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JUNE 87 20p

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Peace Festival

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12TH JULY

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ALTERNATIVE CABARET

SATURDAY 11th JULY

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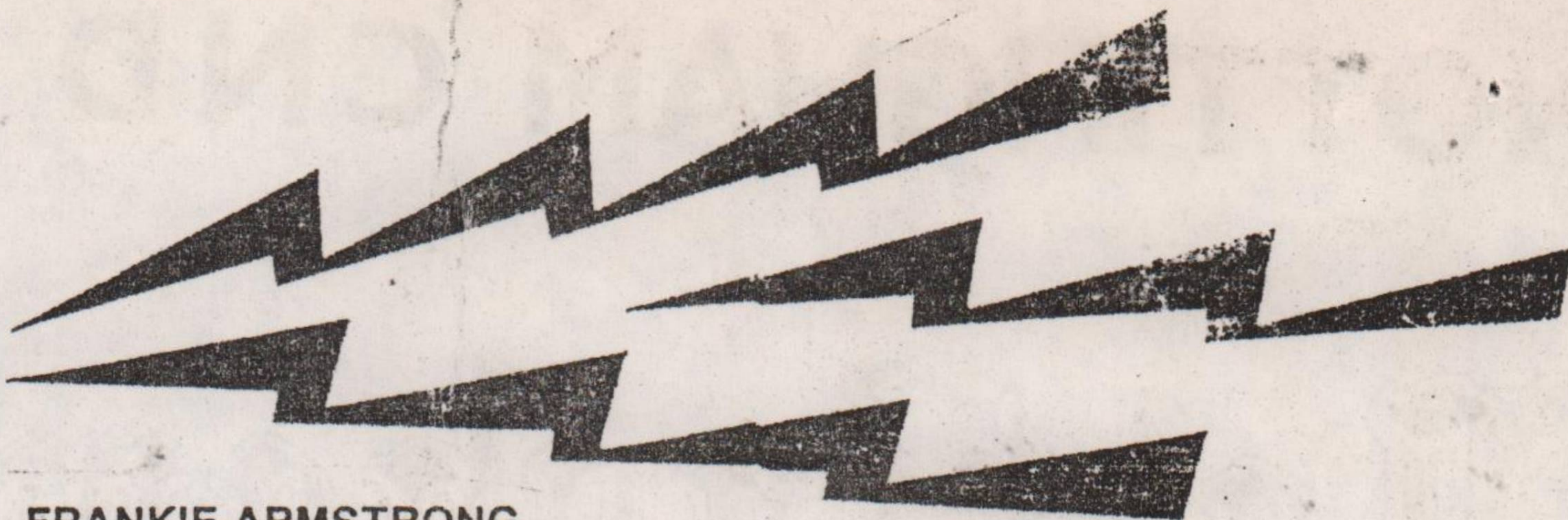


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# NO CAUSE FOR ALARM



is an anti-nuclear show to raise the spirits from the lead. It is black, bleak, bizarre and biting funny. It looks at the attitudes of the political, military and scientific establishments towards war in general and preparations for nuclear war in particular, and at the attitudes towards authority which allow those preparations to take place. And it makes connections between nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

The show includes songs and poems by, amongst others, Leon Rosselson, Bertolt Brecht, Adrian Mitchell, Geoff Pearson and Frankie Armstrong, as well as quotations from *Joining Up* (a handy guide for every recruit), *Queen's Regulations for the Army*, *Protect & Survive Monthly*, the *Guardian*, *Daily Express*, *Times*, *Daily Mirror*, *Vancouver Sun* and the *Surrey Comet*.

FRANKIE ARMSTRONG,  
ROY BAILEY and LEON ROSSELSON

decided, at the beginning of 1981, to combine their powerful individual talents. They have since given concerts all over Britain, as well as in Vancouver, at the Folk Music Festival, where their performance won a standing ovation from the 6,000 strong audience, and at the Flanders Festival in Belgium.

FRI 10 JULY

THE BOULEVARD HOTEL,  
RADFORD BOULEVARD

Admission £3.00 (£1.50 concession)

(Tickets from NCND Office; Mushroom Bookshop; Ouroboros & Hiziki Wholefoods shops; Victoria Centre Box Office.)

THIS IS THE OPENING EVENT OF THE  
PEACE FESTIVAL

## ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no co-ordinating or members' meetings in July. See article p 5. Future arrangements will be announced in July/August Bulletin.

