



FEBRUARY 1986

FREE!STOP TRIDENT NOW

This coming year could be vital for any campaign to stop Trident. The plans for it are on a massive scale, and the the size of the M.O.D.'s intentions greatly over-shadow the few recent attempts to protest about them. Perhaps it is the scale of the work involved in building the Trident weapons system and the fact that almost every town in Britain has a connection with it, that has meant the Peace Movement does not seem to have convincingly picked up the challenge it presents.

By the end of 1986 it is calculated that most of the Trident contracts will be agreed. With penalty clauses written into them making the contractors or the M.O.D. liable for any failure to keep to the schedule, the Trident programme is, by 1987, to have reached the point where it will be more expensive to cancel it, than to build it.

Obviously this does not affect the immorality of such weaponry, but, the implications of this and the possibility of a future "hung" Parliament cannot be ignored and the Peace-Movement cannot leave Trident in the hope it will be stopped at the next General Election.



The Trident work at its bases and for its production has started. By the end of 1985, the M.O.D. had budgeted £500 million for Trident work at Faslane and Coulport submarine bases, they had started the initial £10 million road building scheme to link the two bases together and proposed a new set of bye-laws that will increase the area covered by existing bye-laws ten-fold, from 300 acres to 3,000.

Those are only the major changes to have happened in the situation at Faslane and Coulport in the last four months. The M.O.D. have also announced they are willing to buy houses from people affected by 'construction' noise and insulate others. An £4 million contract has gone to Tarmac, for the dealing with 80,000 tons of asbestos contaminating the Faslane North Trident site. And this is ignoring developments at Barrow where the first Trident hull is being built now, at H.M.S. Vulcan where the Trident P.W.R. is being tested, or at Aldermaston where the A90 complex has been built for the manufacture of Trident war-heads.

In reality the Trident weapons system is well advanced. The Peace-Camp at Faslane is working in many ways to stop the Trident work, we have lists of the contractors involved in the work (send a £1 anda s.a.e) aswell as organising protest and direct-action focussing on Trident.

We are willing to come and talk with any group about what is happening here and we need money, tarpaulins, paint, candles, wood, paper, bolt-cutters, bulbs for the garden, stamps, tools and PEOPLE coming to join or visit us.

FASLANE PEACE CAMP, SHANDON, HELENSBURGH, DUNBARTONSHIRE, SCOTLAND.  
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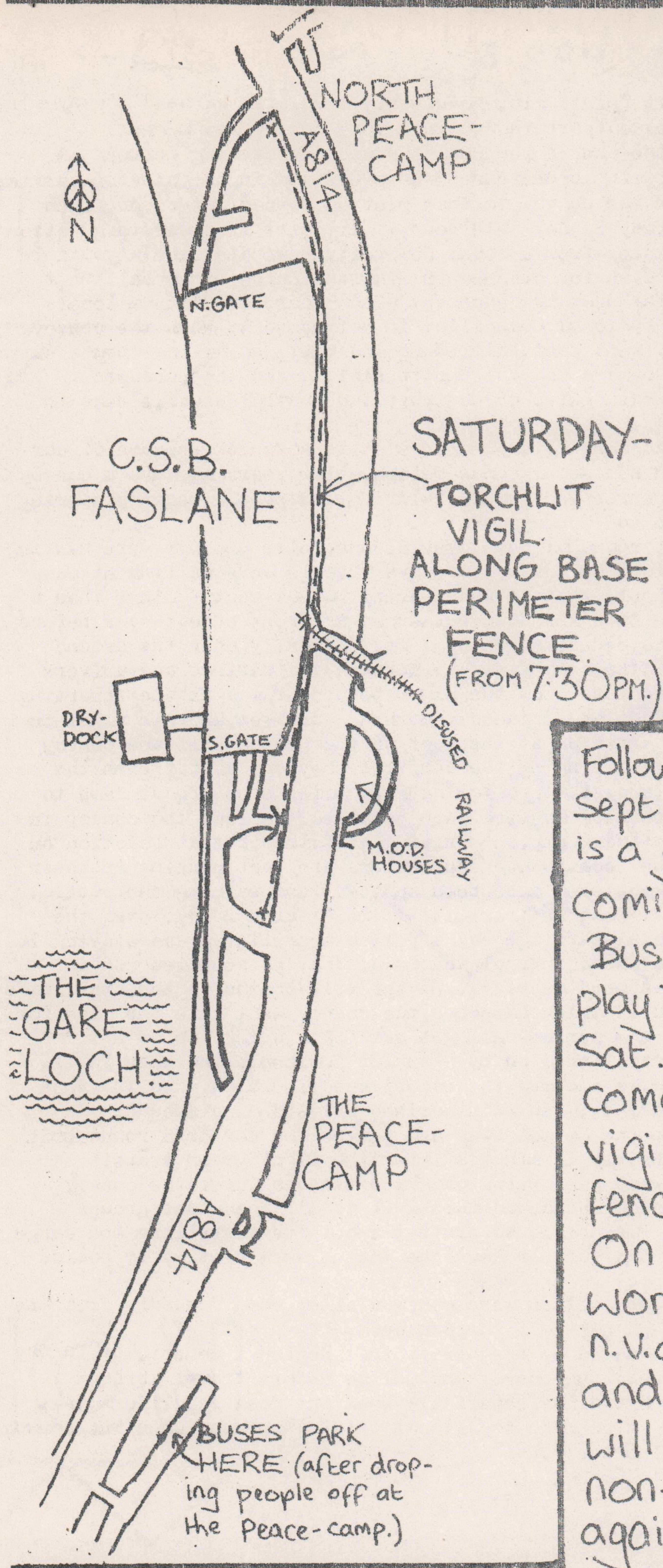

