

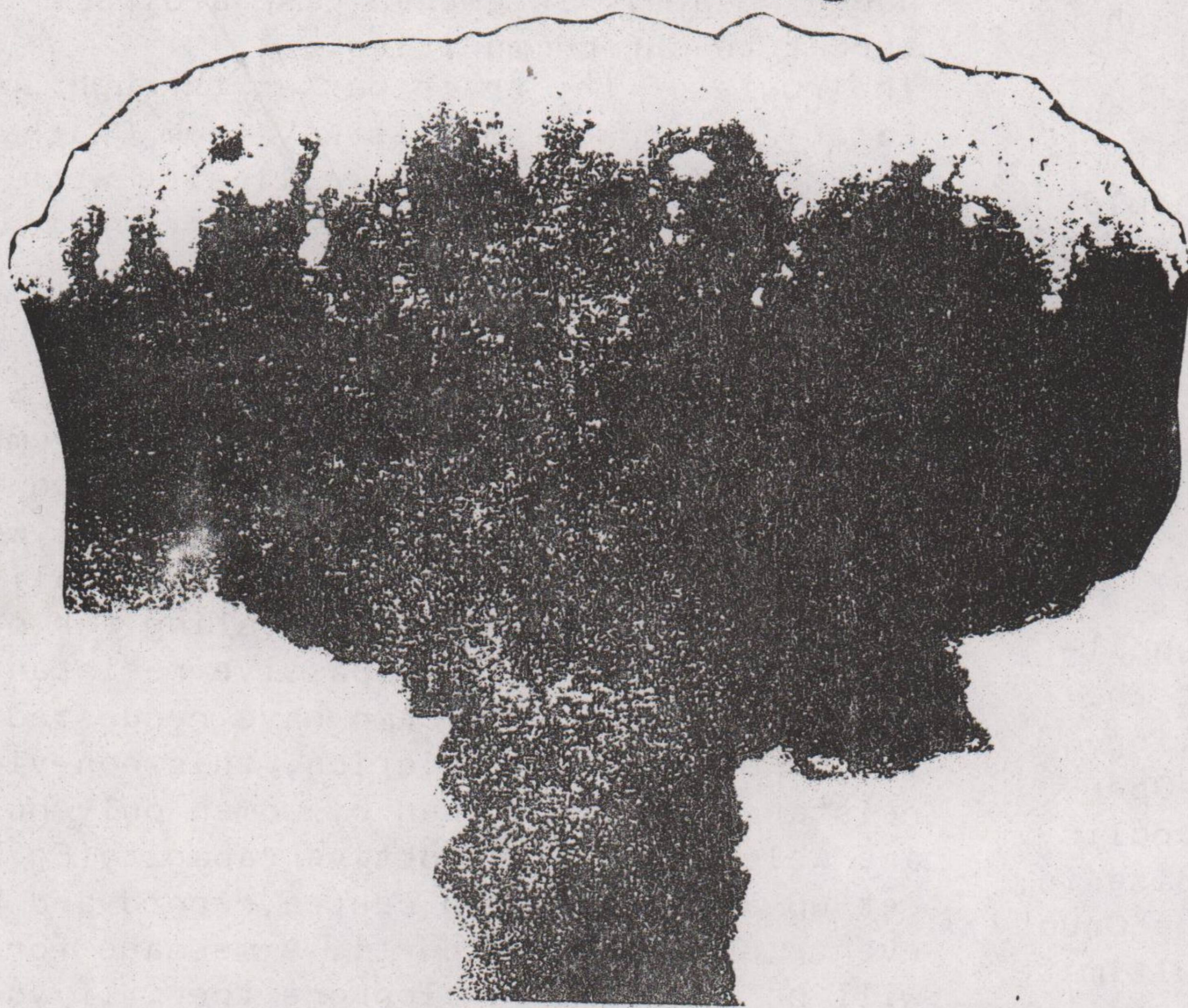


N.N.D. FEBRUARY BULLETIN

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NOTTINGHAM FOR
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
15 Goosegate, Nottingham (Tel. 582561)

NUCLEAR WAR OR DISARMAMENT ? Public Meeting



8pm TUESDAY 2nd MARCH

COOP EDUCATION CENTRE, Broad St

Speakers:

JOAN RUDDOCK

Chairperson of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)

KEN COATES

from the campaign for European Nuclear Disarmament (END)

CITY LEAFLET

During the last week of this month NND intends to leaflet the whole of the Nottingham urban area - from Long Eaton to Netherfield, and from Hucknall to W.Bridgford. Its 150,000 houses in all.

The leaflet makes a basic case for disarmament and exposes the uselessness of government civil defence advice and the myth of "deterrence". It contains details of how to join NND and also advertises the public meeting at which Joan Ruddock - the new CND Chairperson - is speaking (see opposite). We hope there will be a large turnout for this meeting.

In some areas the Neighbourhood group has organised a local meeting with film or speaker to follow up the leafletting - and details of these have been overprinted on the leaflet.

Probably most NND members are already involved in the leafletting, but if you aren't and want to help EITHER CONTACT YOUR NEAREST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP OR RING:-

MARK COLE - RADCLIFFE 3524

WHO IS ORGANISING THE LEAF-
LETTING CITY WIDE

Reagan's chilling message

The grotesque carnival of war rumbled forward this week with President Reagan's request for an unprecedented 18% rise in defence spending to 288 Billion Dollars this year. When the Democrat Senate whip Alan Cranston said "...they have asked for more defence than we can afford" he was articulating what seems to be a largely held belief in the US congress. Reagan's ruthlessness is shown by the sweeping cuts he intends to make in such social programmes as health care for the poor and elderly. Casper Weinberger complemented this announcement by virtually ordering the NATO allies to follow suit.

