' in Central Europe thus depends on whether or not one assumes France should be counted. If France is included, NATO has a 1.06:1 advantage. Without France, the Warsaw pact is ahead by 1.24:1.

Tanks

The Warsaw Pact as a whole currently has around 67,000 tanks in service in Europe and Asia, facing NATO's 32,000 and China's 10,000: an advantage of more than two to one against NATO alone, and a lead of 1.6 to one against NATO and China combined.

Even this advantage, however, is being eroded. In recent years NATO countries have made considerable improvements in their anti-tank defences (Britain, for example, has tripled its stocks of anti-tank missiles since 1979). Over the last five years the number of tanks in NATO arsenals has increased by 20 per cent. And the introduction of new models, such as the German Leopard 2 and the American M-1, has ensured that NATO tanks continue to be considerably superior to their Soviet equivalents. Even with its numerical advantage, therefore, the Soviet Army would find that its tanks would face powerful, and probably unbeatable, opposition.

by European conservatives, and NATO military chiefs, to the 'zero option' on European mediumrange missiles. In their view, NATO needs cruise and Pershing, whether or not the Soviets have any SS-20s, as part of 'flexible response' — NATO's commitment to possible first use of nuclear weapons against conventional invasion. Agreeing to the 'zero option', on this view, would set a precedent that could strengthen the case of those pressing for a policy of 'No First Use' and a negotiated European nuclear weapon-free zone.

The facts

Does the Warsaw Pact have a massive advantage in conventional forces vis-a-vis NATO? Would NATO really need to cripple its members' economies in order to pay for a viable conventional defence? The answer to both questions is no.

There are too many imponderables to predict the outcome of a hypothetical conventional war in Europe. A conventional defence of Western Europe would not, however, be hopeless. NATO as a whole, after all, has a population of 638 million, compared to the Warsaw Pact's 393 million. Our combined national output is around three times that of the Soviet bloc. And our industries, particularly in areas crucial to the military such as computers and telecommunications, are acknowledged to be well ahead of NATO advantage.

Ships

NATO has 2½ times as many major surface ships as the Warsaw Pact. This superiority has increased in recent years as a result of the top priority given to the US Navy in President Reagan's rearmament programme.

As a consequence, it is widely recognised that the Soviets plan to use most of their naval forces simply to protect their missile submarines in their 'sanctuaries' in the Barents Sea and the Seas of Japan and Okhotsk.

They simply do not have the forces available to launch a major campaign against Western shipping lanes without leaving these sanctuaries dangerously exposed.

Soldiers

According to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), NATO has slightly more ground forces — 3 million soldiers in place plus 5.4 million reserves — than the Warsaw Pact, which has 2.8 million soldiers in place plus 5.1 million reserves.

In the event of conflict, some of these forces would, at least initially, be far from Europe. To predict the course of a battle in Europe we need to look at forces actually in place. IISS figures show that NATO has 803,000 soldiers in place in West Germany, Belgium and Holland, together with

Aircraft

Figures from IISS show that both alliances currently have around 11,000 combat aircraft in service: rough numerical equality. However it is generally recognised that Western air forces have the qualitative edge. According to NATO's own analysis of the balance of forces in Europe, published in 1984: 'To a considerable degree, NATO air forces maintain a high state of readiness and are qualitatively superior to those of the Warsaw Pact.'

Technology

Alongside a situation of rough numerical parity between the alliances, the West enjoys a considerable qualitative advantage. In 1986 the Pentagon estimated that, out of the 20 most important areas of military technology, the US was superior in 14, the US and the Soviet Union were equal in 6, and the Soviet Union was ahead in none. Despite consuming around 15 per cent of their country's national income, the Soviet military cannot entirely avoid the technological backwardness that characterises the rest of the economy.