 ORANGE ACTION ~ 14TH-17TH FEBRUARY
 

ARE YOU GOING TO BE THERE?... DETAILS INSIDE.









## THE RAINBOW CAMPAIGN-

a series of seven non-violent actions, each with a colour from the Rainbow as its theme, focusing on the Trident work being carried out at Faslane & Coulport. Using imaginative non-violent direct-action to stop Trident now!

## THE ORANGE ACTION!

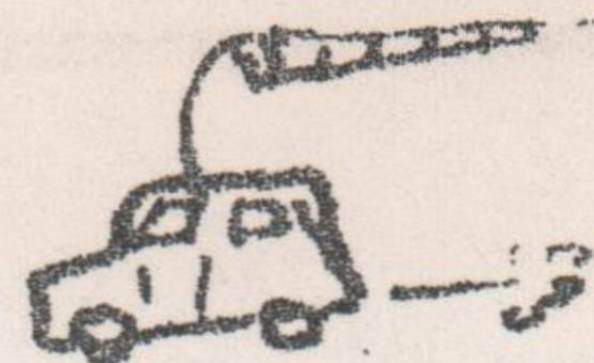
Following the Red Action in September, the Orange Action is a gathering of hope for the coming year.

Buskers are invited to come & play in Dumbarton for peace on Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, and that evening come & join the torch-lit vigil along the two-mile of fence at Faslane.

On Sunday, there will be workshops on Trident and n.v.d.a. in Helensburgh, and we hope people will stay with us, to do non-violent direct-action against Trident on Monday.



# POLARIS CONVOY CAPERS



After another lengthy wait (since mid. November.) a Polaris Warhead Convoy did finally arrive at Faslane/Coulport, though in a very unexpected manner. After various phonecalls to the camp throughout the week concerning convoys in various parts of the country, with in one case 3 carriers and in the other 1 carrier.

We eventually settled for the convoy to come past on Monday afternoon. Then surprise, surprise, on a very busy Sunday afternoon, with visits from Glenboig Action Group, a reporter and photographer from a local Community newspaper, and a youth doing a project on the Peace Camp for his Modern Studies course at school. What should come thundering past our camp but a convoy with 5 carriers, with a local CND member, and a Strathclyde Regional Councillor in hot pursuit. When the convoy got onto the Peaton Hill they went past Phill, Jane and baby Sam, giving them a surprise. On the brow of the hill the Command Control Centre, stalled and the pursuers followed the carriers to the main gates of Coulport, the control vehicle came in about quarter of an hour later.

