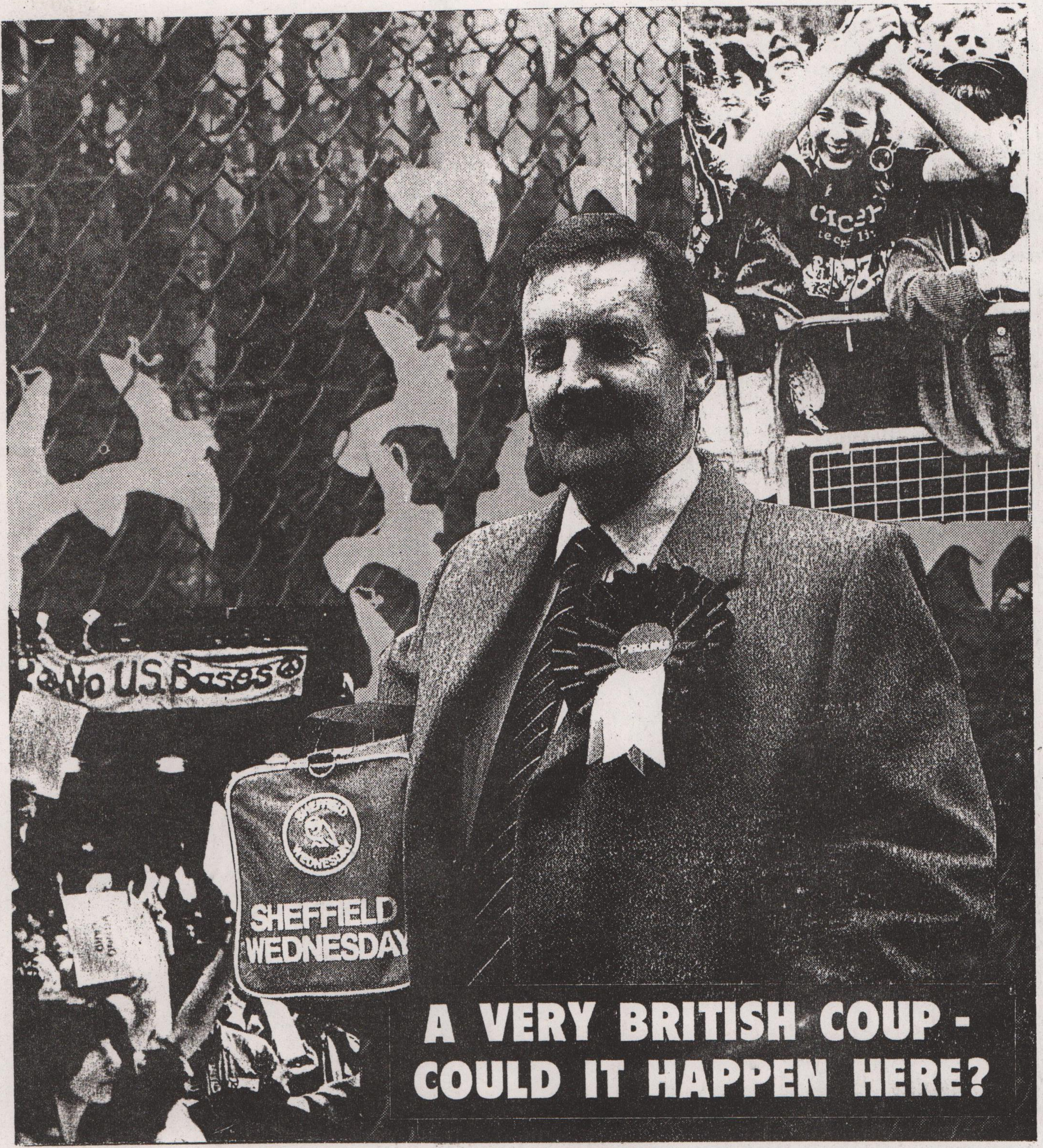


NOTTINGHAM CND

august bulletin 20p



**A VERY BRITISH COUP -
COULD IT HAPPEN HERE?**

EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING

JEAN LAMBERT
(Green Party National Council)
speaking on:

Nuclear Disarmament and Green Politics

Wednesday September 7th. 7.30
WEA Shakespeare Street.