Beeston Anti Nuclear Group

## S O C I A L

AND CRUISE RESISTANCE BENEFIT

**\*\*CABARET with HENRY NORMAL\*\***

**\*DISCO\***

**\*FOOD\***

**\*LATE BAR\***

Sat. 27 June. Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane  
6 p.m. on... Beeston

**CHILDREN WELCOME**

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(Full Contacts list in next Bulletin)

**DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST BULLETIN: 9 July.**

## BREAD & BOMBS

A WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE  
TO THE THIRD WORLD  
20 - 28 JUNE

Leafleting & Poster Display

SATURDAY 20 JUNE

**HELPERS WANTED** Meet 10.30  
at Listergate Stall  
(Preparations for the week's activities have been delayed by the election. Anyone who can help in any way, please contact David Lane on 816049.)

CEILIDH with EARTHREEL + singers

Bar\*\* Food\*\* Tickets: £2 (£1 unwaged)

FRI 26 JUNE. International Community Centre  
7 - 11. Mansfield Rd.  
Nottingham For Cruise-Free Molesworth

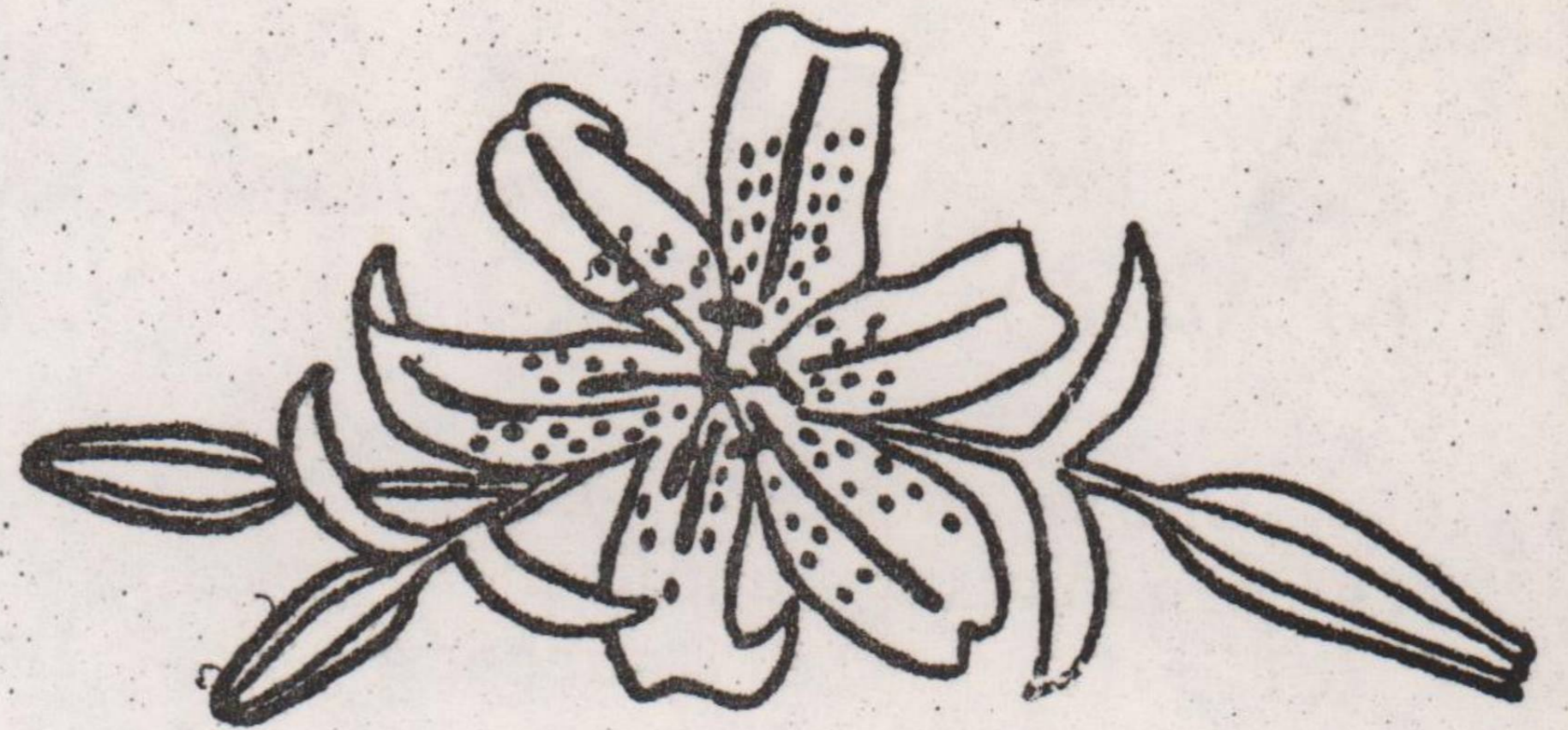
### Membership

In July 1986, our computer programme was revised and all existing members were allocated a new membership number. We have subsequently found that the use of numbers has created certain difficulties and consequently, to improve efficiency, we have decided to dispense with their use. Please note that cards issued from June '87 will no longer give a membership number.



# PEACE FESTIVAL

JULY 12th  
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT NOTTM



Article by Jeremy Jago

This is the last bulletin before the Festival - so I'm writing this five weeks before the event. N.B. We still need a couple of van drivers.

Nottingham's biggest, brightest, best Peace Festival will feature more events than ever over three days. Kick-off is at 8 pm on Friday 10th when Campaign Funds team presents an evening of Modern Folk music from Leon Rosselson and Roy Bailey. The place: Boulevard Hotel, Radford Boulevard. Tickets on the door or from CND office or similar right-on places (Mushroom, Hiziki, Ouroboros, Victoria Box Office ... )

The next scheduled event is on Victoria Embankment and begins at 8 pm Saturday when Nottingham Alternative Cabaret group SPOTZ will inflict an evening of music, performance and comedy.

12 noon Sunday is the opening of main Festival day on the Embankment. Exhibitions ... Famous Speakers ... Videos ... Food Court ... Music on two stages ... Women's Area with workshops and exhibitions ... Vast kids' entertainments area with tent and inflatables ... and of course the stalls - hundreds of human beings behind tables, thousands more in front. Books, bags, badges, clothes, crafts, demonstrations, games, toys, plants, raffle-tickets ... imagine a sort of glorified Listergate stall but with easier car parking ( for which we still need attendants ).