Back at camp everybody was running around in a state of shock, because of our unexpected visitors from down south, only once before, a few years ago has a convoy arrived on a Sunday. The phonetree was quickly alerted and people began preparing to track it on its leaving on the Monday morning.

Come Monday, after a night round at Cove, myself, Jane, Phill and Sam were waiting down the road from Coulport for the convoy to leave. People were waiting at camp for our phonecall to alert people that it was leaving. Guess what? Other than a Polaris sub which came up the loch and then submerged in front of our eyes before going into Coulport, nothing happened, no convoy left. Unusually only the second time that a convoy hasn't left the very next day (perhaps the marines and drivers were still suffering from hangovers from the night before, or was it the reporting of its whereabouts on Radio Scotland?) Tuesday morning arrives, another night on the floor, get up late, and on arriving at the foot of the Peaton Hill the convoy is there in front of us, we tried ringing the camp but they cut us off when the phone was answered. Into car, and start following it, a brief stop off at camp to pick up Tony and check that phonecalls were being started. We lost the convoy in Helensburgh due to our stop-off at camp, on arriving at Dalreoch train station on the outskirts of Dumbarton, the local CND group members are just packing up their vigil having let the convoy know they have been spotted, and warning the public.

Now we are back on its tail, and we track it to the Erskine Bridge over the Clyde. All the way down the dual-carriage way a police transit van was staying in the inside lane, next to the Command Control Centre so that no vehicles could overtake or mingle with the warhead carriers. At the toll booths on the other side of the bridge another unexpected thing happened, the convoy went into the lane for HGV vehicles and stopped, and the marines all got out for a drink. So we all pulled up in front of them, until moved on by a senior policeman, who knew Phill.

A mile further up the road we spotted the escort vehicle which goes in front of the convoy, a light green transit van with marines all standing around. We left them and turned on to the M8 motorway and parked the car on a roundabout at the turnoff for Paisley. Nearly 10 minutes later the light green transit which was doing escort duty went past below us. Five minutes later the convoy appeared, was waved at and photographed, and then left to all the other groups of people along its route to Burghfield to protest about its travelling and cargo.

People from Paisley were out further down the M8, and were hassled by police and motorway maintenance people.

A group from Bell's College, Hamilton were out, and after some pressure from the police did manage to photograph parts of the convoy.

Questions are going to be asked by the Strathclyde Regional councillor to the Police Committee about the speed the convoy and police escort travel through towns and areas, displaying 30MPH signs, especially when the road conditions that day were icy. A complaint was also made to a local Chief Inspector when the convoy went in the main gate of Coulport.....

CALLUM.



# NAVY ROADSHOW ALL SET TO ROLL

THE Royal Navy Presentation Team will be touring the country between January and Easter this year. The two teams involved are being led by Capt. Patrick Rowe and Cdr. Tim Paul.

Latest programme, including civic presentations, is given here (although some changes may have taken place since going to press).

Capt. Rowe welcomes nominations for inclusion on guest lists for the civic presentations, at which the team aims to reach new audiences as well as updating old friends.

The team also welcomes suggestions for presentations to groups such as clubs, associations or industries for future tours. Correspondence to the team and point of contact to reserve seats is through the Team Staff Officer, and should be addressed to: Lieut-Cdr. Bruce Hunter-Inglis, RN, Royal Navy Presentation Team, Room 2120, St Christopher House, Southwark Street, London, SE1 0TD. Tel: 01-921-2056.