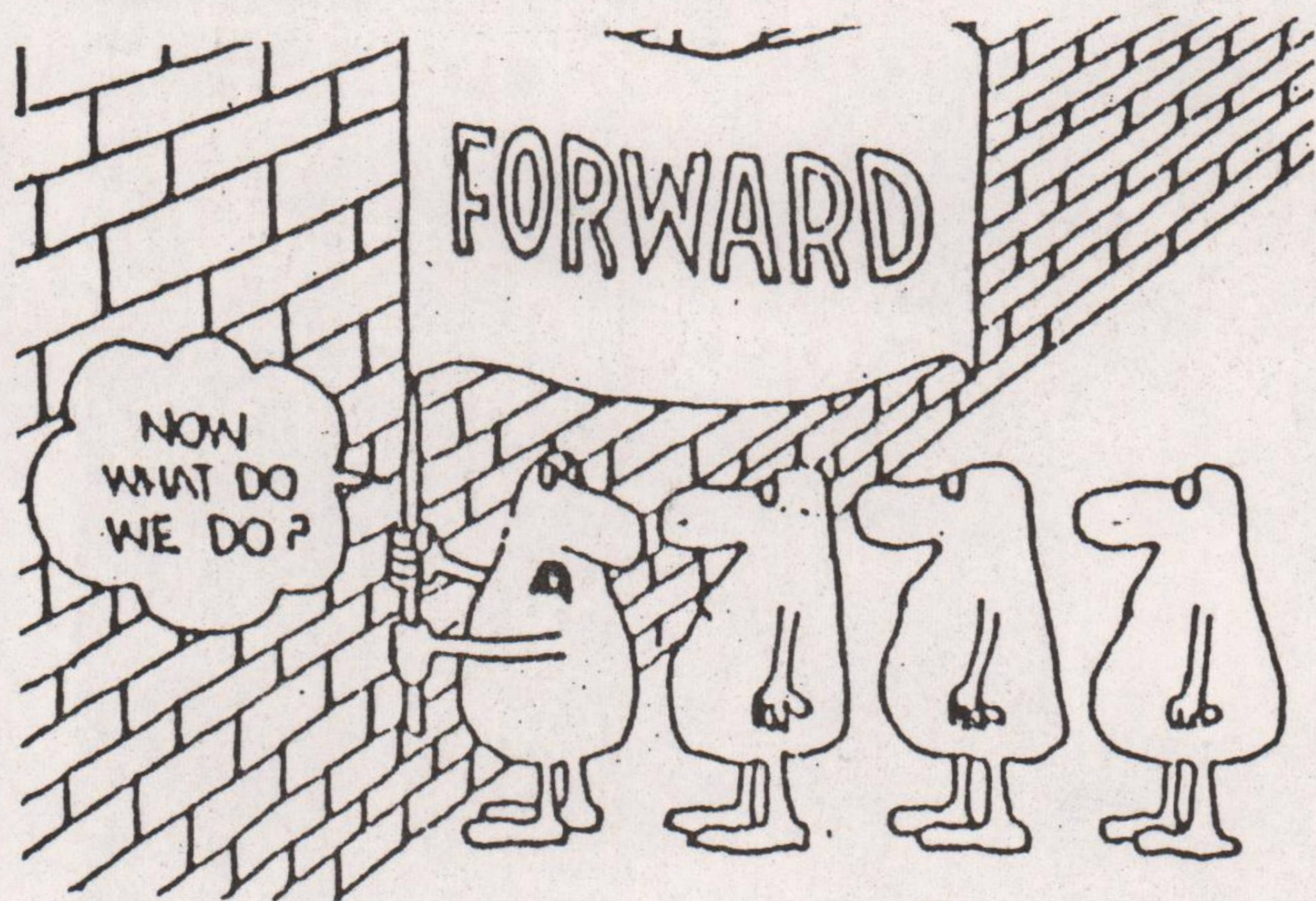
The October NCND monthly meeting will feature an illustrated talk by Peggy Westaway and Doreen Gower, on their recent visit to the Soviet Union. More information in the September Bulletin.

THE WAY AHEAD

The NCND Executive meeting on September 21st. will have as its main topic a discussion about the future for CNND both locally and nationally.

This meeting will be open to **ALL** members of NCND as well as the officers and neighbourhood group reps.

The meeting will be held at WEA Shakespeare Street and will begin at 7.30 and end at 9.30p.m.



NCND AGM

This year's AGM will be held upstairs at the Yorker on Mansfield Road, on October 13th, starting at 7.30 p.m.

The Agenda:

Approve minutes of 1987 NCND AGM

Elect NCND officers

(Vacancies: Treasurer

Office Organiser

Stall/stock person

Demonstration organiser)

Resolutions

AOB.

There is a bar upstairs at the Yorker.

EDITORIAL

July saw the 8th Nottingham Peace Festival- the wettest day of the year!! That so many people came is a testimony to our continued strength as a peace movement, our ability to allow space for so many other causes beneath our umbrella (these who were at this festival certainly needed one), and the popularity of the annual festival. Congratulations to all organisers, public, stall holders. A great moral booster.

The festivals obviously have to continue but do they have to be outdoors, or on that site, or have bands, or...or...or...? Now is the time to work out for next year what we want even if it is the same again!!

Bulletin Editorial Team

DIARY

Hiroshima Day/
Listergate Stall - 6th August (See local update)

Nagasaki Day - 9th August (See local update)

N.C.N.D. Bulletin
Editorial Deadline - 15th August

August N.C.N.D.
Executive Meeting - 17th August (WEA 7.30)

September N.C.N.D.
Monthly Meeting - 7th September (WEA 7.30)
(Jean Lambert)

September N.C.N.D.
Executive Meeting - 21st September (WEA 7.30)

October N.C.N.D.
Monthly Meeting - 5th October (WEA 7.30)

N.C.N.D. A.G.M. - 13th October (Yorker 7.30)

PEACE FESTIVAL CORRECTION

The Peace Festival organisers would like it to be known that the claim in the August issue of The Magazine that The Magazine "co-promoted and sponsored" the Peace Festival this year is not true. The only sponsors of the event were NCND.

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THE AUTUMN CAMPAIGN THE AUTUMN

OCTOBER 15TH. - MARK IT!

We know that, even as the superpowers talk about scrapping more nuclear weapons, Thatcher is planning to bring in new ones. These will include the Trident nuclear submarines, air launched "stand-off" missiles sea-launched cruise missiles.

New Weapons

CND has been campaigning on Trident -1.9 million 'Jaws' leaflets were distributed during May and June. Now it is time people in Britain found out about our Governments plans for these other new weapons.

This Autumn we will be campaigning on the streets with a new public information leaflet (the design idea for which came from Nottingham and CND will be holding demonstrations on October 15th at three of the bases likely to get the new weapons: Faslane, Upper Heyford and Portsmouth.