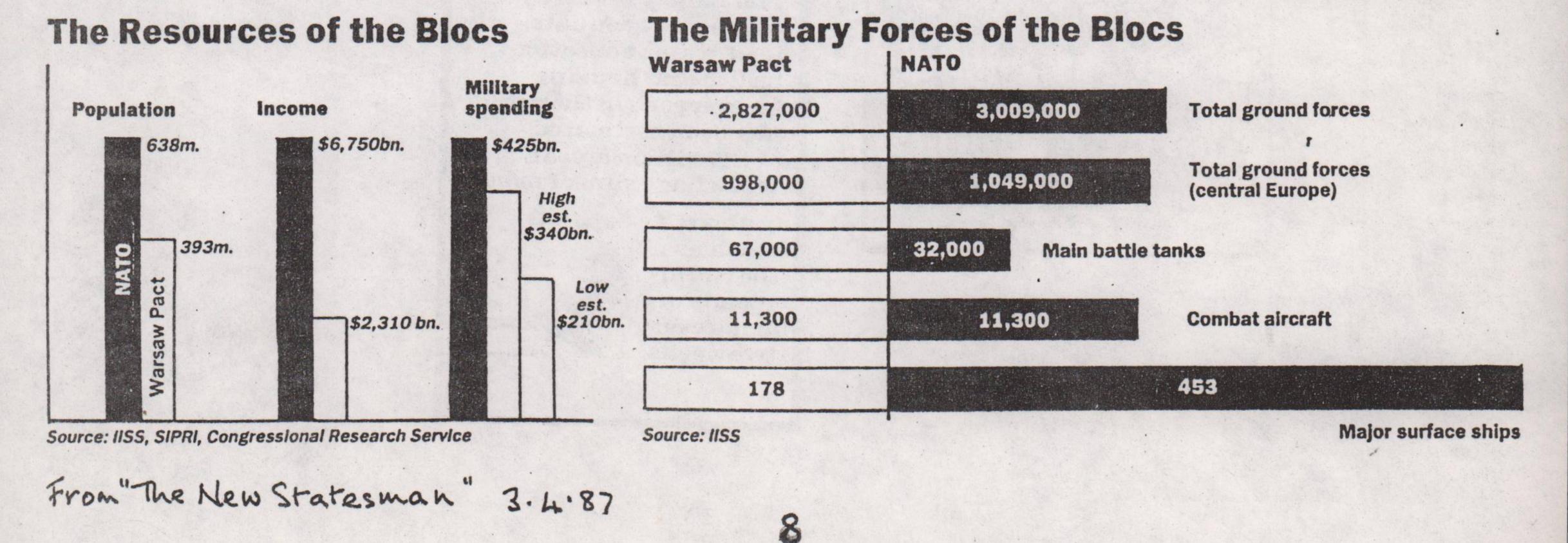
technologically.

Spending

The US Congressional Research Service, using US

246,000 soldiers in France, facing 998,000 Warsaw Pact soldiers in East Germany, Czechoslavakia and Poland. The precise 'balance

Malcolm Chalmers



SELLAFIELD - THE IRISH CONNECTION

It is vital to get as many individuals and organisations as possible to write in support of the Irish Government which is trying to get BNFL to eliminate discharges from Windscale (Sellafield). A resolution is being sent to the Paris Commission, a European body which oversees all landbased sources of sea pollution. Just write and say you support the Irish Resolution to be presented at the June meeting. The address is:

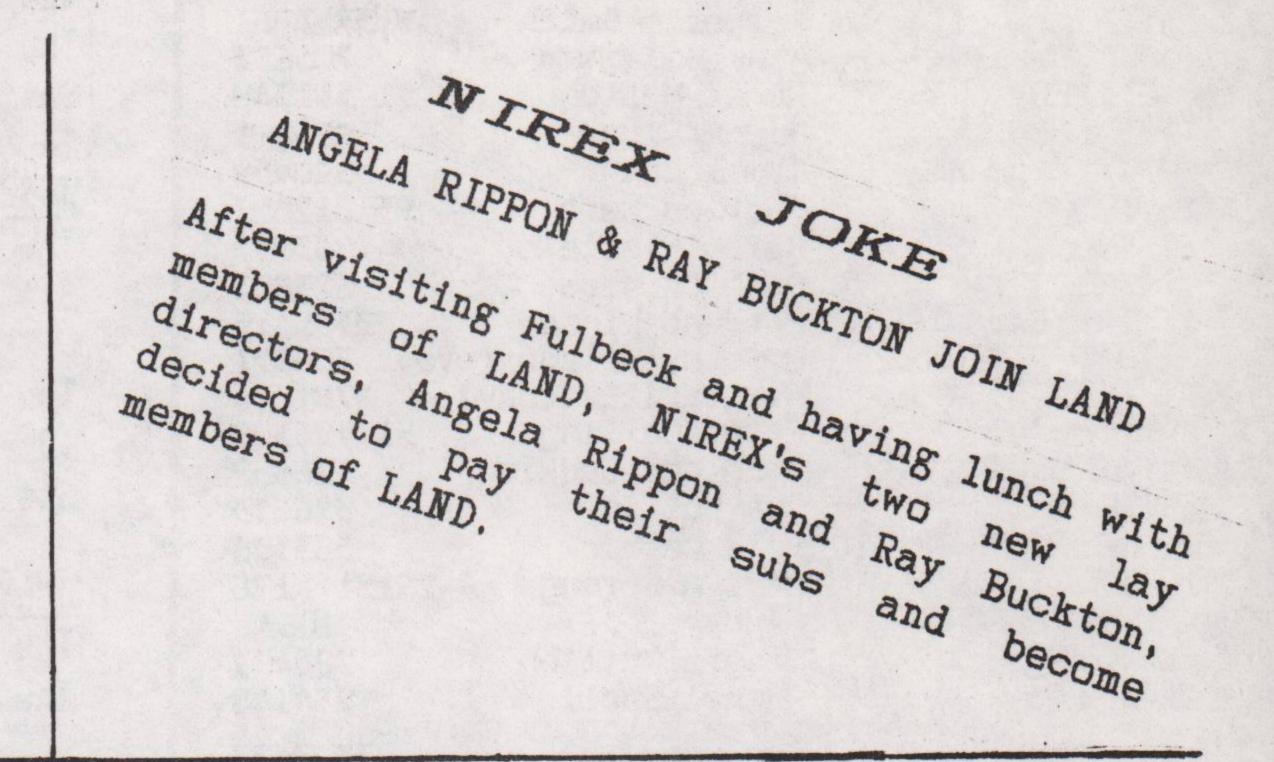
Peter Hayward, Secretary, The Paris Commission, 48 Carey Street, LONDON. WC2

For those wishing to send message of sympathy and remembrance to the Chernobyl victims, the address is:





"Don't try anything foolish. This water pistol's loaded with Irish Sea water."



The Soviet Embassy, 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, LONDON. W8 4QX

MARJORIE BROWN.



PEACE FESTIVAL PROGRESS

We'd like to acknowledge the very kind donations to festival funds from a number of groups in response to last month's appeal. We are still in need of money and services though - so here's a check-list of our more pressing needs. If some of them sound unbearably dull, that's because they are. At the end of last year's festival, on the Monday, all the labouring needed to return borrowed equipment and staging fell to four or five people - so even if this time you're free only on Monday 13th, your help then would be very, very useful.

Thanks again to various groups and individuals for donations and help so far.

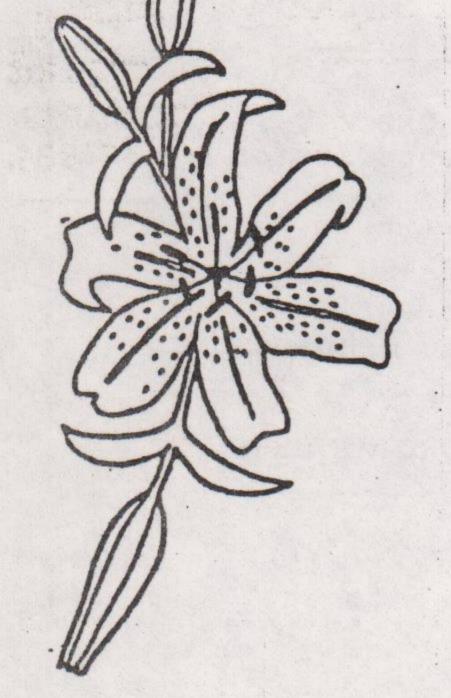
Peace Festival Check-list

I/We can supply:-

Drivers with own cars () Drivers of Vans, Luton, Transits etc. Site Labour Raffle Ticket Sales Car Park Attendants Site & Stall Guides Cleaners for Public Lavatories near site () Site Guarding overnight sleepers in main marquee July 11 Tent Loan

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Name of Group or individual:

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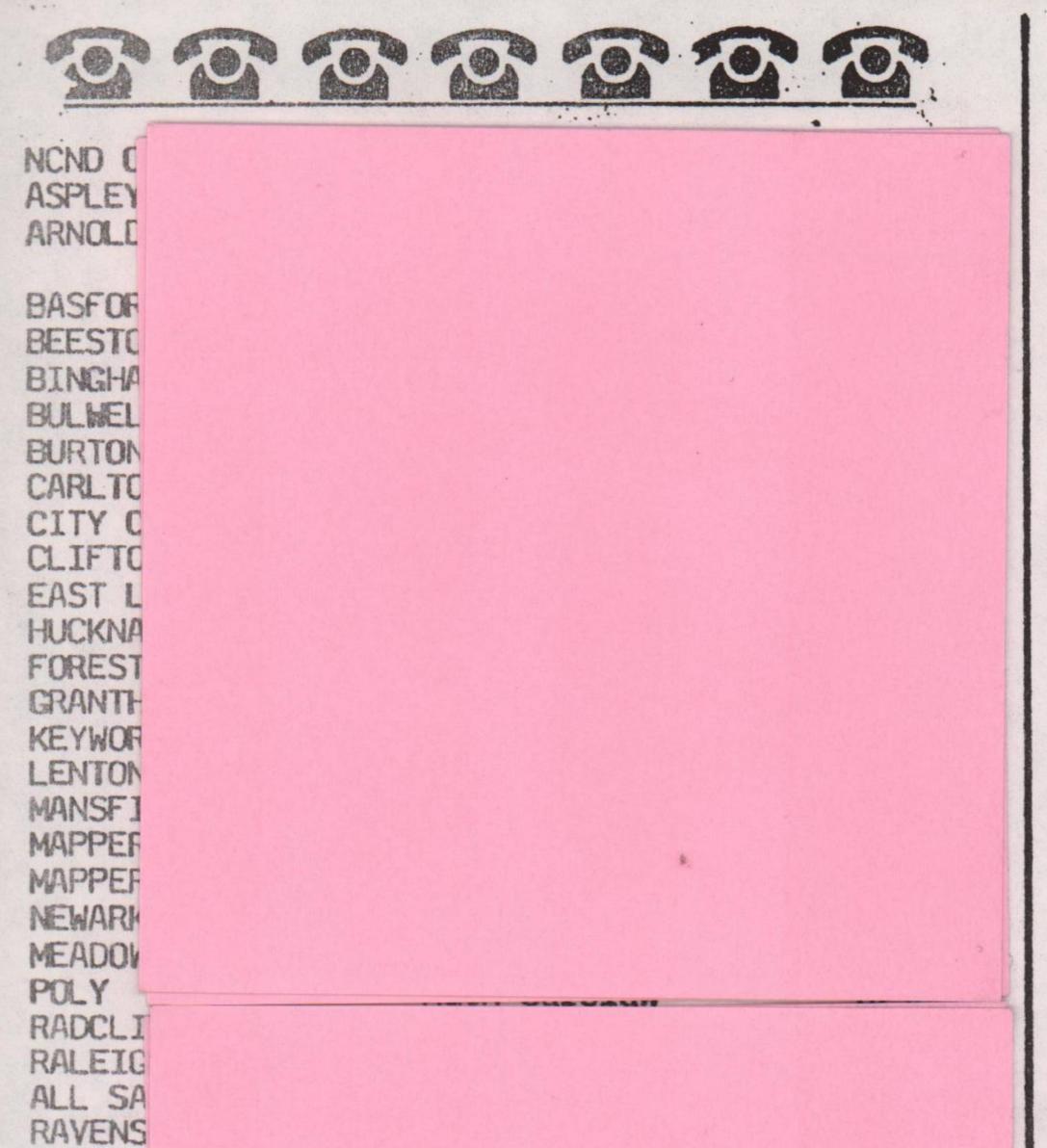
Details -----

Site Clearance, waste collection help Children's Events Helpers Programme Distributors(Site Decoration help

Any other skills/help/facilities () - details on separate sheet.

Please return to NCND Office or Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd. The next planning meeting will be on May 13 at 7.30 at the Rainbow Centre. Jeremy Jago

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Thu 4	Co-ordinating mtg 7,30 Adult Ed. Centre
Sat 6	Peace Pentecost: USAF Croughton to USAF Upper
	Heyford, (See P5)
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DO YOU DRINK COFFEE ? ? ?

Why not buy a new CND coffee mug? (White with black CND symbol)

19 - 21 Glastonbury Festival (details p. 2) Sat 20 BREAD NOT BOMBS WEEKstarts (See p.7)

JULY Thu 2 Co-ordinating Mtg, 7,30, Adult Ed, Centre July/Aug BULLETIN DEADLINE & Editorial Thu 9 Members' Policy-making Meeting, (See p.2) Leon Rossellson & Roy Bailey (See p. 2) Fri 10 Sun 12, PEACE FESTIVAL

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