Spring Tour dates (Captain's Team engagements named first, followed by Commander's Team, except where indicated). (C) indicates civic presentations:

## January

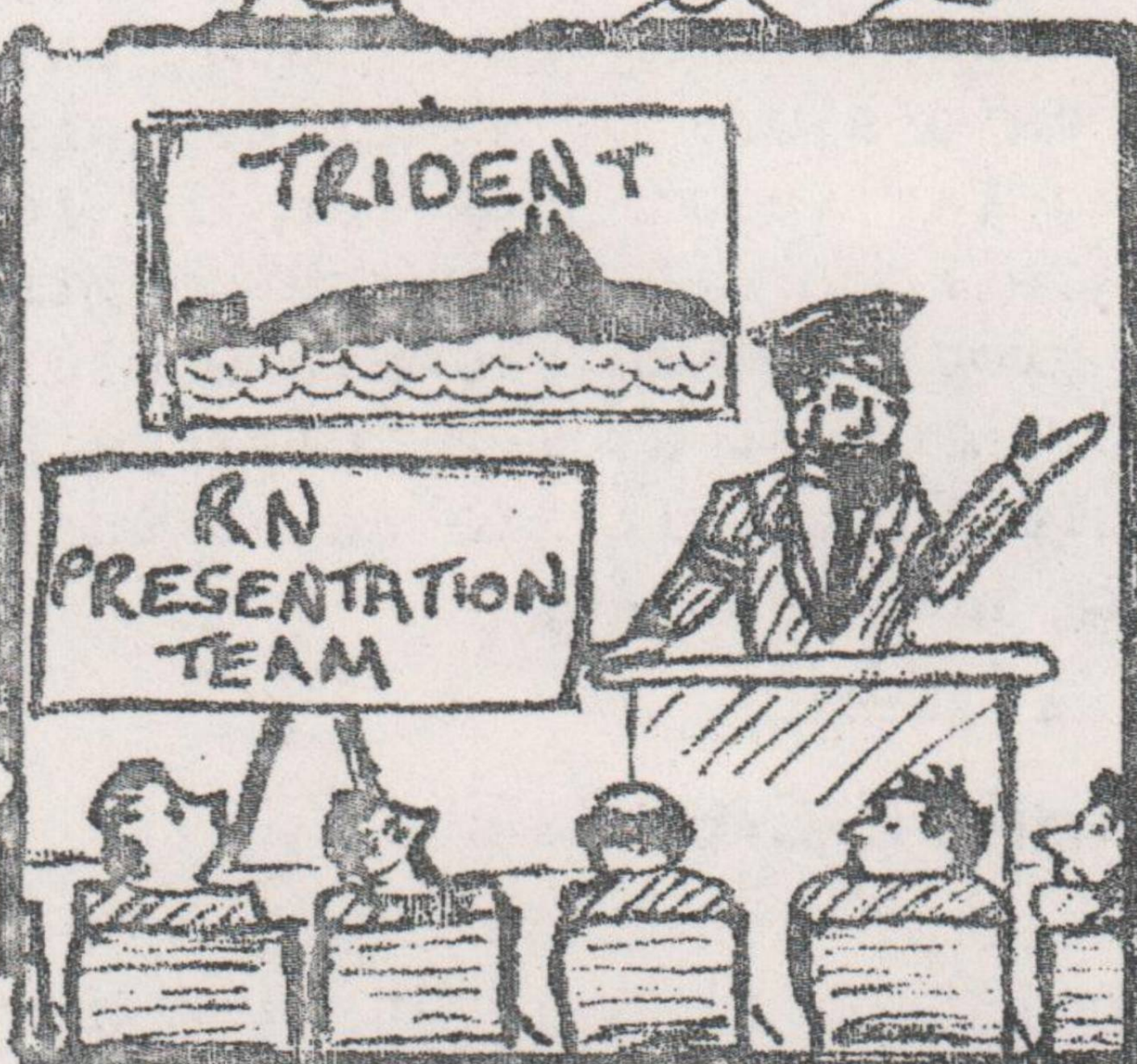
- 7 — Sandy, Beds. (C); Institute of Directors, Exeter.
- 8 — Daventry (C); HMS Vivid, RNR Devonport.
- 9 — Boots Chemists, Notts; Flight Refuelling, Wimbome.
- 13 — RM Lympstone; Manchester RNR.
- 14 — Bridgwater (C); Maryport (C).
- 15 — Marlborough (C); Vickers, Barrow.
- 16 — MOD, Bath; Glasgow University.
- 17 — Commander's Team at Glasgow University.
- 20 — Commander's Team at Fawley Rotary Club.
- 21 — Blyth (C); Cambridge Bankers' Institute.
- 22 — Ripley (C); Baker Perkins, Peterborough.
- 23 — British Aerospace, Brough; HMS Royal Arthur.
- 27 — RSRE Malvern; Met. Office College, Reading.
- 28 — Beverley (C); NatWest, Eastbourne.
- 29 — Stamford (C); St Edmundsbury Yacht Club, Suffolk.
- 30 — Bramshill Police College; Lowestoft Maritime Society.