October 15th is the day the West German peace movement will also hold a mass demonstration at the site of a new NATO command centre for nuclear war-fighting. There is enormous opposition in that country to the new nuclear weapons, even including the conservative government.

At the demonstrations in Britain, we will be "making our mark" at the three bases. More details next month.

NCND's Response

At the NCND Executive meeting on July 20th., it was agreed that NCND should support the Oct. 15 demonstrations and in particular, for obvious reasons, the one at Upper Heyford. To this end, a Working Group is to be set up and the first

meeting will have taken place by the time you read this. If you are interested in getting involved in the Working Group or just want to know more about what's going on, either contact the office to find out about the next meeting of the Working Group or refer to next month's Bulletin which will have more information from the Working Group and from the National Working Group which is based in Oxford and has been meeting since the beginning of June.

Fed up with laying in the mud at Molesworth?



JOIN BRUCE KENT'S "PRESS GANG"

Bruce Kent writes: One of the most effective ways of reaching the public is through the letters column of the local press. This is why I'm inviting everyone to consider joining my "Press Gang"!

Here's how it works. You sign and send off the coupon at the bottom of this page. On it you promise to write four letters per year to your local press. In return we will send you some "handy hints" on letter-writing plus every quarter we will send you a bulletin in which we will give you information on the topic we would like you to write about.

Of course we will not write the letters for you because it is vital that you write in your own words. However we will give you a topic that we would like you to make the subject of your letter together with all the facts, figures etc. that you will need for it. In this way, with 1000 letter writers, we will be able according to our rough calculations to reach about 20 million people!

Tired of shuffling through London?



Why not do something
equally useful from
the comfort of your
own armchair..?



The first topic this autumn will be our opposition to new nuclear weapons - possible substitutions for ground-based Cruise at sea or launched from planes. Trident, possible British stand-off missiles etc. The same topic as C.N.D.'s Autumn Campaign in fact.

Believe me, anyone can write letters to the press. Indeed it is the plain simple letter from an "ordinary" person that can be the most effective. So please don't be put off by the thought that you may not be clever enough. Remember too that we will brief you so that you won't need to spend hours burrowing in reference books.

Two hours, four evenings a year, that's all we are asking - but think of the millions we will reach! Please consider joining me.

Yours in Peace

Bruce Kent

PS. If you are in a C.N.D. or peace group, why not get someone to join on behalf of the group? Alternatively, you could join as a group.

ONE WORLD WALK

A week into Bruce's One World Walk from Warsaw to Brussels, the money raised in Britain starts at £20,000.

Some of you will have read the two articles by Bruce which have appeared in the Guardian. He will be writing these on a weekly basis as he walks the thousand miles from East to West.

If you are supportive, amazed, inspired or a combination of these by this great effort by a somewhat overweight middle-aged gentleman (he is expected to drop a couple of stone by the end of it), then you can still sponsor him. The form in last month's bulletin gives you that opportunity. Please use it. The money is to be divided between CND and War on Want, for specific projects in Mozambique and Nicaragua where men, women and children are the desperately unhappy victims of war. If you just want to send a donation, send to CND(One World Walk) at:
22-24 Underwood Street,
LONDON N1 7JG.

Ann Kestenbaum



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LOCAL UP-TO-DATE

This month seems to have been dominated by preparations for the Peace Festival by all and sundry (not least the Peace Festival Committee who deserve an accolade for their determination and had work to keep it going despite their small numbers).

Perhaps it was Sherwood members stirring their Elderflower Champagne in kitchens all over Sherwood that did it, but somehow the day chosen happened to be the wettest day for 25 years in Nottingham!

But Peace Festival goers are made of stern stuff turning out in good numbers and finding interest in the stalls (particularly those under cover!)

The N.C.N.D. stall did well and proceeds are to be sent to Bruce Kent's One World Appeal - still plenty of time for us to do some sponsored rain dances or the like if there are any ideas out there to support his appeal.

The Membership Team were out in force as well and convinced thirteen wet people to join us!

THE STALL

Members may have noticed that we had a resurrection of the big blue C.N.D. stall, which spruced itself up for the Peace Festival and had a good day out.

Inroads were made into stockpiles of C.N.D. kites and there was 100% sell out of peace umbrellas - all two of them - (unfortunately news of Sherwood's rain dance efforts hadn't reached our stockists or they'd have got in a few more!) hundreds of badges were sold and others "lost" to flood damage - so we await a brand new stock order - look out for C.N.D. socks to complete your Summer/Autumn outfit!

NEXT STALL SPOT - 6th August, 3rd, 17th and 24th September

EXHIBITION

Disarm the Seas exhibition from Scottish C.N.D. was up in brilliant technicolour at the Peace Festival, however as we were unable to laminate it it doesn't look so glorious now. We shall look into laminating facilities (any suggestions?) and try again, to provide one for loan-out.

TRIDENT LEAFLET

News is filtering through from national C.N.D. of a Jaws box office success. On average four times as many people have sent for more information from C.N.D. following delivery of the leaflet as they had expected.

They are getting about four replies for every 1000 leaflets delivered.

We are now waiting to find out whether that includes those in the Nottingham area.



HIROSHIMA DAY - 6TH AUGUST

Come along and support the stall on Hiroshima Day, there are one or two activities to join in; making paper cranes for peace - which will be displayed around the stall; selling white poppies and making chalk shadows around the stall along with leafletting to explain what we are doing.

If you can help contact Hilary (625198) or Tom (620459)

NAGASAKI DAY - 9TH AUGUST

Crane floating will take place on Tuesday evening between 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on the University boating lake. Come along!