Preparations for the weekend are fairly well organised and the financial state slightly less desperate, but like all fun events the Festival still has a gentle air of the unpredictable ... for instance, will the council majority group try to stop us using the site? Do they KNOW we arranged to use the site? Is it worth paying some weirdo to do a rain dance like they used to before Goose Fair? Would Coordinating Committee try to stop us if we did?

We hope to welcome the Rajah Yoga Centre to the Festival to lead a public meditation session, which should particularly benefit the planning team.

I can't say 'Watch this space' but if there should be any major changes we'll make sure you know about them somehow. If you haven't filled in the help form in last month's bulletin then now's your chance.

Thanks for all your help and encouragement so far.

HELP TO PUBLICISE THE FESTIVAL!

Collect your free posters from the  
Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road.



# NUKEWATCH UK: JUNE 27th

## MARKING THE NUCLEAR WARHEAD CONVOY ROUTES

NUKEWATCH, CND's nuclear convoy tracking group, are organising another 'Marking the Routes' following the success of last November's event. 27 June is near to the second anniversary of the convoy crash at Helensburgh, Scotland. This time balloons will be released to represent the cloud of radio-active dust that would be released should one of the convoy's six bombs on wheels crash and explode.

Local groups are asked to cover the same sites along A1 and M1 as last November. The weather should be friendlier this time. Leaflets for distribution at approach roads, service stations, etc are being prepared.

We hope to have the PAN minibus available for transport, but please make your own arrangements as far as possible. For further information, contact NCND or John Cromby on 706088.

## SATURDAY JUNE 27

Nuclear warhead convoys carrying Polaris/Chevaline missile warheads travel regularly through Notts, along both A1 and M1 in defiance of the county's status as a Nuclear Free Zone. They also make overnight stops at military bases not more than a few hours away - RAF Wittering on the A1 in Cambridgeshire, and Swynnerton Depot near Stoke on Trent.

The convoys are necessary because radioactive decay inside the warheads very quickly makes them unstable. When this happens they may fail to explode, or explode accidentally. To prevent this they are taken to the Royal Ordnance factory at Burghfield, Berks, and refurbished.

It is very unlikely that a crash involving a warhead carrier would result in a nuclear explosion, as the warheads are not primed. But the convoys are, nevertheless, dangerous, because if a warhead carrier were to crash and catch fire, the conventional explosive in the detonator could ignite. If this happened deadly plutonium dust would be scattered and dispersed by the wind.

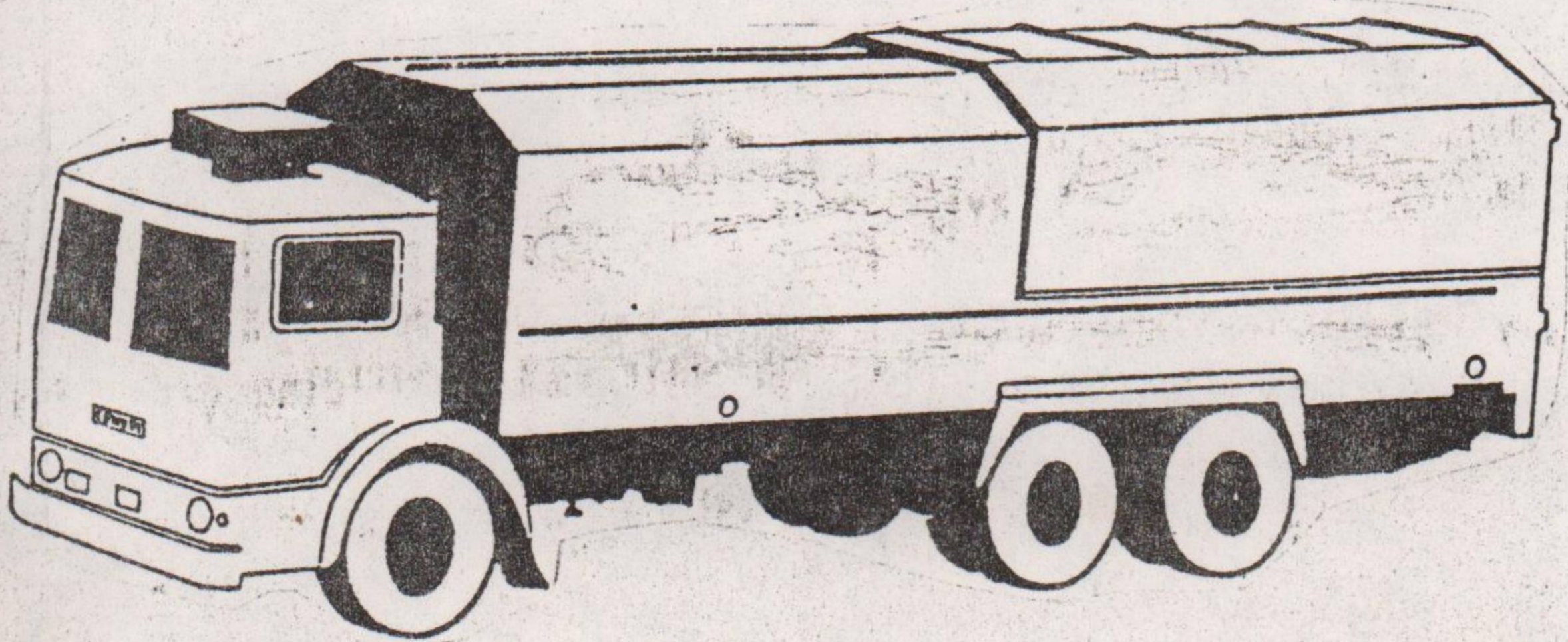
The MOD deny that convoys even exist, although as public awareness and interest has grown, they have been filmed by television crews - Central TV took Paul Johns with them when they chased one convoy down the M6. The crash of the warhead carrier near Salisbury in January this year was headline news in the national press.

The existence of nuclear warhead convoys on our roads is a powerful focus for our campaigning. They are a real, immediate threat; nuclear war seems distant to many people, but a convoy crash could happen near us tomorrow, with disastrous effects. Moreover, as they are easy to detect and follow, they are vulnerable to terrorist attacks. The convoy routes cover most of the country and are literally on nearly everyone's doorstep.

When convoys pass through Notts, NOTTINGHAM NUKEWATCH aims to follow and photograph them, and supply details to the local press. As the County council has declared Nottinghamshire to be a Nuclear Free Zone, Nottingham Nukewatch is seeking their support.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED.

1. As a driver/convoy tracker. Drivers with their own cars are especially needed. You need to be available at relatively short notice during the day - convoys do not move at night.
  2. As a photographer.
  3. As baby-sitter for someone else.
  4. As a press or legal back-up worker.
  5. By organising a local demo and/or leafleting whenever a convoy passes close by.
- For further details about NOTTINGHAM NUKEWATCH contact John Cromby on 706088.