With these announcements Reagan has come out into the open and confirmed our worst fears about his war-mongering intentions. The 'Zero Option' is revealed as a total sham, and the Geneva talks look to be redundant already.

NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

About 100 people attended the NND Non-Violent Direct Action Dayschool on Jan 24th. A great deal of constructive discussion took place and many ideas emerged for possible activities. As a result a Direct Action group was set up, which has since met to enlarge upon these suggestions and to work towards plans for effective actions. Three major areas of concern are the impending eviction of the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, the train carrying nuclear weapons through Notts, and the civil defence exercise 'Operation Hardrock', to be held this autumn. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Direct Action group should contact Mark Cole on Radcliffe 2534 or at the Environmental Factshop, Nottm. 582561.

After their successful nonviolence training workshop at the Dayschool, WONT agreed to organise a more extended session, the application form for which is at the bottom of the page.

OPERATION HARDROCK

At the February monthly meeting Councillor Pettit gave an undertaking that the County Council will only be fulfilling their minimum legal requirement in Operation Hardrock, as part of the NFZ policy. How much this will affect the exercise is, however, still not clear because the County Council does not necessarily have ultimate control over it. Negotiations are underway to set up a liaison body between NND and the County Council to monitor the implementation of the NFZ policy and related issues.

The group of scientists at the university who have been researching into the possible effects of a nuclear attack on Nottingham and civil defence provision in the area, are nearing the end of their investigation. They will be presenting their results around mid May and have asked that NND help to make the launch of the report a big event. Anyone who has any information which might contribute to the study please contact Tadge Kouralezyk on Nottm 781204.

NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING DAY

By popular request The Women Opposed to Nuclear Technology group (WONT) are running a day introduction to non-violence training for direct action. Its going to be on SATURDAY APRIL 3rd - probably at Queens Walk Community Centre, The Meadows. Numbers will be limited to 45. To register please complete a nd return the slip below to the NND office, 15 Goosegate, Nottingham. It will be first come first served. A creche will be provided and there will be a small registration fee, payable on the day. More details next bulletin.

I wish to book a place at the training day on non-violent direct action
Name -----
Address -----

NUCLEAR TRAIN

South and West Yorkshire groups have contacted us about the possibility of organising a Day of Action along the routes of the 'Bomb' train this spring, probably in mid May. According to Duncan Campbell and others this train is carrying Polaris missile warheads and components. Other evidence suggests that they are carrying reactor cores from nuclear submarines in an extremely dangerous condition. (Eg from the recently withdrawn Dreadnought class). In either case a direct threat to our communities. The route of the train passes through Long Eaton and Trowell on its way from Chatham Docks to Windscale. We are liaising with the Yorks groups to consider taking coordinated action locally.

GREENHAM COMMON WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP

The Camp have now been formally served with an eviction order and could be forcibly removed at any time. They are at present trying to slow up the proceedings by engaging in a legal wrangle with the local Council over a technicality of land ownership. They are appealing for people to go and support their passive resistance to the authorities. The Camp have requested that, in the event of an eviction, this non-violent resistance is undertaken by women only but men are welcome in a supportive capacity (Eg help set up a coordinating centre, record and report events, provide transport). A message for help will be sent via a telephone tree. If you feel you would be prepared to go and help out at short notice, please leave your number at the NND office.

STOP PRESS - POLAND

As you will see from the letters page (p.7) not everybody was happy about NND backing a demonstration in support of Solidarity in Poland. Well, if you'd like to know more about Solidarity there's a meeting on THURSDAY MARCH 11th, 7.30pm at the TGWU Office, 259 Mansfield Road. Speaking at it will be a senior shop steward from the giant Ursus tractor plant in Poland, who is a member of Solidarity. The meeting is organised by Labour Movement Solidarity with Solidarność.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

On this occasion NND's monthly open meeting is to be used primarily as an introduction to NND for new members. At it our current structure will be outlined and our plans for the future. Members of some of the different sub groups in NND will also briefly speak about what their group is doing and will then be available for more informal discussion afterwards

The meeting will be at 7.30pm on Sunday 7th March at the Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon St

Our monthly open meeting is always the first Sunday of the month at the above time and place. ALL WELCOME

LET'S MEET EACH OTHER SOCIAL

As a way of getting to know each other better, outside of meetings, we're holding a social at the end of march.

It's at the NARROWBOAT on Canal St on SATURDAY 27th MARCH from 8 till 11,30 - with a late bar. The Entrance Price will be £1 Waged and 50p Unwaged. Late 60's Disco

SPONSORED WALK

There's a proposal that NND should have another sponsored walk - better organised this time - with the intention of making it a very big fundraising event. A route along the canal from Midland Station to Beeston lock and then along the Trent to Trent Bridge has been suggested - about 10 miles. Could Neighbourhood Groups please discuss whether they think this is a good idea and at the next Coordinating Group meeting in March a decision will be taken whether to hold it, and if so, then when.

PEACE FESTIVAL

Preliminary investigations are being made about getting either Wollaton or Woodthorpe Park for another Peace Festival in parjaps July. Some of the people who organised last years are keen to put their expertise to use again - BUT - whether it goes ahead or not depends on whether Neighbourhood Groups are keen to back it and get involved in the organisation. A preliminary planning meeting has been called for :-

MONDAY 1st MARCH - ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTRE, 15 GOOSEGATE - 8pm

It's important that any Neighbourhood Group that wants to help organise the festival gets at least one representative along. Interested individuals also very welcome

EAST MIDLANDS YOUTH DEMONSTRATION - SATURDAY APRIL 3rd

On the Saturday before Easter there's going to be an East Midlands Youth CND demonstration in Nottingham. Nottingham Youth Against the Missiles are doing most of the organising for it. It will start in the Market Square and go to the Forest where there will be some bands. There will also be a concert in the evening. More details will be in the next bulletin but publicity leaflets and posters should be out by the end of the month. YAM would appreciate any help - young or old- in distributing publicity for this demonstration

TRIP TO MOLESWORTH PEACE CAMP - SUNDAY MARCH 21st

On Sunday March 21st there's activities being organised at both the Peace Camps at the projected sites for Cruise Missiles - Greenham Common in Berkshire and Molesworth in Cambridgeshire. The Greenham Common day of activities/demo etc is going to be the larger but at the NND Coordinating Group it was felt that we should be supporting Molesworth since it is nearer to us. SO coach transport is being arranged for the day.

Details: - the coach(es) will leave the Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way, at 9.30am on Sunday 21st and will start back from Molesworth at about 5.30pm. Journey time about 2½ hours. The cost will be:- Waged £3.50 Unwaged £2 Children £1

Tickets are available from the Environmental Information Centre, 15 Goosegate or can be ordered by post by returning the completed slips to the Centre by 10th March

Please send me _____ ticket(s) for the coach trip to Molesworth Peace Camp.

I enclose £..... (Cheques made payable to Nottingham for Nuclear Disarmament)

Name

Address

Anti-nuclear Nottingham

REPORT OF MONTHLY MEETING - 7th FEBRUARY

About 60 of us were joined by 5 councillors (Labour) to discuss the implementation of the Nuclear Free Zone resolutions passed by the City and County Councils. They were Dennis Petit (leader of the County), Marie Yuill, Paddy Tipping, Mohammed Aslam (County) and Eddie Ashbee (City). Perhaps more than anything else the discussion showed up a lack of previous communication between the councils and NND. Since our letter of 27th October to the County Labour group with a detailed list of suggestions, we had been informed that these were being given full consideration, but we only had incomplete knowledge about the outcome. On Sunday there was a mutual exchange of information,

NND members raised a number of issues:-

- on education - why were school children being refused permission to advertise meetings ? why were the armed forces being allowed increased access to schools to talk about defence ? can we use school equipment as well as premises ? etc
- on publicity - were the council prepared to advertise their policy ?
- on libraries - why were libraries giving so much prominence to the governments civil defence booklet ?
- on civil defence - why is the only council officer who liaises with the public allowed to give talks saying that nuclear war is unlikely and anyway we're protected ! ?

A number of ideas were put forward in all these areas and Dennis Petit has agreed to explore these much more thoroughly with a delegation from NND in a few weeks time (after the County Council budget is finalised on 23rd Feb). In the meantime the councillors confirmed that there are a number of ways in which the declaration has been followed up.

The City has written to its twin Minsk, in the USSR, and the Soviet response is awaited. An approach to Karlsruhe (the W.German twin) where we have established links, is now possible.

The County are allowing school premises and other council premises to be used for public meetings, a committee is working on a proposed peace education curriculum for next academic year, and the education committee has refused permission for advisers to attend civil defence courses.

Permission for road signs about the Nuclear Free Zone has been refused by the Dept of Transport but the council will consider using their county wide newspaper which is to be launched in April.

A fuller report will appear in the next bulletin after the forthcoming meeting with Dennis Pettit. Meanwhile if you have particular experiences of how the NFZ resolution is being applied please contact Ann Kestenbaum 602497 or Alan Simpson 53769. The NND Coordinating Group agreed that our representatives at that meeting should be Ann Kestenbaum, Alan Simpson, Tony Claydon and Mark Cole.

GRANT APPLICATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Ann Kestenbaum is putting together an application to the County Council for funds. Various ideas are being discussed - money to buy or make an exhibition, money to make a film etc. If you've got any ideas about this then contact her quick - 602497

ANTI-NUCLEAR SHOW

Sociable Theatre will be touring Nottingham schools and colleges in March with an anti nuclear show designed for 4th formers and upwards. Any teachers, lecturers and student unions wishing to book the show, please contact Sociable Theatre on 789983. We perform within school hours, not in the evenings, and we don't charge. Students and pupils can be of great assistance in obtaining bookings by lobbying their head persons and principals. The show will last approximately 45 minutes with a half hour discussion afterwards.

BILLBOARDS

We have told the Peace Advertising Campaign that we would like to book poster sites for the month of March and gave them a list of suggested sites. Their reply is awaited. For new bulletin subscribers unfamiliar with the above - over the past 6 months we have raised enough money to sponsor 34 Billboard posters (10' by 6'8") costing £25 for a month. The message on them is "THE AVERAGE BRITISH FAMILY SPENT £16 A WEEK ON ARMS LAST YEAR" with a picture of a family, shopping bag and nuclear weapons.

Will those groups/individuals who have promised sponsorship money but not yet paid, please now get that money to Pete Zabulis c/o 15 Goosegate, Nottingham

Democracy in NND

A year ago the Coordinating Group was set up to take and implement the policy decisions of NND. This system is now being challenged. Below is a resolution submitted by an individual member of NND, together with an amendment and an opposing response. Members are asked to discuss this issue in their Neighbourhood Groups and ensure that they have a delegate at the March 11th Coordinating Group where a decision will be taken.

I would like to follow up the proposal made by St Anns group in the October bulletin that decision making in NND should be made more open to members by having voted decisions on all important matters taken at monthly meetings instead of at the Coordinating Group. I do not think the question of decision making has ever been satisfactorily resolved in NND simply because the question as to where decisions should be taken has never been voted upon by the membership as a whole. While some members of NND feel that decisions should be reached by "consensus" and that voting is divisive, I think that voting after a full discussion and representation of all points of view is more likely to reflect the weight of opinion than the present system of having all decisions taken by the Coordinating Group. The danger of having a minority of members attending the monthly meeting could be overcome if the questions on which voting would take place were made available in the previous issue of the NND bulletin.

I think that adoption of this system would also encourage more active participation by members. Certainly when this was put into practice at the November AGM many more people than usual turned up to vote on proposals for the coming year and I do not think I was alone in thinking how much more stimulating that meeting was compared to the usual monthly meeting. The question is particularly important in view of the fact that NND has voted for a programme of Direct Action in the coming year, but it is already apparent that there are many interpretations of what is meant by "direct action". It is vital if we are to act in a united way that there should be the maximum amount of participation in the discussion and resulting policy on such a serious issue as direct action. I would therefore like to propose the following resolution to the Coordinating Group

"That all policy decisions of NND be voted upon at the monthly meetings after a full and free discussion, and after the different resolutions have been printed in advance in the NND bulletin. The Coordinating Group would continue by acting on the voted decisions of the monthly meetings"

Tony Atkin - 12/1/82

Proposed Amendment: Change 2nd sentence to read - "The Coordinating Group would continue to decide upon practical arrangements and could make urgent policy decisions which would have to be approved/modified/rejected at a monthly meeting at the earliest opportunity

Lenton Group

OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTION

We are concerned that the resolution, whilst apparently seeking to make NND more efficient will in fact make it less efficient, in that it makes NND less representative of its members. With monthly meetings as decision making meetings, we feel that at least these 5 things would make NND less representative and efficient.

- 1) Many people, especially parents, could not come to monthly meetings, and so their views would not be counted. They have as much right to say what goes on in NND as regular meeting goers, who may not be active on a local level.
- 2) Decisions could be forced one way by packing meetings with supporters of one view point
- 3) Timid people with just as good ideas and worthy viewpoints as the eloquent speakers amongst us, would not dare to speak up and NND would lose a great deal.
- 4) The meetings would be long and boring and so people would be tempted to go to the pub before the end or not even turn up.
- 5) It is a lot easier to hand over your power and responsibility to a large meeting than to a small one. There are so many people willing to volunteer, you may feel you don't have to.

We feel that there are ways of making NND more efficient within the present system that do not decrease the amount of representation we have at present. For example, agendas of Coordinating Group meetings could be circulated before hand to all groups, so that everything could have already been discussed. We feel that NND would lose a lot more than it would gain were this resolution to be passed.

Lani Patterson (New Basford) Lindsay James (Forest Fields)

Death clouds over Europe

Last year the u.s. Congress authorised a request from the Reagan administration for 20m dollars towards a new binary nerve gas plant at Pine Bluff, Arkansas and work began in October. This is the first allocation against a programme which is estimated to cost an extraordinary 8 billion dollars within the next 5 years.

The chemical warfare training school at Fort McClellan in Alabama has been reestablished so that a chemical warfare company can eventually be attached to each military unit. In the army, this will mean an increase from the present 7,400 people to more than 21,000. The Air Force is to train 800 chemical warfare specialists. By far the greatest cost, however, will come in the effort to dispose of 'over 630,000 unservicable, unrepairable munitions in our current stockpile.' The estimate is for between 2,000 million and 3,000m dollars to neutralise what are officially described as 'obsolete or leaking munitions.' In the meantime 13m dollars has been allocated to seek a cheaper option.

The new binary agents are to be packed in shells or bombs or as the tips to missiles, for use in the European theatre. This means they must be stockpiled in Europe, and the US operates on the assumption that a host country - probably Britain - will be found. The binaries are nerve gases so toxic that a miligram or so, absorbed through the lungs or skin, can kill within minutes. But developed as two separate chemicals which until mixed are relatively harmless. These are stored separately in the shell, separated by a thin disk. When fired this separating disk is made so that it collapses and the chemical reaction, yielding the toxic agent takes place in the air. The resulting symptoms include intense sweating, constriction of the airways to the lungs, filling of the lungs with mucus, vomiting, defecation, and finally paralysis and respiratory failure.

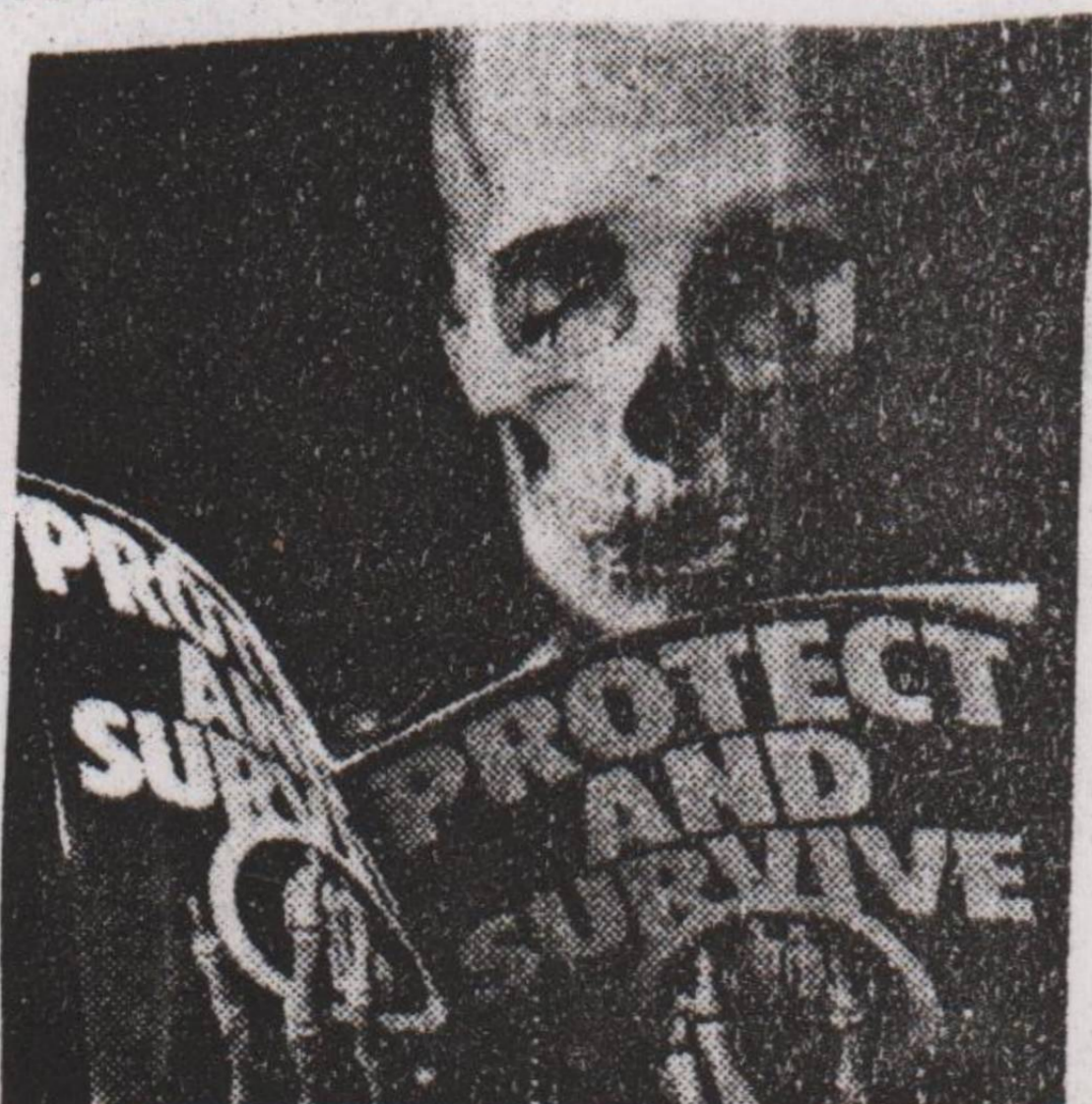
Chem. weapons are paramount examples of armaments driven, not by clearcut military requirements, but by pressure from those engaged in research, development and production. The argument goes that although law, custom and general prejudice may prevent our side from using the weapons, we know that our enemies are less scrupulous, so we must have the weapons to deter their use. Over the period 1958-69 publicly declared US policy on c.w.'s was of 'no first-use' but there was no such restriction in the policy guidelines issued by the joint chiefs of staff to the US military commands.

The Americanj-c of s. currently reckon that c.w.'s were introduced into a European war, nerve gas would soon be used by both sides at a rate approaching 2000 tons a day. The latest computer simulation of such a war shows casualties, at a conservative estimate of the order of millions because of the secondary effects of nerve gas being transported downwind of battlezones within a region of high population density. Because civilians will have little protection, the ratio of non-combatant casualties averages out at some 20 to 1. This is higher even than battlefield nuclear weapons. Nerve gas, introduced as an intermediate rung on the ladder of escalation in the hopes of raising the nuclear threshold, may actually have the effect of accelerating ascent of that ladder and thus would bring the final nuclear holocaust substantially nearer.

At present NATO has no retaliatory c.w. capability since no member state has yet formally assigned c.w. forces to it. Now that the US Gov. has finally decided to go ahead on chemical rearmament, via the binary route, the pressure on NATO is intensifying. The Americans evidently expect the safety features of their binary munitions to undercut domestic political opposition. A great quantity of US armament is already in Britain, so it is conceivable that nerve gas is already here. It is not at all clear whether any legal safeguards exist to prevent the Americans from shipping or flying in stocks without prior British approval.

(The above article is a heavily edited extract from 'The Threat of Chemical Weapons' published by the Russell Committee against Chemical Weapons. The full pamphlet is available from the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation Limited, Gamble Street, Nottingham. Price £1.10)

'PROTECT AND SURVIVE' C.W. UPDATE. Additional information from The Guardian.



Advice on what to do in the event of a chemical attack will be included in a revised edition of the Home Office civil defence pamphlet, Protect and Survive, to be published later this year.

The official NATO view is that chemical weapons, if used by an enemy, would be directed against a specific local target such as an airfield. According to Whitehall, the risk to civilians would be 'incidental' and 'slight'.

Major-General Niles Fulywer, director of the US army's nuclear and chemical weapons directorate, said; "If chemicals are used, the civilian population would be greatly affected. Neither we nor they provide protection to the civilians."

Comment - POLAND

Dear NND, We, in MACANDAM, were dismayed to see from the last NND Bulletin that you were advertising and urging support for the 'Solidarity with Solidarity' demonstration and rally in Nottingham.

What has happened and is happening in Poland cannot be condoned but it is being used by the Western governments as very effective war mongering propaganda designed to increase the tension between East and West.

The governments of America and Britain talk sanctimoniously of 'freedom' whilst quietly forgetting their interest in repression in Chile, El Salvador, Turkey, Pakistan and all the rest. It is ironical that an American president that has had union members in his own country arrested in chains protests so avidly about union freedom. Equally ironic is the fact that if the unions in this country were acting in such a militant and well organised way as Solidarity, Mrs Thatcher would not be talking of 'freedom and suffering but of 'holding the country to ransom'.

We cannot understand what a nuclear disarmament group is doing urging support for a demonstration that when reported in the media will only serve to support the idea of a 'Free West' and repressive East which the whole anti nuclear movement has tried to dispel.

No-one in MACANDAM supports Soviet repression and neither do we support American or British repression. If we are to support, as organisations, marches for every country suffering repression from arbitrary authority we would never be off the streets.

We wish to make it clear that we are not unsupportive of the struggle being waged by Solidarity in Poland just as we are not unsupportive of militant activists in South Africa, Northern Ireland and South America, to name a few but the support that is being officially promoted by our government, and which you will be seen to be helping, is unconcerned with the real issues in Poland and more concerned with the continuing attempt to divide the ordinary people of both East and West.

Fiona Aitken for MACANDAM

Dear Editor and friends, I am writing to object to last month's editorial on Poland.

Firstly Polish history is not all full of heroic deeds and unfortunately contains many dark pages. Between the wars Poland was a semi feudal State ruled by a fascist military dictatorship under General Pilsudski. It was used by the West as (a) a cheap source of food and (b) politically as an advance bulwark of reaction and aggression against the new revolutionary Soviet Union. Since the war Socialism in Poland has taken the country from this state to become the 10th leading industrial nation of the world. Living standards have multiplied much faster than in the West.

Secondly it is assumed by many that Solidarity was a progressive and even peace loving organisation. The sections in Solidarity that did take a progressive stand were very much in a minority. Its leadership also contained some particularly unsavoury individuals. On November 12th 1981 giving a speech at Trezebiator the vice president of Solidarity, Marian Jurezyk had this to say; "Those people who run Poland are not Polish, they are either Russians or Jews with changed names". Why bring in Jews? The anti Semitic overtones are obvious.

Throughout last autumn a series of massive peace demonstrations were held in the major cities across East and West Europe, culminating in the brilliant protests of the 24-25th October. There was one notable exception - Poland!! Solidarity actively discouraged people from participating in any peace activities. As Mr Slowik said "We have got rid of that peace trash". Would anybody in NND like to endorse his views?

General Jaruzelski took the only practical and realistic solution to prevent Poland erupting into civil war. The longer term solutions to overcoming the gross criminal mistakes of the past will have to take a different form.

The best way of "effectively challenging the Cold War division of Europe" is not by supporting Solidarity but rather by promoting friendship and cooperation particularly in the field of mutually beneficial trade. By that process the extent to which leading Western industrialists can be won to a position of relaxing world tension will be the deciding factor of peace or war.

To that end, NND should condemn REagan and Thatcher for their gross interference in imposing trade sanctions; and fight for peace friendship and understanding with Poland.

Paul Simmons.

BOOK REVIEWS



PROTECT & SURVIVE MONTHLY

An hilarious magazine has, for some time now, been appearing on the shelves of W.H Smiths. PSM (as it likes to call itself) starts off well enough - a full colour cover of a lady playing with her baby inside the nuclear shelter, while another child looks totally disinterested. All look remarkably healthy after 14 days of cold baked beans.

Inside the front cover there are adverts for nuclear shelters (from £1,175), an invitation to learn how to shoot people (as a member of this club "...you can be issued with a Police Certificate to own and possess your own firearms"), an advert selling guns "for hunting" and pointed hunting slugs, and an advert selling a radiation meter.

Elsewhere in the magazine you can buy "The Survival Tie" ("for anyone who wants to identify themselves as a survival enthusiast") and "Genuine NATO NBC Protective Clothing - Noddy Suits". Is there a bell on the top, one wonders? Also a DKP kit which is described as "bottle of protective powder against Chemical agents" - Ajax?

An article by Frank Crusehandl tells us that a Russian takeover of Europe (including Britain) would take 24-72 hours. Britain and France will be approached by the Channel, while paratroops simultaneously descend. At the same time troops will "pour across Germany at speed, supported by some 30-40,000 tanks" and neutralise Germany and France. "The main objective to intersperse troops in European NATO will have been achieved within 48 hours". Incidentally, Britain will be invaded "in the early a.m. on a Sunday".

PSM tells us that Tandridge Council's £6,000 shelter - subject of a mass picket by CND activists - will qualify for a 75% Home Office grant. Funny - when I asked the City Council for a similar grant, I was refused. I'm still waiting for a reply from the Home Office.

WHAT DO WE DO AFTER WE'VE SHOWN "THE WAR GAME"? New CND Pamphlet.

A question which many neighbourhood groups have asked. Well, here in pamphlet form is an attempt to provide some answers. Compiled by Dan Plesch - Organising Secretary of the highly successful Bristol CND - it contains sections on things like: Petitions Organising, Festivals, Fundraising, influencing politicians, holding public meetings, building membership - and much more.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

This is a booklet of six Christian articles and sermons against nuclear war, plus three good illustrations and a couple of quotes. It expresses the moral and spiritual objections clearly, concisely and convincingly. John Taylor, Bishop of Winchester, opens with a look at the idea of a "just" war which has always been the moral justification for Christians, the vast majority of whom have never been declared pacifists. He argues that Christians cannot justify nuclear war because of its indiscriminate nature. After quoting Mountbatten, he adds to the military dismissal of nuclear war as "foolish and misguided", the dismissal of it which the Church must confidently make as "profoundly wrong".

When the pilgrims of the Fellowship of Reconciliation reached Canterbury on their bikes last Whitsunday, Victor de Waal, the Dean, was there to preach at them. After sorting out some of the facts which caused these pilgrims to declare their commitment to peace he goes on to sort out that commitment: "I am prepared to live without the protection of military armaments. I wish to take a stand in our country for the political development of peace without arms." He deals with fear, with the poverty which money now spent on arms could end, with God in history now, with the barriers that people build in their minds, with the belief that war is not inevitable if only we will do something about it.

Micael Hare Duke (who used to be vicar of Daybrook and is now a Scottish Bishop) wrote two stunning articles for the Church Times in 1981 and they are reprinted here. He begins with party conversation between a couple "house-warming" their nuclear shelter and the guests to whom they explain why they want them (just a few special friends) to survive with themselves a nuclear attack.

When asked about others - their neighbours - they are embarrassed to confess that they've bought guns to keep 'em out. Michael contrasts the nuclear survival "me and mine" attitude with that of the nun who took a Jewish woman's place in the death line. These two articles are too meaty to be summarised here and I do urge you to read them; they are both powerful and persuasive.

The last two articles deal with the actions needed from Christians, the necessity of being peacemakers not just peace talkers. David Gosling, once a nuclear physicist, objects to the "domestication" of nuclear war by the Press and urges Christians to work for a peaceful society. Paul Oestereich, CND leader, writes of conflict between nationalism and humanity and draws attention to the various ways forward, e.g. CND and World Disarmament Campaign.

Barbara Lacey. 8



CND PUBLICATIONS

NND OFFICE

Our office is one room in the ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTRE, 15 Goosegate - 582561
The Centre is open from 10 to 5.30 on weekdays and Saturday but is closed Thursday and Sunday. The office itself is staffed most of the time but if it isn't somebody at the centre will try to help.

All the publications listed below are available from the NND office.

PAMPHLETS

<u>Songs for Peace</u> - includes "Nott likely", "O Little town of Newbury"	30p
<u>Questions and Answers</u> - Frank Allaun	40p
<u>Nuclear Disarmament for Britain</u> - Betty England	50p
<u>On the Brink</u> - poems for peace by Pat Arrowsmith	60p
<u>What do we do after we've shown the War Game</u> - Dan Plesch	75p
<u>Blessed are the Peacemakers</u> - Christian CND	40p
<u>Atomic Bombs and human beings</u> - Arthur Booth	25p
<u>Facts against the Bomb</u> - produced by NND's Resources Group	75p
<u>British Overkill</u> - Peace News - a guide to British nuclear weapons	10p
<u>No More Hiroshimas</u> - horrifying pictures	30p
<u>Sanity</u> - Bimonthly magazine of CND	40p
<u>Action Notes</u> - NND's guide to what you can do	5p
<u>NND Bulletin</u> - Monthly	10p

STICKERS

<u>Give Peace a Chance</u> - very popular	25p
<u>Nuclear Free Zone</u> - black/white oval	25p
<u>Stop Trident</u>	20p
<u>No Cruise</u>	20p
<u>Remember Hiroshima, Remember Nagasaki</u>	20p
<u>Follow Me</u> - Join CND - window sticker	15p

BADGES

<u>CND</u> - black/white tin	15p
<u>East Midlands CND</u>	15p
<u>Give Peace a Chance</u>	20p
<u>Bomb Disposal</u> - The Professionals	20p

POSTERS

<u>Home Improvements</u> - Why Bother	25p
<u>Britains Nuclear Threat</u> - picture of Thatcher	15p
<u>In the Event</u> (say goodbye to your kids)	30p
<u>CND October Demonstration</u> - poster of crowd	30p

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>NND T-Shirts</u> - large/medium/small - black on yellow background	£2.50p
<u>CND Berets</u> - assorted colours	£3.00p
<u>CND Silk Scarves</u>	£3.00p
<u>Necklets</u>	75p
<u>Hiroshima/Nagasaki Armbands</u>	25p

FILMS

<u>The War Game</u>	} - Available for hire prices negotiable
<u>Hiroshima/Nagasaki Slides</u>	
<u>Video of The Bomb</u> - Jonathan Dimbleby	

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Groups may also take away material sale or return

FACTS AGAINST THE BOMB

A 48-page pamphlet published
by Nottingham for Nuclear
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Single copies 75p + 15p postage.

"If one contrasts the movement for peace of 20 years ago and today, there is one very important gain—today's movement is really doing its research very thoroughly and the level of analysis and information is very much higher than 20 years ago.
Facts Against the Bomb is an excellent example of this kind of solid and analytical work."

E P Thompson

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FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP

Our next meeting is 8pm Wednesday 17th February at 107 Foxhall Rd. We will be planning for the Slide show and talk (No more Hiroshimas) we are holding on 3rd March at Russell Rd Family Centre

CITY CENTRE GROUP

Our next meeting will be in Thursday 18th February at 8pm at the Environmental Factshop. The main topic will be discussing the leafletting of the city centre area

LONG EATON CND

They are holding a Folk Evening on 1st May at Parklands Adult Education Centre, Stanmore St, Long Eaton. Anyone wanting to take part or come along please contact Joy Sanders Long Eaton 68729

LENTON GROUP

Meet regularly on the First Tuesday of the month at 8pm at "The Happy Return", Church St and on the 3rd Tuesday (venue varies - ring 42802 or 701859 to check). If you can help with leafletting in the Lenton/Radford area, please ring any of the above numbers or come to 45 Teversal Avenue at 10.30 am on Sunday 21st February.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP

Meets again on Thursday 18th February at 8pm in the Factshop. The agenda will include discussion about the responses to our letters to overseas peace groups and the development of links that we've made with people in Karlsruhe (Nottingham city's twin) in particular. We'll also talk about the END convention in Brussels in July and Nottingham's contribution to that. And maybe we should talk about what to do about a certain foreign visitor arriving in our country in June ! Meanwhile note an article in the Guardian (Feb 9) "East Berlin: 200 East Germans, including clerics, have signed a call for disarmament amid signs that an unofficial peace movement is gaining impetus"

TRADE UNION NND

At the Direct Action Dayschool the workshop on involving the unions agreed that NND's defunct trade union group urgently needed reviving. SO the first planning meeting will be held at the Environmental Factshop - 7.30 Wednesday 17th February where there will be discussion on how to reach more trade unionists.

Possible ideas - showing films in the workplace, an event concerned with Mayday celebrations, a protest stoppage throughout Nottingham. Lets tighten the links between trade unionism and disarmament.....It would be a great help if all Neighbourhood Groups could draw up a list of their members in unions - name, union, address, workplace, telephone and send it to the Factshop marked Trade Union NND - so that we could work out where it might be possible to organise activities, or distribute posters and leaflets.

Finally as an example of what can be done - CPSA civil servants union are showing the film the War Game at the Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare St, Nottingham on Wednesday 31st March at 7pm. Everyone welcome

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

NND OFFICERS - ORGANISING SECRETARIES

As reported in last months bulletin Ann Kestenbaum and Ross Bradshaw, NND's co-organising secretaries have both stood down to have a well deseved rest (though the amount of ideas Ann is coming up with it looks as if she'll be pretty busy). Only one nomination was received for the posts - from Mark Cole of the Radcliffe group who is the person who has been organising the City Wide leafletting.

The NND Coordinating Group decided that he should be elected unopposed, but that in future more care and effort needed to go into making sure that the organisational work-load was delegated to a greater number of people

PHONE IN

On Thursday 18th February from 10 till 11am - Alan Simpson, the NND Chairperson, will be on a phone-in on Disarmament on Radio Nottingham. So he'd like lots of phone calls from sympathetic people.

Useful tip - when you ring up say you want to ask a question about such and such - that way you are more likely to get put through. But once you are on the air use the time instead to make a couple of points about disarmament

SPEAKERS

If your group/organisation of whatever kind would like a speaker from NND then contact Bob Wardle 604813 who will arrange one.

HIROSHIMA SLIDES

Forest Fields Peace Group are in possession of a 58 slide show of Hiroshima after the bomb. They're willing to hire out the slides (with projector & screen if necessary) to any Neighbourhood Group for £1. If interested contact Bob Wardle 604813

THE BOMB - A VIDEO

Peace News have been given a video copy of the Jonathan Dimpleby film 'the Bomb'. Its a VHS type video and is available for hire at £5 but you'll have to supply your own equipment. Contact Peace News 53587

CND JEWELRY

I still have some of the stock of CND sterling silver jewelry which we bought before Xmas. If anyone is interested in buying pendants and earrings please phone me - Ann Kestenbaum 602497

ACCOMODATION NEEDED

Can anyone offer mattress or floor space to women coming to Nottingham for a Womens Peace Alliance meeting - Saturday night February 27th, and possibly Friday 26th ? If you can please contact Bee or Penny 53587 or 6 Colville st, Nottingham

ALSO - Mike from Edinburgh CND is moving to Nottingham in March and is looking for a room...prefeably in a shared vegetarian household in the Arboretum/Forest area. Any offers to Peace News, 8 Elm Avenue, 53587



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I want to join NND and enclose for a year's membership

I enclose a donation of

Name.....

Address.....

..... Telephone.....



Diary

FEBRUARY

- WEDNESDAY 17th - 7.30 - Trade Union NND, Environmental Information Centre
- THURSDAY 18th - 8.00 - International sub group, Environmental Information Centre
- SUNDAY 21st
to - LEAFLETING OF ENTIRE NOTTINGHAM URBAN AREA
- SUNDAY 28th
- WEDNESDAY 24th - 7.30 - Safe Energy Group, Environmental Information Centre
- FRIDAY 26th - 7.30 - Sherwood Group showing the film 'The Bomb', Methodist Church Hall, Mansfield Rd, Sherwood

MARCH

- MONDAY 1st - 8.00 - Peace Festival Planning Meeting, Environmental Information Centre
- TUESDAY 2nd - 8.00 - MAJOR NND RALLY/MEETING at the Coop Education Centre, Broad St
Speakers: Joan Ruddock - CND Chairperson, Ken Coates of END
- WEDNESDAY 3rd - 7.30 - St Anns group showing the film 'The Bomb', Pakistan Centre, 163 Woodborough Rd
7.30 - Forest Fields group slide show - No More Hiroshimas - Russell Rd, Family Centre
7.30 - New Basford group showing films - Still MAD after all these years and BOOM, St Augustines Infant school, Gawthorne St, New Basford
- THURSDAY 4th - 7.30 - St Anns group showing the film 'The Bomb' at Bluebell Hill Infants school, Gordon Rd, St Anns
7.30 - Lenton group public meeting, All Saints Community Centre, corner of Ilkeston Rd & Lenton Boulevard
7.30 - Radcliffe group public meeting, Dayncourt school - 6th form building
- SUNDAY 7th - 7.30 - NND MONTHLY MEETING - An Introduction to NND's activities and sub groups. Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon St
- TUESDAY 9th - 8.00 - Beeston group public meeting, Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane
- WEDNESDAY 10th - 8.00 - West Bridgford group public meeting, Wolds Hotel, Loughborough rd
- THURSDAY 11th - 8.00 - NND COORDINATING GROUP, Environmental Information Centre
- MONDAY 15th - 7.30 - Wollaton group tape & slide show, Willoughby Arms, Lambourne Drive
- WEDNESDAY 17th - 8.00 - Arnold/Woodthorpe group public meeting, High St Infants School
- SUNDAY 21st - 9.30am - COACH TO MOLESWORTH PEACE CAMP FOR DEMONSTRATION AND ACTIVITIES, leaves Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way.
Tickets - £3.50 Waged, £2.00 unwaged
- SATURDAY 27th - 8 till 11.30 - NND SOCIAL - late 60's Disco. Narrowboat Tavern, Canal St
Admission - £1 Waged, 50p Unwaged Children £1
- WEDNESDAY 31st - 7.00 - CPSA showing the War Game, Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare St

APRIL

- SATURDAY 3rd - Midday - EAST MIDLANDS YOUTH CND DEMONSTRATION + MUSIC EVENT, Nottingham Market Square to Forest
- Daytime - Non Violence Training Day, Queens Walk Community Centre

BULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLINE.....

The deadline for material for the March edition is WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH at the Environmental Information Centre