Cath Wakeman

POUNDS FOR PESETAS £££

TURN YOUR UNUSED FOREIGN CURRENCY INTO £££'S FOR NCND THIS YEAR.

COLLECTING TIN WILL BE IN NCND OFFICE PERMANENTLY. BRING IT SEND IT GIVE IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTACT. NOTES ONLY NO COINS PLEASE (EXCEPT JERSEY)

MARKET RESEARCHING OUR MESSAGE

In June, a professional market research organisation, sympathetic to our aims and therefore relatively cheap, was engaged by national CND to test public opinion for us. What we wanted to find out was what reaction the person in the street would have to the sort of message we were thinking of putting over in our Autumn campaign.

As Linkperson for national CND's publications committee, I was able to be present as an observer during the research. It was a fascinating experience testing a number of possible leaflet designs for our campaign in May. The "Jaws" leaflet had come out a clear winner. This time, they advised us to research the political message rather than the leaflet design. It was as well we did.

The two panels of people "off the street" had been selected as representing the middle ground i.e the preliminary questionnaire had identified one group of eight people who were slightly sympathetic to CND's aims and a second group that was somewhat unsympathetic. I observed the ensuing discussions when several days later the people were brought together in a local private house for discussion led by the researcher. She had a number of messages, prepared by CND, for them to comment on, but before that she carefully explored their views on current affairs leading cleverly into the nuclear issue. None of the participants had been told what the subject of the research was, so we were getting instant reaction rather than reflection.

The results were very useful. Our leading idea about how to present the argument - Britain/Thatcher/NATO is cheating on the INF deal - was shown to be seriously flawed.

The results:

- 1) Against a vague knowledge that some disarmament was happening, there was a very low awareness of the INF deal as such.
- 2) The suggestion that cruise was being taken from the land only to be reintroduced on ships and aircraft, met with blank incomprehension. How could anything so technical be considered significant? "So what -they have already got nuclear weapons at sea...."
- 3) When told about, and pressed on, "cheating" there was little indignation. Most believed that cheating on treaties was normal practice on all side.
- 4) The allegation that Thatcher was cheating was particularly ineffective. How could she be, several people said "she never claimed to be a disarmer in the first place."



5) Suggestions that NATO was impeding disarmament fell rather flat because most people had little idea of what NATO was: "A peacekeeping force?"; "Not particularly effective "; "Meant to help sort out countries problem"; "Doesn't do a lot." Several people seemed to be confusing it with the UN.

6) While pleased by the improvement in superpower relations, and impressed by Gorbachev, no great hopes were pinned on disarmament. The main threat was perceived as coming from Iran, Gadafy, China (and France!!!).

7) Our idea, "Nuclear Free Europe", also fell flat. Every single person, assumed that "Europe" meant western Europe and that the slogan was therefore unilateralist -which no one spoke up for.

8) Most people were concerned by the information that Berlin was planning MORE nuclear weapons. They wanted hard information about this and did not expect to get it from the media. There was awareness and resentment of the secrecy of nuclear weapons decisions.

9) Most people are more worried about nuclear power accidents than about nuclear war.

The Message for CND

At least one message for us was quite clear. In the Autumn we should stress not cheating, not substitution, not "Nuclear Free Europe" as we had intended to. We should provide hard information about the new weapons and where they would be, but the stress should be on the fact that at a time when the superpowers are agreeing to get rid of some nuclear weapons, Britain is getting even more.

p.s With next year the 40th anniversary of NATO, CND will probably make NATO the focus of its Spring Campaign. The results of the market research must make us think very carefully about how to approach that subject in our public information materials.



"The news that Harry Perkins was to become Prime Minister went down badly in the Athenaeum".

Thus started the 1981 book *A Very British Coup* by Chris Mullin, revived this summer as a three-part T.V. film with a much improved film script by Allan Plater. For those who didn't see the series the essence of the story line was Harry Perkins, an ex-steel worker from Sheffield sweeps into power at the head of a vibrant and socialist Labour Party. Those in the "secret state"; the American Government, the media and their allies within the Labour Party get to work destabilising the country - a headline here, a phonetap there, a sudden strike by a right wing led union

A VERY BRITISH COUP

Serious politics begin with The Bomb

What differs Perkins from the run-of-the-mill Labour prime ministers (younger readers may not remember that we used to have such things) is that he knew what was happening and did not succumb to the pressure - that he was a socialist is itself surprising. Where did he find his role models? Above all else Perkins was a disarmament elected on a policy of unilateral disarmament and the withdrawal of all U.S. bases. As we all know, serious politics begin with the bomb - to the U.S. Government disarmament, by all of their client states, is treason. The full force of the right weighed in, even unto the "mysterious" death of Perkins' scientific advisor at the M.O.D. who was seeing through the technical side of actually decommissioning the British bombs. But it was too late, the bombs were to be decommissioned - live on T.V. Of the whole series, this was the most powerful moment - let's ignore the technicalities - but here was what we've marched, leafleted, sang and cried about. Live, on T.V. the bombs being taken to bits, we'd done it. Somehow - even at our strongest moments of belief and strength we cannot imagine this happening.

Enemy within

But it was not to last - Perkins "enemy within", his own civil servants, fabricate evidence showing

Perkins taking a backhand on an economic deal set up with a former lover and he's told he'll have to resign - a very British coup.

In the book Perkins is blackmailed into resigning "on grounds of ill-health". In the film Perkins declares an election on the basis that the secret state were plotting against him and the film ends enigmatically with the clatter of a helicopter flying over a ballot box and a B.B.C. World Service announcement that the period of unrest in Britain is at an end.