## February

- 3 — Captain's Team at Sea Containers (to be confirmed).
- 4 — Melton Mowbray (C); IMechE, Stone, Staffs.
- 5 — Ely (C); Tarmac, Wolverhampton.
- 11 — Melton (C); Bromley, WRNS.
- 12 — Richmond, N. Yorks (C); Yeovil Bankers.
- 13 — Commander's Team at Esher (Probus).
- 17 — Captain's Team at Thorn EMI, Feltham.
- 18 — Larnper (C); Wels, Glasgow.
- 19 — Tewkesbury (C); Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.
- 20 — University North Wales, Bangor; Hall Russell, Aberdeen.
- 24 — Royal Thames Yacht Club; McTaggart Scott Ltd., Edinburgh.
- 25 — Poole (C); Edinburgh University.
- 26 — Tavistock (C); Stonehaven Rotary Club.
- 27 — RNAS Culdrose; HMS Camperdown, Dundee.
- 28 — Commander's Team at HMS Gannet, Prestwick.

## March

- 3 — Commander's Team at Faslane.
- 4 — Guernsey (C); Newcastle University.
- 5 — Commander's Team at HMS Calliope, Newcastle.
- 6 — Captain's Team in Jersey (C).
- 10 — Captain's Team with Foreign Naval Attaches.
- 11 — Rickmanworth (C); Isles of Scilly (C).
- 12 — Captain's Team at Wellington College, Berks.
- 13 — Commander's Team at Sandhurst RMA.
- 17 — Maidenhead (C); Windsor Bankers' Institute.



'AND OF COURSE, THE WASTE FROM THE SUBS' NUCLEAR REACTORS WILL MEAN BIGGER FISH IN THE SHOPS...'

FURTHER INFO. ON THE PACIFIC FROM:-

NFIP - NOTTINGHAM  
118 JULIAN RD,  
West Bridgeford,  
Nottingham.

(SAE and donation if possible.)

The cutting to the left is from Navy News - a full-colour, monthly propaganda paper for RN personnel, available from newspapers to near RN ports; very useful for snippets of 'inside' information, but predictably full of photos of scantily-clad models - ships' mascots etc.

The presentation teams described tour the country every year. Last year they weren't allowed to rent a hall in Dumbarton District by the Council, so they had to hold their show in a private hotel. We demonstrated outside, leafletting people about TRIDENT, and a couple of us even got invited in. The show was said to be very misleading, starting by emphasising the Navy's rôle in 'fisheries protection, protection trade routes, then passing on to the 'Russian Threat' and Polaris and Trident.

From the list of venues, it should be obvious the vested interest groups involved: - bankers, businessmen, prospective employees, Navy contractors etc.

Perhaps you and a group of friends would like to attend or leaflet such a show. Apart from the issue of Trident, a very important one to raise is the RN's plans to send 8 warships, including the sub. 'Invincible' (conventionally armed) on the 'RIMPAC' NATO exercise in the Pacific, off Hawaii - it is scheduled to take place from May 18th, and end in the shelling of the Kahoolawe sacred island. The ships sail from Britain in mid-March. This exercise can be seen as an attempt to put pressure on the New Zealand/Aotearoa government.

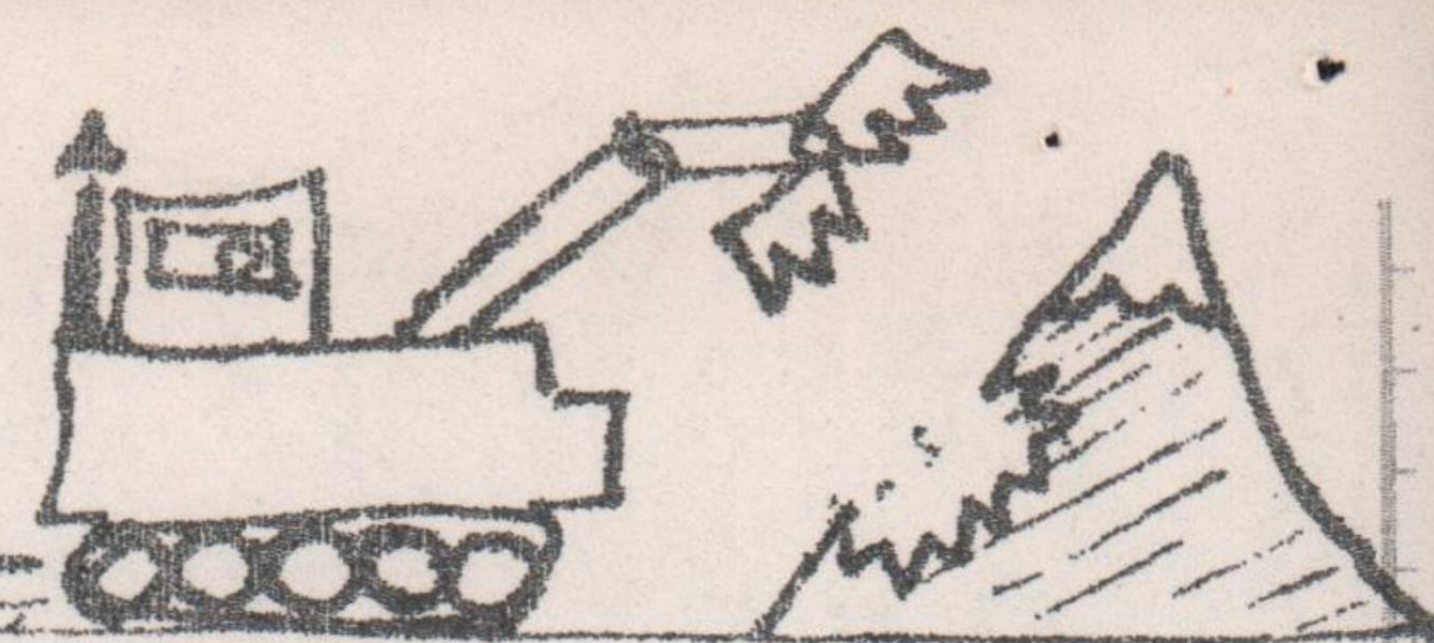
Trident and Cruise - carrying subs are already stationed in the Pacific.

As well as this suggested demonstration, the Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific Network are calling for a demonstration on FEBRUARY 22ND at 1pm (- if closed then the 24th) and suggest occupying a Naval Recruitment office in your area, calling for the exercise to be cancelled.

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JANUARY 1986



# TRIDENT CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTORS' UPDATE



Construction work for Trident at Faslane, Coulport and the Peaton Hill site is now in full swing. The situation on the Peaton hill, is that the access road they are now constructing, is in amongst the forestry plantation, and work is progressing at a fast rate; a very large compound area has been built, with a line of site portacabins and offices stretching some one hundred yards or so, and recently two very large buildings have been erected, though we do not know what they are for.

Upper management and site officials from Tarmac are very touchy at the moment, especially about photographing what is happening on site. Two weeks ago a site manager jumped out of his land-rover and tried to stop me taking photos whilst stood on the public road. He tried telling me that it was illegal to photograph a construction site, on laughing at his stupidity, he stormed back into the site to get the MOD police, who got a similar reaction from me. Finally a senior officer arrived to find out who and where I was from. By this time I knew I wouldn't get very far walking across the site, so I left after talking to a young worker stood by the site entrance, who also complained about the arrogance and ineptitude of the site managers from Tarmac.