## ACCIDENTS

## DO HAPPEN



## —THE WAY FORWARD—

I am writing this in the uncertainty of the pre-election campaign, but with the knowledge that after the election, whatever its outcome, there must be some re-assessment for those of us in the Peace Movement.

There are a number of certainties. One is that over the past 7 years we have had a great deal of success in lifting the veil of secrecy over nuclear weapons and in moving public opinion quite significantly in our favour. Another is that the abolition of nuclear weapons through peaceful democratic means was never going to be a short process and we still have a long way to go WHATEVER the election result

There are also uncertainties, even when we do know which party is in power. In particular, the progress of the INF talks is by no means predictable. In a few months we could be celebrating an agreement of enormous importance, or mourning the collapse of negotiations. Or, our feelings could be very mixed as we welcome an "intermediate range" missile agreement and applaud the disappearance of the land-based missiles of Greenham and Molesworth, but notice joint US/UK plans to treble "strategic" cruise missiles in Britain by bringing scores more on submarines into Holy Loch and on F111's into East Anglia.

This all goes to say that CND must remain vigorous, vigilant and vocal. In the autumn the campaign must go forward with renewed determination whether we face the defence policies of Thatcher, or Kinnock, or some fudge. There is no better time for us to have a good look at our local structure and strategy than a few weeks after the election and before the summer holidays. We are therefore combining the July co-ordinating and members' meetings for a

**POST ELECTION STRATEGY WORKSHOP.**

ALL NCND members are welcome to this most important meeting (See box for details)

There are a number of ideas I would like to talk through with others at the meeting.

### NCND STRUCTURE.

I would like to see a merger of the co-ordinating and executive committees. This has implications for the involvement of neighbourhood groups. Since the weaker ones

find it difficult to get anyone to co-ordinating anyhow, I am talking about the stronger ones, though the right of any active group to have someone on the committee would remain. Such a committee could meet twice a month; perhaps once at 6.30 for an hour before members' meetings, the other on a separate evening. The object of this change would be to have more effective meetings with a wider spread of people with responsibilities linking through to active N.G.'s. To enable the committee to act effectively as a working group, it would be important that N.G. representatives remained the same people for at least 6 months at a time. Apart from N.G. representatives, a number (6? including 2 co-chairs, bulletin co-ordinator, treasurer) could be directly elected as before.

### STRATEGY.

Here we are to some extent in the hands of National CND which at the moment is considering plans for the publication of a series of new public information leaflets and a mass leaflet drop (20 million!?) at a specific time in autumn or spring. There are a number of other ideas around in different parts of the country. But National wants feedback from us.

Quite apart from the logistics of any autumn campaign, what about POLITICS? Perhaps the most important question we have to answer is whether there should be a particular focus of our campaign in the autumn, and, if so, what? Obviously the outcome of the election will have a strong bearing on this. If Thatcher is back, should we concentrate on Trident - a demand that is winnable? Or, should we concentrate on attitudes towards the Soviet Union and the progress/obstacles/successes/limitations of on-going international negotiations? If Kinnock wins, how do we keep

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**THURSDAY 2nd JULY**

## **THE WAY FORWARD**

*A Post-Election Strategy Workshop  
with NCND Executive; National Council  
members; and CND Regional Development  
Worker, Laurie Gibson,*

**7.30 p.m. Adult Education Centre,  
Shakespeare St.**



## THE WAY FORWARD (continued)

up the pressure? And if there's a hung parliament. . .?

My feeling at the moment is that the INF talks should be our focus, whatever the outcome of the election, because this gives us the opportunity to be positive. With this focus we can build upon the hopes of a public which, since Gorbachev, is looking at the Soviet Union with a new optimism. We would aim to create a climate of opinion where it would be difficult for a British government to be seen to be blocking an agreement, and where the natural next step to any such agreement would be more nuclear disarmament, not back door escalation.

Hiroshima Day on 6th August could give us the opportunity to introduce this focus. We wouldn't be looking back to 1945 this time, but instead using the anniversary to look forward in hope to an INF agreement that marked the beginning of the end of the nuclear arms race.

Ann Kestenbaum.

## FUNDING THE FESTIVAL

Wollaton Group's ploughman's lunch and bring-and-buy sale raised £76 towards the advance expenses of putting on the Peace Festival. This, together with generous donations from individuals brought Wollaton's total to £96.

Radcliffe raised £60 from a jumble sale; Bulwell contributed £23.75 and Raleigh St £30. In addition No 3 Coach to the April Demo took a collection of £23.50 There have also been individual contributions.

THANK YOU EVERYONE.

## LIVING NON-VIOLENTLY

SAT 27 JUNE. Sherwood Methodist Church,  
10 - 4.30. Devon Drive. (off Mansfield Rd.)

The Fellowship of Reconciliation are organising a study day which will explore practical ways of living and communicating non-violently

Speaker: Bede Smith, a clinical psychologist who has worked in Latin America and is now engaged full-time in the peace ministry.

"Non-Violence in Action", a new video looking at non-violent resistance at Greenham, Molesworth, in South Africa, and in the Philippines will be shown

Cost: £3.50 (£2.50 unwaged). Apply to Diana Proudfoot, 81 Arthur St, Derby. Tel. D.45244.

## BLOCKADE OF RAF FYLINGDALES JULY 4

FYLINGDALES BALLISTIC EARLY WARNING STATION is a blot on the beautiful North York Moors, by the A169 Pickering-Whitby road. It is a US base run by the RAF, and is part of the US defence system, identifying and targeting incoming missiles. Purely defensive, you may think; hardly the single greatest threat to world peace in these times of cruise and Trident. Apart from being an obvious target and essential to a first-strike strategy, Fylingdales is being re-equipped. It is to become part of the Star Wars system.

At a cost of over £250 million, the early-warning radars are being changed to Large Phased-Array radar. This is linked to computers which are part of the battlefield management systems which control Star Wars weapons. Fylingdales is being converted from a gunsight into a trigger.

The idea of Star wars is to make the US invulnerable to nuclear attack, which would allow it to launch (or threaten) a nuclear attack with impunity. With Star Wars it is clear that "defensive" cannot be separated from "offensive". Star Wars contravenes the 1972 US-Soviet Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which is designed to reinforce "deterrence" by allowing each side to protect only their capital cities with anti-missile missiles. Even the installation of Large Phased-Array radar breaks this treaty.

At 12 noon on SATURDAY JULY 4th, AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, demonstrators will sit on the only access road to the base. The blockade will continue till 4 p.m.

There will be a separate "peace site", where the organisers will provide legal aid, loos, creche, emergency transport, press facilities, training, first aid, a women's space, and music. The action has obviously been excellently planned and is supported by National CND.

This will be one of the first chances for the Peace Movement to make its voice heard after the election. Whatever the result, we won't stop campaigning until Britain no longer participates in the build-up to nuclear destruction.

THERE WILL BE A COACH FROM NOTTINGHAM. Tickets from NCND Office. For more information ring

Glyn Carter on 706088





# USING THE MEDIA

No matter which party gains power after the general election, it is up to all of us in CND to ensure that our case continues to be put over simply and clearly to the public. This means making sure that we make full use of the media.

All of us can play a part in this. It doesn't take much.....

Write a letter to your local paper, to your MP, to the Queen! It's not difficult. We only need to say what is in our hearts and minds. Or join a radio phone-in and send the peace message across the air waves. It's one of the simplest, most direct protests that a CND member can make. So go on...do something positive for peace!!



## Letter Writing.

DON'T THINK ABOUT IT...DO IT! - This is the most important motto in letter writing!

☺ The first step is to get hold of some CND leaflets (eg. 7 Deadly Myths), press cuttings or articles which might provide some subject matter for the letter.

☺ If you are really stuck, simply base the letter on a quote (eg. from Earl Mountbatten's famous speech). There is a whole file of useful quotes available in the NCND office.

☺ Keep the letter clear, simple and rational. If you are sending it to a letters page keep it short.

☺ If you are writing to your MP and would like a reply, ask a specific question. You never know, this could be the start of an interesting correspondence!

☺ When you have written your letter, show it to a friend for constructive criticism.

☺ Make a copy and keep a scrapbook of replies or published letters.

☺ Try to get others involved. Make your next CND group meeting a letter writing workshop. Make sure that someone is responsible for bringing along paper, pens, envelopes, stamps, etc.

Sherwood CND held a letter writing session in Feb 1987. Four members decided to write to the Evening Post on the subject of the Cruise Convoy accident where a convoy vehicle overturned in a field. All four letters were published!...Let that be an inspiration to you!

### USEFUL ADDRESSES

<i>Nottm Evening Post</i>	Forman St, Nottingham.
<i>The Guardian</i>	119, Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.
<i>Daily Telegraph</i>	135, Fleet Street, London EC4P 4JT.
<i>The Times</i>	Wapping, London E1.
<i>The Observer</i>	8, St Andrews Hill, London EC4V 5JA.
<i>MOD</i>	Whitehall, London SW1A 2ID.
<i>Soviet Embassy</i>	13, Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.
<i>US Embassy</i>	Grosvenor Square, London W1.
<i>Margaret Thatcher</i>	10, Downing Street, London SW1.
<i>HM The Queen</i>	Buckingham Palace, London.
<i>MP.....</i>	c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.
<i>Woman Magazine,</i>	Kings Reach Tower, Stamford St, London SW1 9LS.
<i>Womans Own,</i>	
<i>Womans Realm.</i>	
<i>Channel 4</i>	'Right To Reply', 60 Charlotte St, London W1P 2AX.
<i>BBC</i>	'Points of View', BBC TV Centre, Wood Lane, London W12 7RJ.



# RADIO Phone-ins.

We can introduce the peace issue on the radio by either writing in or phoning in. There are several current affairs programmes, particularly on Radio 4, where letters are read out on the air. (Details below.)

There are also several regular phone-in programmes including two local phone-ins on Radio Trent and Radio Nottingham.

Taking part in a radio phone-in takes a little courage.....at first. However, you'll find that after you have done it once, there'll be no stopping you! Honest!!

Here are a few tips for beginners...

⊕ Once you have decided to give it a go, listen to the phone-in programme a few times to get a feel for it. If you listen to the local radio phone-in you'll soon realise that you don't have to be an expert to take part. In fact comments range from the banal to the ludicrous!

⊕ Decide what point you would like to make on the air and write a script for yourself if you think you might dry up!

⊕ Keep your comment simple and short. The best policy is to be sincere and say what you think and feel, although you can refer to facts and figures to back up what you've said.

⊕ The presenter may question you on your views. Try to prepare for this beforehand by anticipating counter arguments so that you can have your responses ready. However, don't forget that it is your point of view that people are interested in. Stick to what you believe to be right and true.

⊕ When you are ready, phone the radio station but keep your radio on so that you can listen to the development of the programme.

⊕ When you get through, put your radio off. You may be asked to give a very brief summary of your comment. Be ready for this. The programme producer will be consulted and you will be told whether you will go on the air or not.

⊕ If yes, you will hear the programme over the phone, your name will be announced and away you go...!!

As your confidence grows (?!) you might like join NCND's PHONE-IN NETWORK.

At the moment there are a few individual members who regularly phone-in to local stations. They could do with help and support. It would also be very helpful if we could coordinate our response to the latest disarmament developments. It would be great if there was always someone ready to phone-in to Radio Trent or Nottingham with our reactions and comments.

If you are interested in getting involved contact Jackie Jezewski on 626659.



## RADIO PROGRAMMES and ADDRESSES

<i>Radio Nottingham</i>	Phone-in programme, Mon-Fri 9.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.30. Tel: 343434.
<i>Radio Trent</i>	Phone-in programme, Mon-Fri 11.15-1.00. Tel: 344301.
<i>Radio 4</i>	"Tuesday Call", Tuesday 9.00-10.00. (each prog. has a specific subject) Tel: 01-580-4411. "Rollercoaster", Thurs 11.00am approx. (variable subjects) Tel: 01-580-4411.
<i>Radio 4 (letters)</i>	Current Topics Mon-Fri. "Letters", Tues, 7.20am, Fri, 8.30am. "Thought for the Day", Mon-Fri, 7.45am. "Woman's Hour", Mon-Fri, letters twice weekly. "PM", Current Affairs, Mon-Fri, 5-5.30pm. "Any Answers", Thurs. 7.20-7.40, (letters in answer to 'Any Questions', Fri, 8.30-9.15).
<i>BBC Broadcasting House</i>	London, W1A 1AA.
<i>Radio Trent</i>	29 Castle Gate, Nottm.
<i>Radio Nottm</i>	York House, Mansfield Rd, Nottm.

PLEASE.... PULL OUT THIS SHEET AND KEEP IT!!... Take it along to your next Neighbourhood Group meeting, take some pens and paper and have a go!!