Could it happen here?

That then was the story - could it happen here? The theme of Chris Mullin's book was that - unlike in, say Chile, an "unfriendly" Government wouldn't be brought down by force of arms but by the discreetly whispered plots of the secret state and their pals in the City. The film changes this somewhat to a "normal" coup when the civil servant coup is foiled by Perkins. So could either happen here?

Since the book was written, all the evidence points to the fact that it could. The newspapers - especially the popular press rampage across politics trashing all in front of them, creating a public (can't read) . The secret state is exposed time and time again - the revelations contained within *Spycatcher* and the Cathy Massiter episode* not least. We know the secret state burglars, taps, plots and bungles its way through peoples lives just as in the film. The City owes no allegiance other than to profit and the old boys public school/private club network is still undiminished. And we know that the C.I.A. has undermined and destroyed democratic Governments.

Where is Harry Perkins?

So all of those ingredients are there. What is lacking is a Harry Perkins, and as the public is as yet unconvinced of the desirability of anything more radical than a free market economy with a Health Service the social conditions to create such a leader do not exist. The nearest we've come is the G.L.C. and Ken Livingston. He may be now a shadow of his former self but for a time he was building an increasingly popular, political and active municipality. When the wholesale media attacks on "Commissar Ken" didn't work the Government simply abolished the G.L.C. *A Very British Coup* in miniature.

A bit of fiction?

What was important about the G.L.C. and Perkins, was that they talked directly to the public, and tried to win people to their views. Ultimately both fell because not enough people would support them - until we can win an overwhelming majority to our views we will not be strong enough to hold on. Until we do that the dismantling of the bomb will be only a bit of fiction, a good piece of television. But then the abolition of slavery was thought to be impossible.

Ross Bradshaw

* Cathy Massiter - a Government phone-tapper admitted publicly that C.N.D. leaders were regularly phone-tapped.

8th NOTTINGHAM PEACE FESTIVAL

As soon as I got up on the 10th July, I felt, deep in my bones, that my worst fears were going to be realised. Not that there was much rain early on; nor was the weather forecast more than moderately bad. So I dressed in winter clothing, loaded up our car with all our stall apparatus, breakfasted and set off.

We arrived at the festival site soon after 10.30 a.m. to find that the committee had laid everything out efficiently with the Enquiry Centre very easy to find. So we had no problems in finding our pitch. No sooner had we parked immediately behind our pitch than the heavy rain began, accompanied by a stiff breeze. So as we had no awning to cover our stall (unlike many stallholders who came well provided) and not wishing to have our 150 Tombola prizes etc. spoiled before opening, we simply laid our stalls on their sides to mark our position and retired to the car where we occupied ourselves in folding 450 cloakroom tickets for the Tombola.

Inundated with customers

By 11.45 a.m. the rain had eased a little, so we raised our beautiful newly adopted banner with some misgivings - both on account of the strong winds, as well as fears that the colours might run. (Both fears proved groundless) Then we placed our wares on our stalls, keeping them in boxes, so that we could whip them back under cover in the car easily, as the rain began to come down more heavily. Then, at noon, to our amazement we were suddenly inundated with customers, and we had to suspend operations for a few minutes while we laid out our prizes in the pouring rain. Fortunately almost all of them were wrapped in plastic and so remained undamaged. What surprised me was the number of youngsters who were prepared to pay good money for approximately one chance in three of winning a prize of not much value (there were a few more valuable prizes) and a few customers had go after go trying to win the prize of their heart's desire!

By 3.30 p.m. Rhoda, Charlie and myself (average age 65) had had enough. We had been fully occupied without a break. We were like drowned rats, the numbers attached to the prizes were illegible (the print having been washed away) and we had sold the bulk of our tickets. So we packed up, paid in our money and departed at 4.30 p.m.

What really amazed me was that the Peace Festival was not a complete flop on the wettest day of the year!

Better than ever

The vast majority of stalls carried on - and the quality and variety of stalls was better than



ever. With such appalling weather, I was astonished at the number of people who came - not only hardened peace campaigners and their families, but a wide cross section of very caring people supporting a whole variety of social and environmental causes, and a moderate number of the general public - though nothing like as many as would have come if the weather had been better.

Of course a number of events were washed out; the music and drama and many of the children's activities. On the other hand the exhibition tent was exceptionally popular and the Peace Festival Committee's own covered stalls at the heart of the festival area were well laid out and well patronised. Peggy Westaway reported quite encouragingly from N.C.N.D.'s membership stall with eight new members signing up and three renewing*. This is about one third of last year's figure - but not bad considering all things. (*Final total - 13.)

Financially it has not been the disaster it might have been. I would urge anyone (particularly those who weren't able to come to the Festival) who has not yet contributed to the Peace Festival £1,000 Appeal to do so without delay (See June N.C.N.D. Bulletin) rush your contribution to N.C.N.D. now!

Small dedicated band

I look back on the 8th Peace Festival not with the gloom I started out with but mightily encouraged at such a heart warming gathering of the clans on such an awful day. We owe a very considerable debt of gratitude to that small dedicated band of volunteers that form the Peace Festival Committee and I was delighted to hear that they are already talking about ideas for the 9th Peace Festival in 1989.

Pat Robson (Bulwell)

8th NOTTINGHAM PEACE FESTIVAL

I've been asked, in doing this report on the Peace Festival, to keep mainly to facts and figures, leaving impressions to someone outside the organising team. A good idea - but to divorce the two aspects can be misleading - particularly so in this case. It's hard to be objective when the site was drenched. The impressive thing was that the attendance was as high as it was: we can persuade ourselves how much better it would have been in the sun if held the day before (or after...)