At the North end of Faslane the Civil Engineers MONK are beginning work on the site and jetties for berths 7 and 8, and some loud explosions of blasting have occurred from this site, ships have been unloading supplies on the North jetty.

The asbestos site at Faslane North will soon have work starting, as TARMAC has won the contract to dispose of the asbestos waste by constructing large coffer-dams dumping the asbestos in and concreting it all over, they have two site offices in place.

They will be starting to erect Weld-Mesh fence around this site starting in February. Also noted for construction at Faslane North, a very large pile-driving barge was seen being towed up the loch the other week.

There are also strong reports reaching us from a variety of sources, that large amounts of the asbestos debris, is actually lying off shore and will be dredged up and dumped at Cloch Point, much to the disgust and annoyance of local fishermen in that area.

There is no sign of the Bye-pass road being started yet, though our camp at Faslane North is still there, and still occupying the site needed for the beginning of this highly controversial road. Debate is still going on about our camp.

On the subject of contractors working on Trident sites at Faslane and Coulport since November 1985 an up to date study of vehicles going in and out has now been completed. Trident has created far fewer jobs for the local area than the government suggested, instead the firms are from all over the country, with quite a few from the south of England. If any group or individuals would like a copy of this study so that they could write to, or protest at the company's headquarters about their involvement in the Trident work, just write to us at the Peace Camp, enclosing £1 to cover costs of photocopying and postage.

CALLUM.

## NORTH CAMP

After having planning permission refused by a sub-committee and the full council of Strathclyde Regional Council, and also a petition drawn up by residents of Garelochhead containing 969 names, the North Camp, Faslane is still there.

Now at the monthly meeting of Dumbarton District Council a decision has been taken to grant the application "in the abstract". Planning convenor and Deputy Provost Councillor of Strathclyde Regional Council, Ian Leitch moved approval. He said that it would be a personal application to Pat Freeborn, a camper; permission would be granted for five years, if the area was subject to defined boundaries. Approval was given on a vote of 8-5.

As things are now, in theory we could still be evicted by Strathclyde Regional Council, though this seems to be getting more and more unlikely, so if we stay where we are, right in the way of the beginning of the Bye-Pass route, then it will probably be an eviction on the orders of the Secretary for State for Scotland or George Younger at the MOD, and that might well involve the use of troops again, (well at least it will give George Younger a chance to see if Heseltine's Flac--jacket fits him.)



# THE FASLANE SNOWBALL ...

On a rainless Saturday morning 9 women and 9 men walked up the main road from the camp with hacksaw blades in their pockets. A big banner saying "Snowball in Progress" followed them. Some of us were from the Gareloch Horticulturalists affinity group and some from the Peace Camp.

Earlier we had been welcomed to the area by Chief Inspector Carson, of Helensburgh nick. He'd been told exactly what would happen and had brought in extra WPC's from Glasgow specially for the action. The police, knowing for once exactly what to expect, were chatty and relaxed. So were we. It was the calmest action I'd ever done. When we got to the fence, we got out our hacksaw blades and started sawing through the fence, cutting one strand of wire.

I concentrated on unraveling the fence to make a big hole. Someone tied a teddy bear with a CND badge next to it.

It was all over very quickly. Two police women politely led me to the transit van, where we sat chatting while the van filled up. Supporters, press and police people stood around. At the police station, I handed in my pre-written statement explaining why I'd cut the fence.

The Snowball Campaign has three demands;

1. That Britain starts voting in favour of multilateral disarmament resolutions in the U.N.
2. That Britain publicly supports the call for a comprehensive test-ban treaty.
3. That Britain takes an independent step towards a freeze or reduction in nuclear arms.

The snowball will stop if any one of these three requests is made.

Although the aim of the Snowball campaign is supported by most British people (87% of Scots don't want Trident, for example), the Government has ignored our wishes. The Snowball Campaign seeks to deliberately bring this issue into the law courts to challenge this government's breach of international law. Britain has signed treaties which make it illegal for us to plan to kill millions of people. By taking part in the nuclear armsrace, we in Britain are guilty of supporting these illegal acts.

Don't sit on the fence ... CUT IT!



## IN BRIEF

As is now very wide-spread knowledge, 3 people climbed onto a diesel submarine, and the nuclear powered hunter-killer sub 'Conqueror' dressed as Santa Claus in the early hours of Christmas Day; as yet no citations have been sent regarding this action.

The second stage of the SNOWBALL in Scotland took place on Jan. 17th, with 9 men and 9 womyn taking part, everybody was charged and released but no citations yet.

Could individuals from Affinity groups or N.V.D.A. groups please write to the camp with the name of your group, contact name and address, so that we can build up a list of groups throughout the country in preparation for future events at Faslane.

After the RED ACTION in September and the large numbers of complaints about police violence during the demonstration, and the strip-searching of womyn by men or in front of men, a full scale inquiry was set up. This enquiry was taking information from people all over the country, and lasted some three months, their finished report has now gone to the area Procurator Fiscal in Paisley, and if he feels there is a case to answer the report will go to the Lord Advocate.

The last two weeks have seen most of the camp residents and ex-campers, and friends in court for actions during the RED ACTION in September; There are still more court cases still to come in February and March, so far the break-down of sentences is as follows....

3 PEOPLE FOUND NOT GUILTY.  
1 CHARGE NOT PROVEN.  
3 PEOPLE REFUSED TO PAY FINES.  
TOTAL FINES SO FAR £695



TRIDENT CAMPAIGNERS' DAYSCHOOL  
SATURDAY MARCH 15TH, 10am-6pm  
THE STUDENTS' UNION, BIRMINGHAM

The Trident Working Group have organised a day of workshops on March 15th, concentrating on:-

TAKING TRIDENT HOME-local campaigning in Trident-linked towns including working with your local MP, press and Trades Unions.

DOORSTEP DIALOGUE-dealing with the issues raised by Britain's bomb and linking in with CND's Public Information Campaign.

PROTESTING AT THE BASES AND BOMB FACTORIES-keeping up the pressure and raising public awareness about Burghfield/ Aldermaston, Faslane, Capenhurst, Dounreay etc.

THE EFFECT OF TRIDENT SPENDING ON THE ECONOMY-working with Trades Unions, Jobs and Arms Conversion.

TRIDENT AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NAMIBIAN URANIUM CONTRACT-legality and international issues, Trident testing etc.

There will be information stalls and videos throughout the day. If you want to bring a stall (some charge may be necessary to cover the day's expenses) or attend the dayschool, write to Janet Convery, CND, 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JG or call on 01-250-4010. The cost will be £3.50 waged or £1.50 unwaged. If you're planning to go, book early as numbers are limited to 200.

WE NEED candles, tarps, tools glass perspex, paint, brushes, blankets, stamps for editions of the focus, 35mm films and thank you for all donations in the past.

If any group would like a member of camp to come and address a meeting and talk about Trident developments, Polaris convoys, or anything else that would be relevant, we would be willing to come. We can bring displays, and we also have a slide display.

Write to us at the address below....

Faslane Peace Camp,  
below St. Andrews School,  
Shandon,  
Nr. Helensburgh,  
Dunbartonshire.

PHONE (0436) 320901

### D.I.Y. TORCH FOR THE

- ① GET HESSIAN SACK FROM PET-SHOP or WHOLE FOOD SHOP. ② FIND WIRE & BITUMEN PAINT.
  - ③ CUT SACK INTO 'BANDAGES' 3" WIDE.
  - ④ WRAP A BANDAGE AROUND END OF A STOUT STICK.
  - ⑤ TIE ON WITH WIRE & COAT WITH BITUMEN.
  - ⑥ REPEAT ④ & ⑤ AGAIN, TWICE.
  - ⑦ ALLOW BITUMEN TO DRY.
  - ⑧ LIGHT HESSIAN FOR USE.
- ORANGE ACTION!**