From the organisers' point of view a great encouragement was the response from groups (and individuals) who raised money for donations. We want particularly to thank Spatz Collective who presented their monthly alternative cabaret at the Old Vic as a Festival Benefit on the Sunday evening.

Takings as good as ever

Stallholders had a difficult day - but quite a few, amazingly, found their takings were as good as ever. I'm writing on the 15th, and messages are coming from stallholders and visitors to say that the rain didn't really spoil things for them. One mystery: turn to our listing on July Campaign back page, and it includes "Access: open site but may be muddy". Nobody in Nottingham wrote these words - have National got a staff clairvoyant? Actually the site drained quite well and I'm told it's built on a foundation of rubbish, not unlike U.K. Civil Defence.

Remember also that at Peace Festivals unlike other public events you won't find parents hitting small children for no apparent reason. Anyway I didn't see any.

Heroic Vegetarians

So the day was reasonable - but not without certain disasters. Rain stopped play on stage while equipment hire and performers' expenses ticked on regardless. Last minute printing press failure nearly stopped our programme leaflet: it was completed on two other presses, some distance apart, and collated overnight by heroic vegetarians, fresh from a conference and vigil on the Saturday night. Finally, after the event, a kind individual approached a tired entertainments operator in torrential rain and offered to "take care" of the heavy generator, which he did. Neither was seen since.

Turning to money, a full financial statement will appear in next month's bulletin. The early copy deadline this month means we are still receiving payments for group stalls and programme ads etc.

and the accounts are not yet complete.

The next Peace Festival

A 1989 event will happen only if more people come forward. Most of the tasks are an uphill struggle but are easier with a bigger team. This year a handful of people did just about everything including physically carting things on and off site. The Peace Festival is a project for which there is no great demand beforehand, but which is appreciated at the time and afterwards. Several stallholding organisations have started to talk about "next year" - which is a compliment and encouragement to next year's team. One person has actually booked already. We weren't able to give her an exact location on the site plan - yet.

Jeremy Jago

Tribute to Greenham women

The resistance of the women of Greenham Common to the location of US Cruise missiles is known throughout the Soviet Union. Below we publish extracts of a poem written in Yiddish and printed in the *Birobijaner-Shtern*. The poet is Buzi Miler, born 1913 in Wolkowinetz (Ukraine). He was educated at the Pedagogic Institute in Moscow but since 1936 has lived in Biro-bijan.

The base entrenched with barbed wire
Threatens nations' existence.
But resolute and bolder still
Women make their stand.

In Greenham Common we know
The voice of mother, and daughter and
sister.
Of death and disaster
Rid us of this fortress.

In Greenham Common here lies the
means
To send each one to eternity.
Here our misfortunate
Here our shame.

Mankind—each one of us may hope
To escape untimely death,
So speaks an ordinary Englishwoman
Beat louder the drum of protest lest
we forget.

The language of war
Can mean the end of us all
The solution of our fate is in our hands
Here and now in Greenham Common.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

THE FIRST 3 MONTHS

Nottingham F.O.E. was relaunched at a public meeting which was publicised in the April NCND bulletin. Over 150 people attended this meeting, at which Jonathon Porritt was the main speaker.

The follow-up meeting was also well attended and a temporary steering group was set up and those present indicated the areas that they were most interested in campaigning on. Since then, there have been a number of monthly meetings which are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Friends' Meeting House.

A number of working groups have been set up, including:

TROPICAL FOREST GROUP

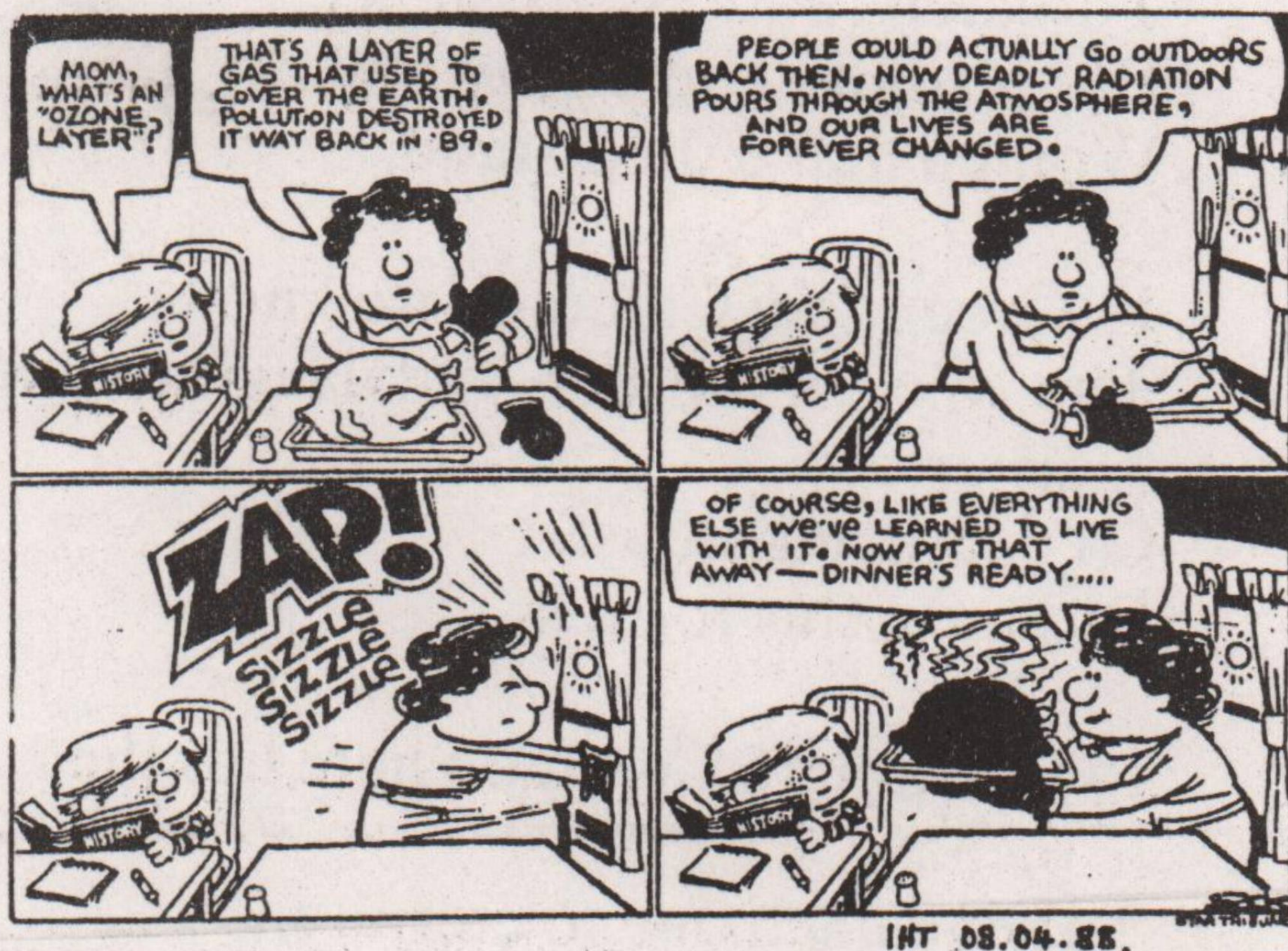
This group is looking at ways that we can campaign locally to help save the rain forests both through increasing public awareness and developing consumer pressure to discourage the sale of tropical hard woods that are exploited in a non-sustainable manner.

COUNTRYSIDE GROUP

This group is considering ways of returning areas of the country that are derelict to their natural state.

CITY ENVIRONMENT GROUP

This group is concerned mainly with the proposal to build an ASDA supermarket in Hyson Green and the effects of this on the local community.



STOP OZONE DEPLETION-AIR POLLUTION GROUP

This group existed before F.O.E. was relaunched and has been raising public awareness on the dangers of the thinning of the ozone layer. They have also been discussing with local businessmen the possibilities of not using chemicals that damage the ozone layer. The group is now working with us on this campaign.

We are also setting up a **RECYCLING GROUP** and we are planning to have a pool of speakers who will address meetings, debates, schools etc. on environmental issues.

we have already been involved in one national F.O.E. event - Forest Alert, which was highlighting the damage that has been done to British trees by pollution. we set up a stall in Wollaton Park and brought people on a short walk in the park pointing out damage that has already been done to the trees.

we also had a stall at the Peace Festival at which we recruited a number of new members, distributed leaflets and sold tee-shirts etc.

For more information on Nottingham F.O.E. contact: Nick Armstrong at 280314.

Nick Armstrong.

NORTH/SOUTH AND NOTTINGHAM

At the end of October/ start of November, this year, Nottingham County Council is organising a week of educational activities around the North/South issue. This initiative, which is following international events in the Spring, sponsored by the Council of Europe, also involves world development groups such as Oxfam and the World Development Movement. Included will be two school's conferences, public meetings and an exhibition at the refurbished Albert Hall.

There are a number of themes - the debt crisis, environment, aid etc. So far absent is any disarmament link which, perhaps, owes more to the event's origins within the Council of Europe than the wishes of the County Council, who seem quite happy to discuss the issue.

On the other hand, with the exception of our links with the medical campaign (MCANW) and the One World Walk, CND and NCND has done little in the disarmament and development area. The NCND Bulletin is, therefore, planning a special Disarmament and Development supplement for the autumn (which we can give away at North/South events).

We'd be very keen to hear of anyone who can help us write such material, particularly material aimed at a teenage audience. We'd also encourage local groups to consider ways of raising the issue. If you can help, please contact Ross Bradshaw on 582506 (work) or 623182 (home).

We'd be especially pleased to learn of existing North/South resource material concentrating on disarmament.

Ross Bradshaw.

ROXBURGH PEACE GROUP - WHO?

I have been asked to write about what it is like to be part of a rural Peace Group. Probably the best way to describe it is through one of our last events- a coffee morning/ jumble sale/ get-together. Most of our members turned up to help - at a guess about fifteen. Much to our surprise a couple who no-one had ever seen before stayed on at the end, listening to the live music and obviously interested in what was going on.

"Hold on," we thought, "who nobody's seen before? In Kelso?" Well, that is what it is like to run a rural peace group. And as you may have guessed by now, one of this same unknown couple was from Nottingham CND Bulletin.

Kelso is a small farming town, in an area about as close to medieval feudal society as you will find anywhere in Britain, with a higher than average proportion of Lords, Earls, Dukes and big estates. It is fair to say that most of the people involved in the Peace Group are not born and bred Borderers and this probably affects the sort of activities we undertake - mostly attempts to examine issues which will interest and involve people around us, and get us accepted as part of the local "scene". Our most successful publicity has probably come more from our occasional market stall than any marches and demos.

Although we sometimes wish quite fervently for a few new faces, being a small, stable group has its advantages. Most active members are prepared to shoulder a share of responsibility, taking turns to chair and arrange meetings and organise activities. This helps to make everyone feel involved - or that's the idea, although we also have lots of more passive members who are very helpful in other ways.

Perhaps what we have learned above all is that our intentions are often the same, although they appear under different banners. The same faces have joined CND, Freeze, and the Green Party as each rose and fell locally, but in the end we have just stuck at the "Peace Group". This encompasses most areas, and we welcome anyone with broadly similar aims to join in and share information on any specialist groups. It has worked so far as our mailing list is on the increase (last count seventy-five+). We just hope it will keep growing.

Jos Razzell

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Bed and Breakfast - In Scotland

SCENIC BUT CENTRAL. Member offers twin room with sittingroom in self-contained unit in 18th century house in Perthshire village near Crieff, home eggs, bread, garden produce. Charge £10 person per night. Vegetarian evening meal £2.25 by arrangement. No phone, please write Irene Tait, 17 Drummond Street, Muthill, Crieff, Perthshire, PH5 2AN.

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3rd. £5	Rob Holland

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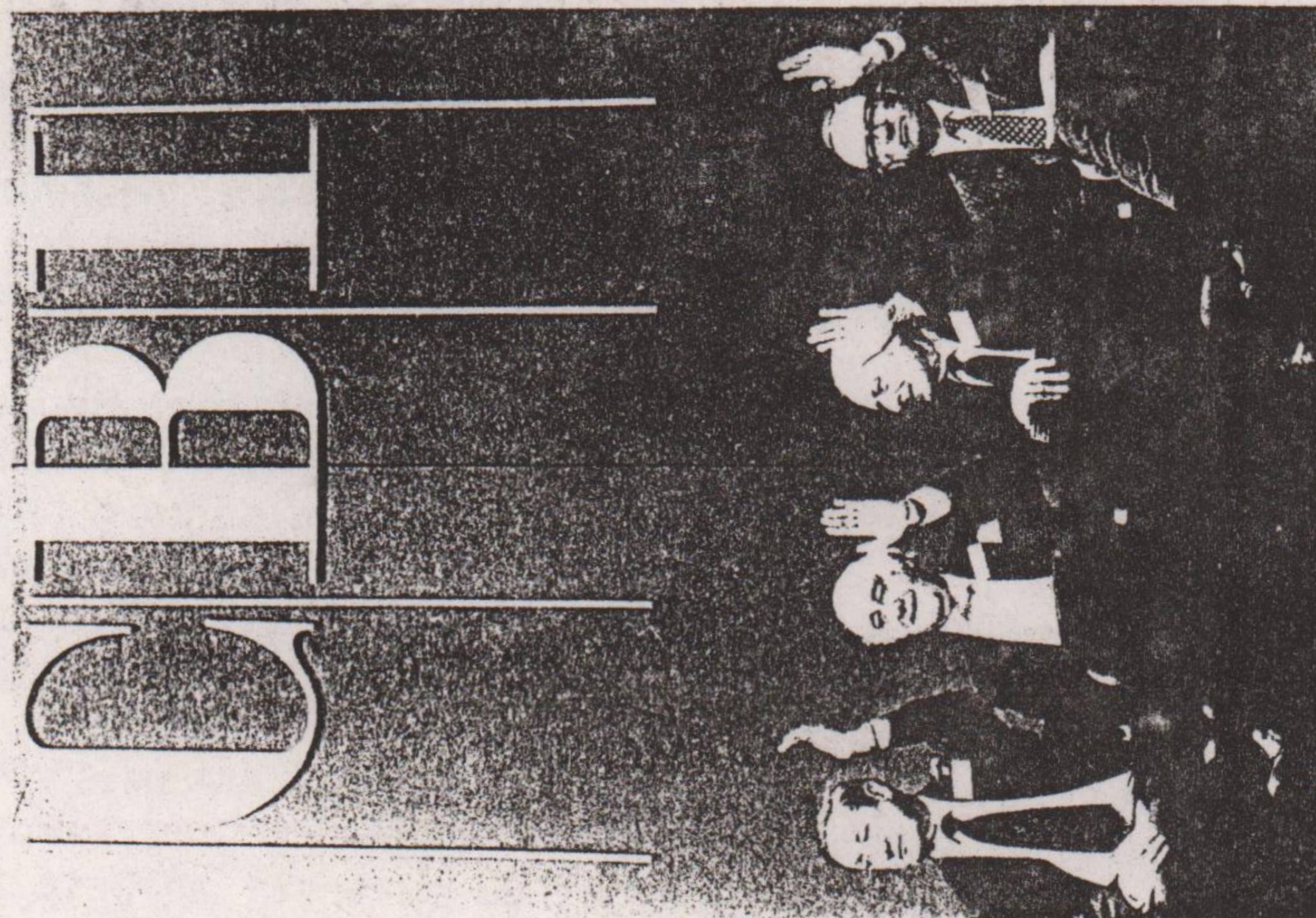
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CAPTION COMPETITION



We had a variety of entries this month (8), some of which, though unsuccessful, are printed below. After lengthy discussion, we decided that a Jago had won **YET AGAIN!** with:

"I thought, perhaps, Frankincense?"

This time the Jago was of the Jean variety. Closest rivals and displaying a total lack of bias in the process were Ross Bradshaw and Geoff Young with:

"I bet if we sit under this sign some peacenik will come along, photograph us and use the picture in a caption competition."

It was close, but not that close.

All the way from Hickling, Bill Haines made a valiant effort with:

"I don't suppose there'll be any room at the Inn for US!"

Thanks for your entries everyone, here's this month's picture: