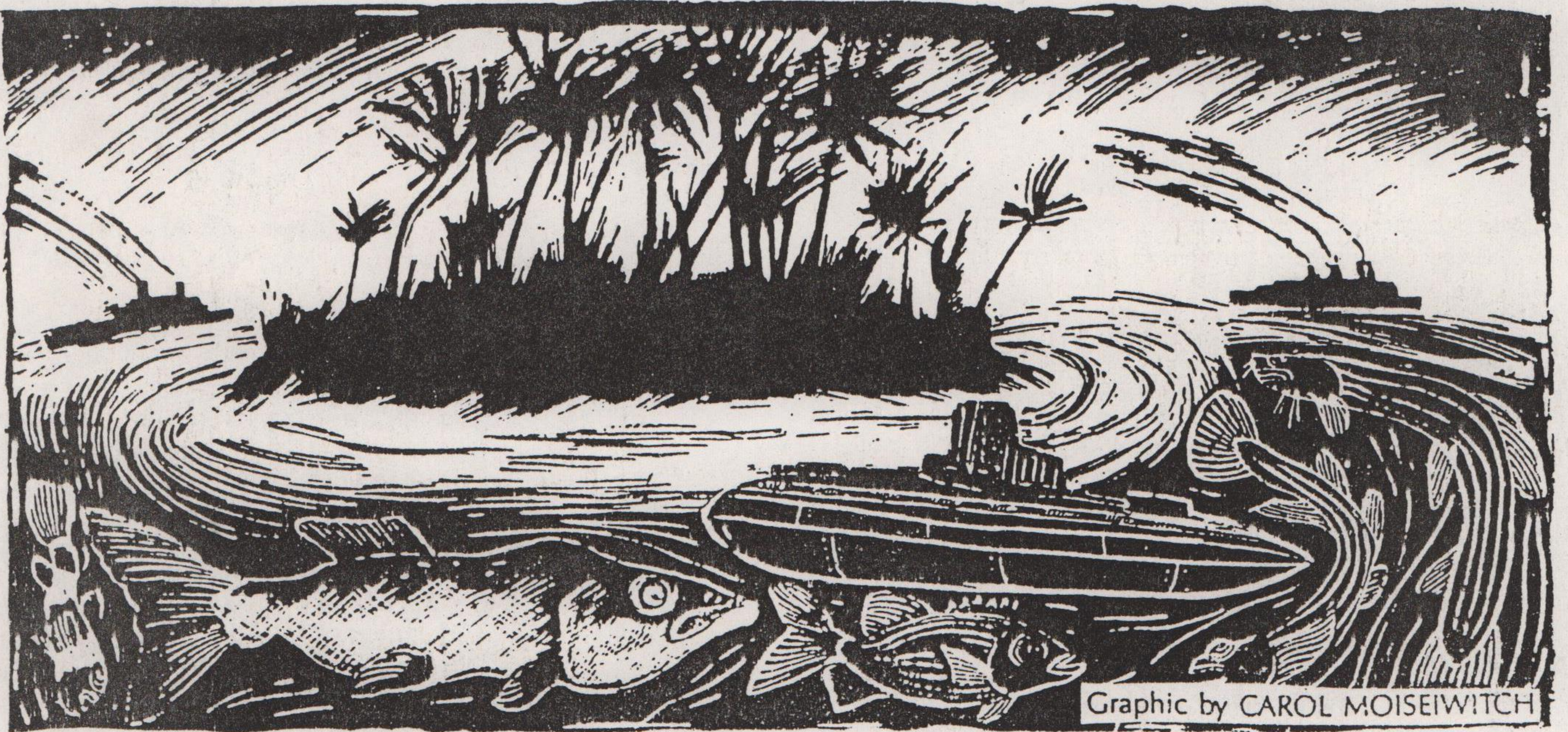


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**Video on Pacific issues
NIGHTMARE
IN PARADISE**



**Wednesday April 12, 7.30 WEA
NCND Policy Making Meeting**



DIARY
APRIL

- Sun 2nd. NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION, LONDON
Coach leaves Salutation Inn, Maid Marian Way 8.30 am, return 7.30pm
- Mon 3rd. NCND Officers' meeting. NCND office, 33 Castlegate. 7.00pm
- Tue 4th. Bulletin editorial meeting. 20 Waldeck Road, Sherwood. 8.00pm
- Wed 12th. Policy making meeting. W.E.A., Shakespeare St. 7.30pm
Video and refreshments.
- Tue 18th. Bulletin editorial meeting. 20 Waldeck Road, Sherwood. 8.00pm
- Fri 21st. 'Break the nuclear chain' demonstration.
- Sat 22nd. BNFL CAPENHURST. NVDA, vigils.
Contact Capenhurst watch, Merseyside CND, 24 Hardman St., Liverpool. L1 9AX
- Sat 22nd. WOLLATON GRAND JUMBLE SALE
Sheila Russell Centre, St. Martins Road Off Strelley Road, Bilborough. 2-3.30 pm
- Tue 25th. Peace Festival Meeting. NCND office, 33 Castlegate. 7.30pm

MAY

- Sat 13th. Peace Pentecost, Lincoln. (see inside for details)
- 26th -
- June 4th. Disarm the Seas week.

JUNE

- 16th, 17th & 18th GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL, Worthy Farm, Pilton, Somerset. Tickets from Selectadisc, Nottingham

JULY

- Sun 9th NCND Ninth PEACE FESTIVAL



POLICY MAKING MEETING.

WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.
W.E.A., SHAKESPEARE STREET.

The policy making meeting on the 12th April is the forum for members of Nottingham CND to discuss three proposals which have been put forward. Two of these proposals were fully outlined in the March issue of the Bulletin and the third one is carried over from the October Annual General Meeting.

The officers have also arranged for a short video, "Paradise in Pain" which deals with the nuclear issues in the Pacific, so it should be an interesting and thought-provoking evening which we hope members will attend.

AGENDA

"Paradise in Pain" - video from women working for a nuclear-free and independent Pacific Network.

Refreshments.

Discussion of Proposals.

1. That Nottingham CND employ a part-time person to work at the CND Office at Castlegate.
Proposed by Kate Marsden.
2. If the Labour Party is to re-think its attitude to unilateral Nuclear Disarmament, should we be discussing this issue with local branches of the Labour Party and formulating a simple but effective alternative message against the deployment of weapons in this country.
Proposed by Sue Fox.
3. In order to provide continuity within the governing body, we propose that officers be elected for two-year terms of office, with half of the places on the governing body becoming vacant and up for election each year.
Proposed by Forest Fields Peace Group.

Questions to NCND Officers and Executive.

200 Club prize draw.

Any other business.

Announcements.

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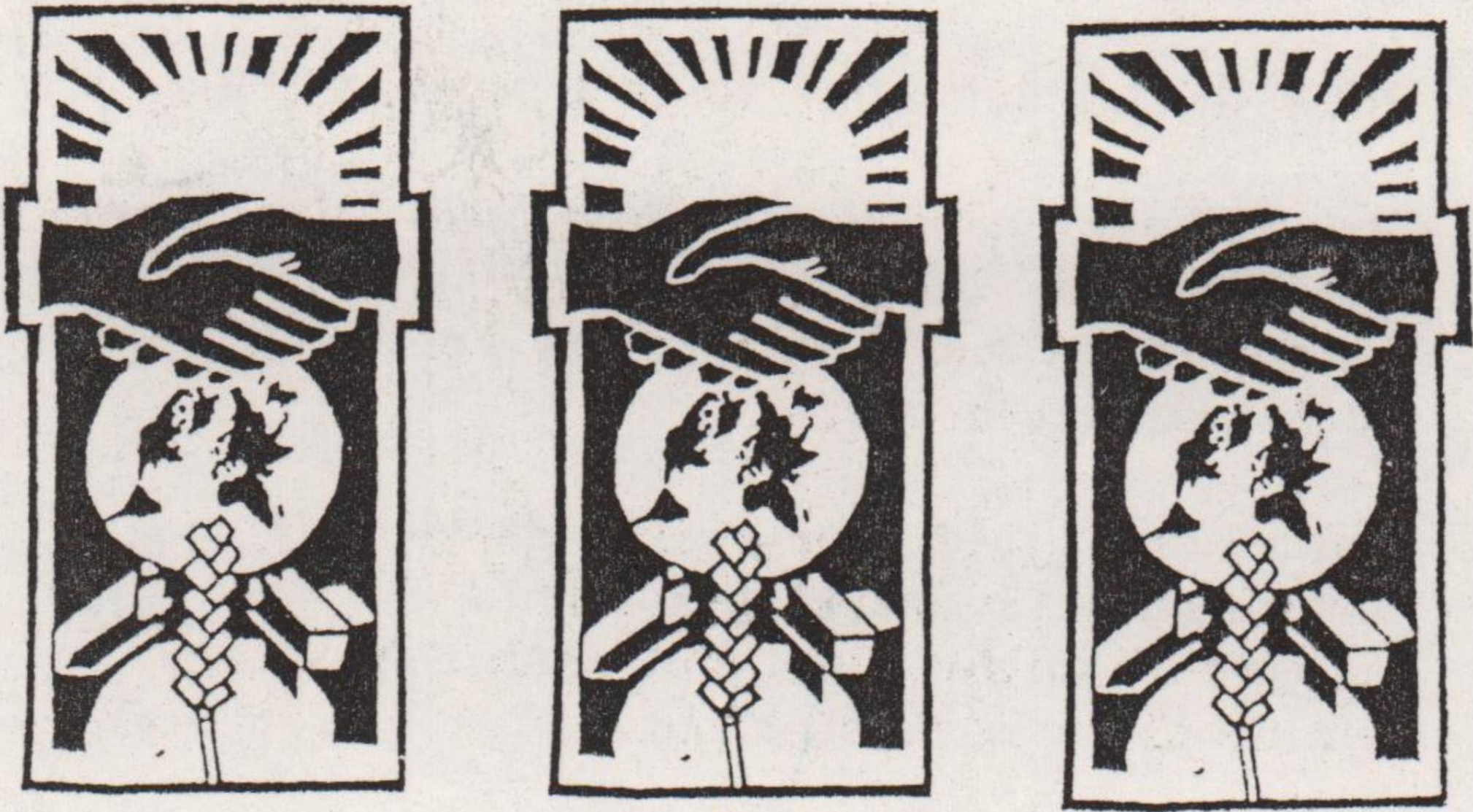
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CENTRAL AMERICA WEEK 89



During a recent meeting of the END Liaison Committee to prepare the END Convention which takes place in Vitoria, Spain this July, members of the Liaison Committee from Britain, France, Germany, Greece and Italy agreed an Appeal for the forthcoming European Elections.

Ken Fleet, Secretary of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, a local CND member, took part in the drafting of the Appeal, printed below.

EUROPEAN PEACE MOVEMENTS APPEAL FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Elections to the European Parliament are taking place at a time of dramatic challenges to the post-war shape of Europe. Following an enormous pressure from the peace movements, the INF Treaty to dismantle Euromissiles has opened a new phase. Radical new thinking in the Soviet Union and in other countries in Eastern Europe and mounting strains within the Atlantic Alliance open up new opportunities but also new dangers.

There are contradictory developments in Western Europe: on the one hand there are increasing links with Eastern Europe - as demonstrated by the recent agreement between the EEC and Comecon - but on the other hand there is a fear that the relationship with the United States is becoming weaker. Powerful voices in Western Europe are calling for new measures of NATO rearmament or for stronger military and nuclear cooperation in Western Europe.

At present there is little democratic control over these developments. As peace movements in Western Europe, we believe that it is possible to begin building a different Europe.

The single market in the European Community in 1992 will have major effects on transatlantic relations, on relations with neutral countries in Europe, on East/West relations and on relations between the North and the South.

A EUROPE OF PEACE.

We call for a Europe of peace, able to contribute to the process of the reduction of armaments and military expenditure, able to establish the idea that security is based on disarmament, mutual confidence and detente; and able to create the conditions to overcome military blocks. The INF Treaty should be the beginning of a process of demilitarisation between East and West, including further zero options in nuclear, chemical and conventional weapons and leading to a Nuclear Free Zone in Europe; changes from offensive to defen-

sive strategies, reduction in military budgets and a process of withdrawal of foreign bases and troops.

We oppose all so-called modernisation and the manufacture and deployment of new short-range weapons.

We oppose all attempts to use European Community structures to enhance the militarisation of Europe, whether this is proposed in the name of a "stronger European pillar" within NATO or the development of an independent military capability in Western Europe. We call for EEC programmes of conversion from military to civilian production and the progressive demilitarisation of the European economy.

A EUROPE OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION.

Increased contacts between Western Europe and the Soviet Union, Comecon and individual Eastern European countries - at all levels - can play a major role in breaking down the military confrontation on our continent. This includes freedom of travel for all citizens of Europe, and increased cultural, educational, sporting and informal links and a policy in favour of the full application of the Helsinki Accords.

Growing economic relations between East and West must be conducted in a non-exploitative manner. Any tendency to use the financial strength of the European Community of "1992" to impose unjust economic and social policies on Eastern Europe will undermine the positive impact of closer co-operation.

A EUROPE THAT TACKLES GLOBAL PROBLEMS.

We call for a Europe that is able to confront the global challenges of development and environment facing humanity. The single market of "1992" must not reinforce unequal relations between North and South; rather the EEC should work with the South to build a new system of relations, based on cooperation and not exploitation.

European Political Cooperation must not be used for intervention overseas. Neither should the military confrontation in Europe be exported to other continents. Rather the EEC should use its influence to enhance the peacemaking role of the UN. Arms Sales outside the Community must be regulated, reduced and abolished in line with this policy of non-intervention. We look to a Europe that encourages the joint pursuit of non-nuclear, safe and renewable energy sources.

A DEMOCRATIC AND NON-VIOLENT EUROPE.

We call for a democratic Europe where citizens can make themselves heard and exercise real control over these developments. The people of Europe need to know what is being done in their name.

We want a non-violent Europe, where women and men of different races, colours, cultures and religions can live in freedom and equality.

We call for all Parties and Candidates in the European Elections to join us in this task and invite citizens and electors in the EEC to work for this new Europe.

EDITORIAL

Exchange: Desirable country residence, 4 bedrooms, for inner city bedsit, anywhere (except Dounreay). Please ring: Sellafield 3425.

It looks like the only place Nirex can dump their nuclear waste is somewhere that's already so contaminated that it won't show. So choose a place where the population won't complain because their jobs and businesses depend on the nuclear industry, or have been complaining for years and left the area and there shouldn't be the fuss that was kicked up at the previously chosen sites. If they're going to make a mess they might as well do the job properly ...

But discussing the Nirex "investigation" of Sellafield and Dounreay at the editorial meeting, we wondered what it must be like to be living near to a proposed site - to know that you may end up right next to a nuclear waste dump that people elsewhere in the country have violently opposed and successfully fought long and hard not to have "in their backyard" - even if the people of Sellafield and Dounreay have got used to having a nuclear power station on their doorsteps.

Doesn't it make you want to trip off to the Lake District and take in the country air.

The meeting also coincided with the anniversary of the death of Hilda Murrell, who died in such mysterious circumstances while investigating on behalf of anti-nuclear power campaigners during the Sizewell B inquiry. She knew and most sane people now agree that nuclear power is not the answer to the world's energy problems and pretending the waste isn't there any more by hiding it under the ground isn't the answer either.

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POEM

ROCK OF AGES. - by Dave Bishop (1988)

They're making rock at Sellafield,
The Telegraph informs.
I hope it's nice, won't rot my teeth,
My image must conform.

Don't worry, lad, our rock's quite safe,
Our scientists are always right.
Your teeth might glow, but what the hell,
Our dentists work at night.

Atoms are right friendly, duck,
They wouldn't hurt a fly.
We're flogging Strontium 90 toothpaste soon,
It'll last thee till thee die.

You what? You say you've got leukemia, lad.
Well, don't blame bleeding us,
Sellafield's a lot of fun.
Don't create a fuss!

Life is such a gamble, lad, and we decide the
stakes,
Yougorritfrom wearing' badge that knocks our
nuclear state.
Growing roses can be risky too, can give a fatal
dose.
It must have been a crown of thorns got wrapped
round Hilda's throat.

Eeh, don't worry, lad, we've got a master plan,
Your teeth won't decay for one million years.
You're just our bloody man.
You can be our logo, we'll make you one of us,
A gleaming, lying, grinning skull, driving
Sellacoffin bus.

"Rock of Ages", a poem extracted from Dave's book,
"Wizard Poetry", published by himself and
available from the Rainbow Centre, Mansfield Road,
Nottingham and at the ludicrously low price of
50p.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS



Please can any other groups who meet regularly
send in details to the Bulletin team.

FOREST FIELDS: Every third Thursday, 7.30pm.
Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre, Wiverton Rd.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT: Every 2nd Monday, 7.45pm.
R-on-T Library, New Road, Radcliffe.

SHERWOOD & MAPPERLEY PARK: Variable date and
venue.

WOLLATON: Every 3rd Monday, 8.00pm. Wollaton
Library, Bramcote Lane, Wollaton.

WEST BRIDGFORD: "At Home" Last Saturday in the
month. NCND office, 33 Castlegate, Nottm. 10.30-
14.30. Bulletin collation & stall.

WHY DID I GET INVOLVED IN THE

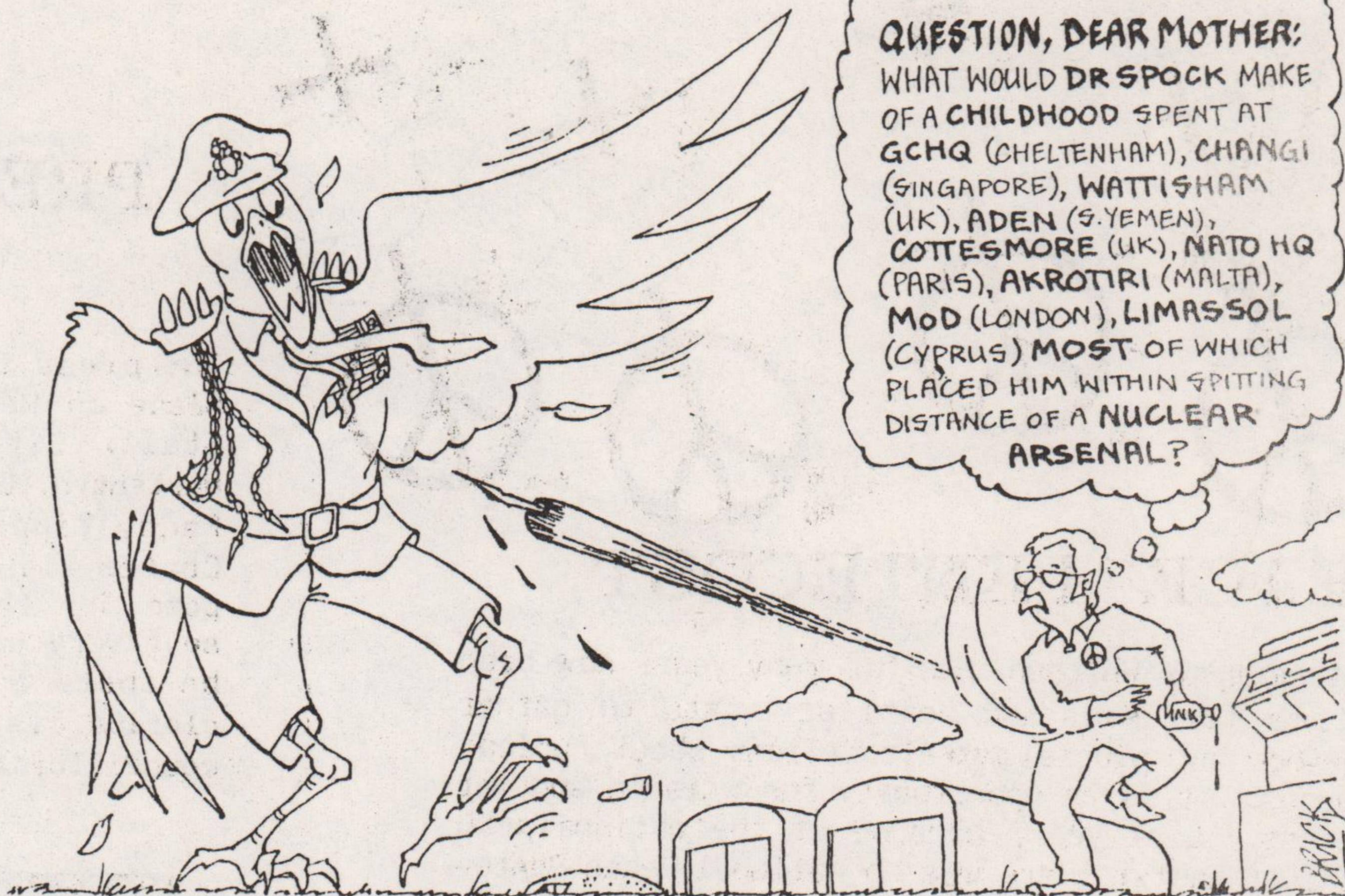
PEACE MOVEMENT?

Good question! Why does anybody get involved in the Peace Movement!!? Horror, outrage, common sense, destiny or just a gradual process that began the day I couldn't find my school copy of the Communist Manifesto to revise for GCE "O" Levels. You see, Mother had burnt it, explaining that father's job would be on the line if it was found in the house...

Pappa was a rolling stone in the RAF. A couple of months here, three years there, mostly in "Trouble Zones". Suez, Singapore during the nationalist uprising (where we were regularly strafed en route to school), Aden (where I first experienced bomb blasts), Mintoff's Malta, Cyprus during EOKA and France in the OAS crises. I never understood what he did in the RAF, but I was born in Berne, Suisse, while he was at "the Embassy", and left home during his time at Supreme Headquarters, NATO, in Paris, and he definitely didn't fly planes!

All my life I had been surrounded by military hardware and questions of security. It was definitely a man's life, so it seemed natural to try and join Pater's firm. I knew little else. At the Officer Selection Centre (Biggin Hill), a Squadron Leader asked how I would feel if I awoke tomorrow to find war had rapidly escalated into nuclear conflict. I flippantly replied that I'd lay him 100-1 on that it'd be greasy bacon and beans tomorrow as per usual. I was sent home early...

I suppose it was Cyprus that changed me from an irresponsible youth to a questioning one. You have to understand that the military overseas lead a totally insular life and after a tour of duty rarely know more about the country than a package tourist. All my mates were Greek or Turkish Cypriots (whom I wasn't allowed to bring home) and from them I heard a totally different story to that read by the Brits and UN Peace-Keeping Force.



Even now I think it was the implicit racism of militarists that stuns me. Having lived in so many countries, rich in cultural and social traditions, I'm amazed my folks still believe the Brits are a superior species with a duty to civilise and police the world. More so, since Mother is Austrian who fled the Nazis for much the same reasoning.

Then there was the day the Angry Brigade were sentenced. I was a student by then and heavily involved in the Claimants' Union, with a reputation for heated arguments with Pop's superiors at NAAFI social gatherings. After the news, he lectured me on "reds" and I was dumbfounded by the man's intimate knowledge of the different groups and factions. He didn't learn about the regional structure of the IMG from the Daily Express, so where did he get his info.?

Once you start to question, there's no stopping, but it becomes increasingly difficult to understand the "hawks" and their belief in an impending Red Dawn. Like the paranoid schizophrenic, they operate on shifting sand and it takes more than logic and feeling to get an insight.

Meantime, it was a preview of The War Game that first sent shivers down my spine regarding nuclear weapons. I was an extra in the Rochester fire-storm scenes, saw myself (unrecognisable) and had a week of sleepless nights being consoled by my mother. When the Beeb banned it, I resolved to do my bit. Years later, after I'd sent a copy of the anti-nuclear cartoon book Beyond a Joke to my parents, I received a curt reply on a postcard of a Lancaster bomber. It read: "Your drawing's improved. Why don't you do a nice book about cats?"

What began as a slow revulsion at my parent's ignorance has become a mission and I am eternally grateful that I have been given license to practice as a Court Jester. Cartoonists don't change the world, but by reflecting back the cynicism that Janet and John Public already feel, we give strength to the doubts that fuel world movements. Maybe this is why, in Thatcher's Britain, even a modest Fool like BRICK is a target for censorship....



PEACE PENTECOST

Pentecost, or Whitsun, has for many years now been a time for Christian peace activists to gather together and proclaim their beliefs about nuclear weapons. It is an opportunity for worship and for witness. Last year, because of the national CND event at Easter there was no national Peace Pentecost. It was clearly missed and so the Peace Pentecost event this year has a real priority in our plans.

Christian CND feels that following on from the INF agreement and the changes in the super-power relationship, it is more important than ever to focus on British nuclear weapons, to demand that the British government takes disarmament seriously. On May 13th we will be going to a part of the country which is dotted with British bases but has seen few national peace demonstrations in recent years - Lincolnshire.

Peace Pentecost 1989 will start in the city of Lincoln, with (we hope) a service in Lincoln Cathedral. The Cathedral is very appropriate for the start of the celebration, as it holds the remains of St. Hugh of Lincoln, a medieval bishop who is seen as the patron saint of the peace tax campaign. St. Hugh refused to pay taxes for the Crusades and was seen as a protector of the poor and minorities.

From Lincoln Cathedral there will be a five mile walk to RAF Waddington, a British nuclear base. For those who are unable to walk, a shuttle service will be available. At Waddington there will be a Peace Picnic and festival and the fence will be decorated.

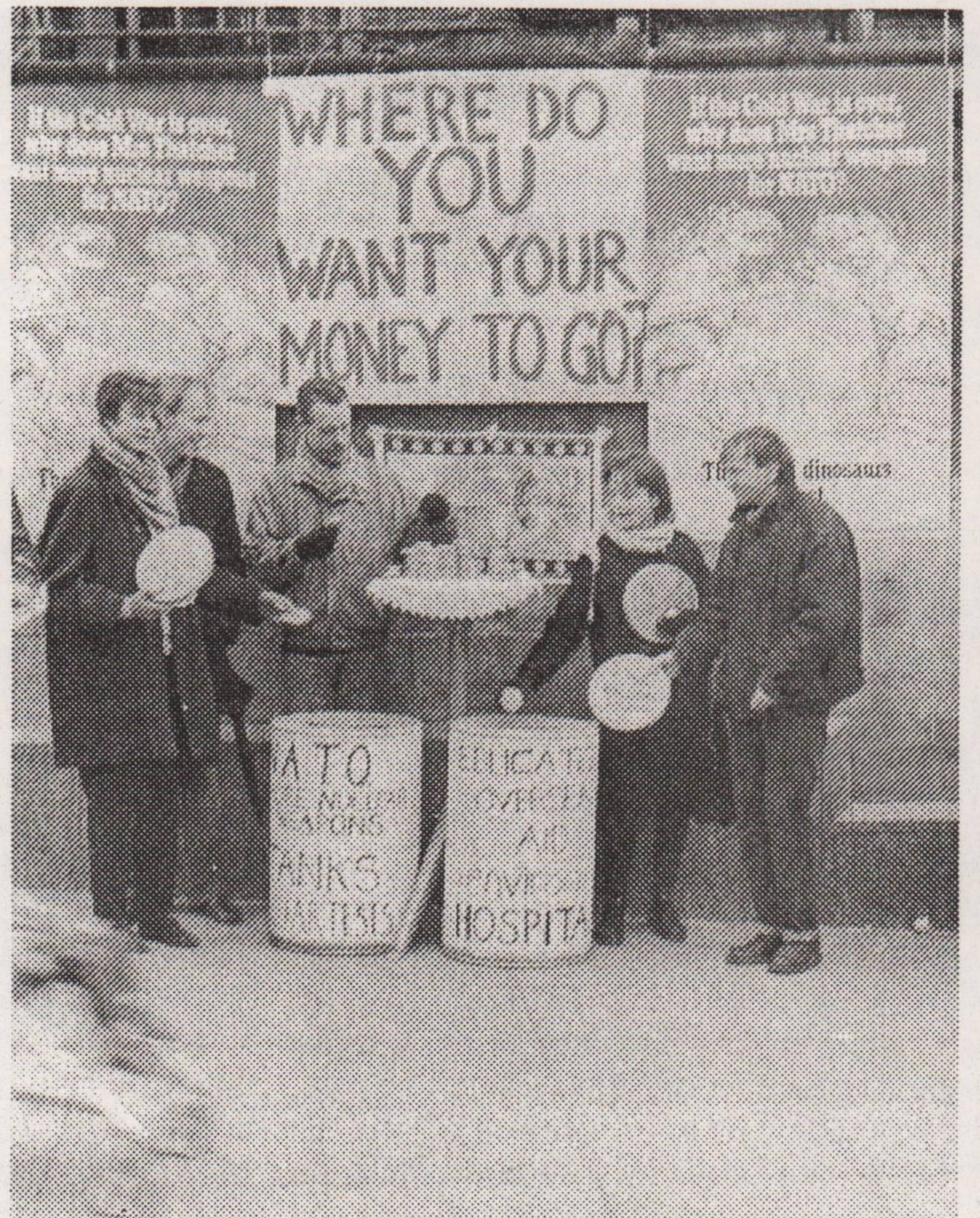
At present we cannot give precise assembly times - please contact the Christian CND Office for leaflets or further details. The April issue of the Christian CND newsletter PLOUGHSHARE will carry up to date information, maps, etc. By subscribing to Ploughshare (£4 waged, £2 unwaged) you can get details of events, publications and news of church related issues.

Be there in spirit... If you are unable to attend the Peace Pentecost demonstration, you can still support it. At Waddington we will tie to the fence strips of flame coloured ribbon or material with peace messages on them (flames are one of the symbols of Pentecost). Send your "Flames" to Christian CND, with a donation to help us cover the costs of the demonstration.

Christian CND's address is: 22/24 Underwood Street, London. N1 7JG (01-250-4010).

PRESS LAUNCH

The press launch of CND's Spring Campaign took place on Wednesday March 15th at the Listergate Stall. City councillors John Peck and John Hartshorn, County councillors Alan Simpson and Paddy Tipping and Labour's Euro-candidate Ken Coates all turned out to support the event and pose for the cameras. Several local; "notables" sent very supportive messages but were unable to be there in person and among these were local clerics, Labour MP Graham Allen and some other councillors.



The press launch consisted of a dry-run of our re-allocation-of-resources event that was due to take place with the involvement of the general public on the following Saturday. Our five notables obliged by depositing their billions in the box marked EDUCATION HEALTH CARE AND AID FOR THE THIRD WORLD.

The local media picked up the story and the Evening Post covered it with a reasonably lengthy article and Radio Trent conducted two interviews.

Note:

On the Saturday the addition of piles of amazingly life-like (from a distance) gold coins provided people with the opportunity to choose to spend money on health care and aid or nuclear weaponry. A rough count at the end of the day showed 55 coins in the former and three in the latter, plus one real one pound coin, which NCND organisers interpreted as a bad shot and redirected into NCND funds.

LETTERS

EVOLUTION

The Age of Dinosaurs has passed, say the posters. Ron Todd pointed out that the dinosaur age lasted longer than humanity has so far. "Dinosaur" is permanently established as media language for "huge, clumsy, outdated". An MP recently called some proposal "a dinosaur well past its sell-by date". A "Newsnight" reporter called unilateralism, for some reason, an albatross. Last month, in our very own Bulletin, Molesworth was a white elephant of nightmarish proportions. Amid a confusion of hawks, doves, bears and the odd mole, disarmament progresses at a snail's pace as ministers behave like mules - three election disappointments have tortoise there are no easy victories.

Suddenly Neil, the alternative chameleon, cracks an off-colour joke about something for something or other. Sick as a parrot, the peace movement does the same as anybody when all else fails - it attacks the Labour Party. NCND Bulletin springs into vicious snarling action, furiously declaring open season on Kinnock in the dreaded caption competition, and elsewhere referring mockingly to "something for something-ism". CND has said "Unilateralism and multilateralism are compatible" until it was hoarse, but when Neil rats on his unilateralist promises, we're foxed. It would seem the lemmings are in the ascendancy. We're unable to distinguish different species of multilateralism, preferring to class them all with the stuffed variety as mouthed by Thatcher (the genteel "after you" school of bomb disposal - an excuse to do nothing). Labour Party unilateralism is itself a snake in the grass - sometimes hard to find. Repeatedly re-affirmed at conference, its survival hinges on the votes of the T & GWU, whose President, Ron Todd, is now said to favour multilateral deals after his Moscow delegation trip. This proves that a leopard ...

Back in the peace movement, the likely unilateral abandonment of unilateralism is seen by many as a betrayal. Unilateralism has always had a heroic quality whereas the alternative smacks of squalid deal-making at best, indefinite delaying tactics at worst. All the same, it is likely that serious multilateralism and unilateralism would have identical practical results in terms of warheads scrapped. Even prominent nuclear desarmers acknowledge this in their criticisms, which don't concentrate on the effectiveness or otherwise of multilateralism, but question instead the likelihood of its starting in the first place. This fear, too, is receding in the light of recent Soviet statements.

The real objections to multilateralism are ideological. The biggest one is: since it's wrong to make or use nuclear weapons, it's also wrong to them as "bargaining chips" since to do this is to affirm their "deterrent" value. In other words, even disarmament can be wrong if it's done in a morally bankrupt manner. To refer to "something for something" implies scrapping our nukes is some sort of sacrifice. For some, there is also a secret political worry ... if multilateral deals did achieve genuine nuclear disarmament, they would be seen to have leap-frogged the peace movement, which is identified with an exclusively unilateral stance.

I believe it's wrong to claim that "our way is the only way" and wrong to imply that by endorsing multilateralism, Neil Kinnock is in any way endorsing nuclear weaponry. His move is not ideological but practical, based on detailed discussions with Soviet advisers. It's too easy to draw false conclusions from the policy shift. After the last election, some Labour doorstep canvassers recalled being told unilateralism was the main reason for not voting Labour. It is actually the main EXCUSE for not voting Labour. The real reasons lie elsewhere, personal reasons (such as class hang-ups) which Tory floaters prefer not to think about, and which they are now forced to confront.

Joan Ruddock MP recently introduced the idea of "reciprocal unilateralism". Perhaps multilateralism and unilateralism might meet each other in the middle. Then everybody could be happy.

Pigs might fly.

JEREMY JAGO.



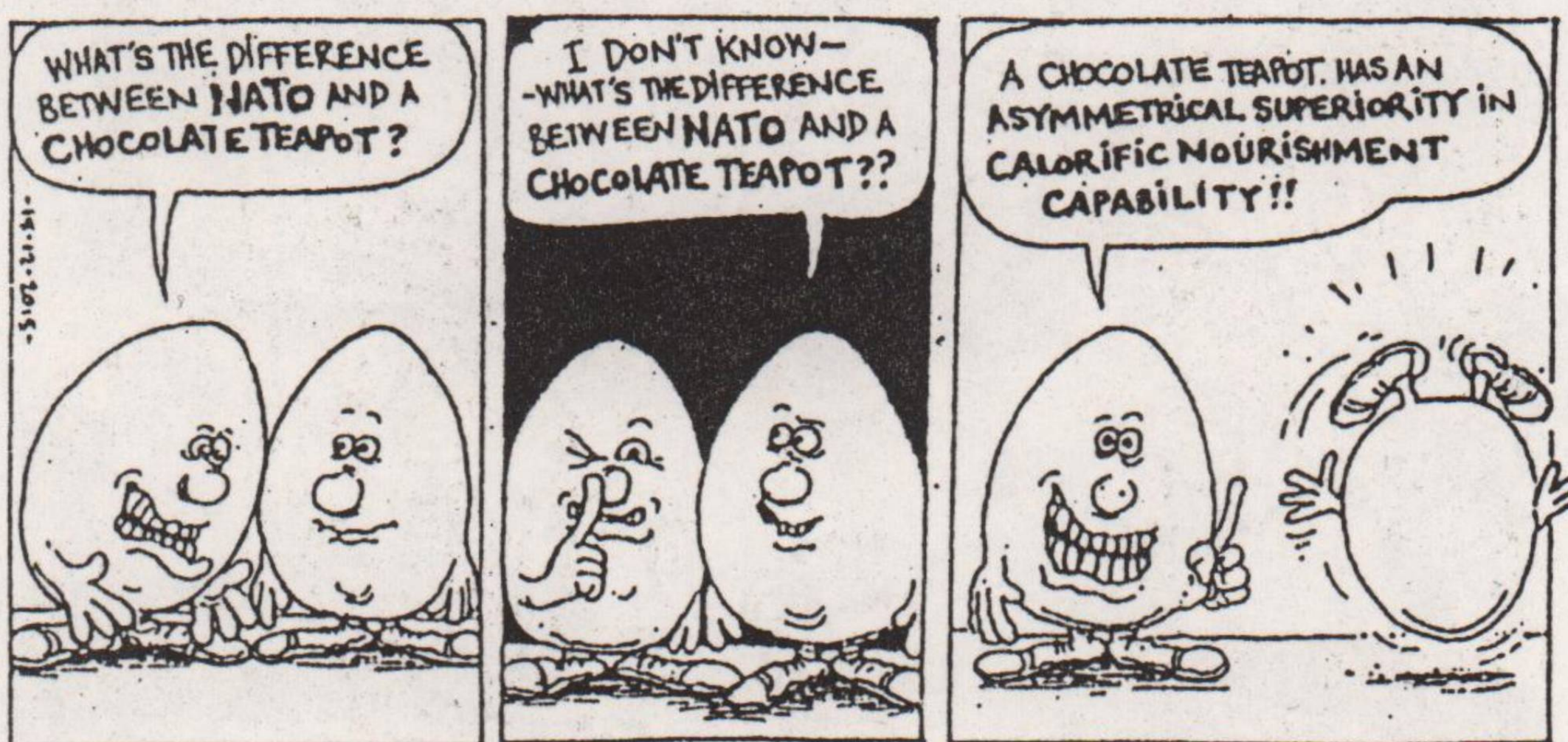
"BRITAIN, EUROPE AND THE U.S.....
WHAT FUTURE FOR NATO?"

In February, James Hinton of National CND and author of "Protests and Visions" came to discuss the strategy of the Spring Campaign and its background of the changing relationships between Britain, Europe and the U.S.A. This article is my interpretation of what James said.

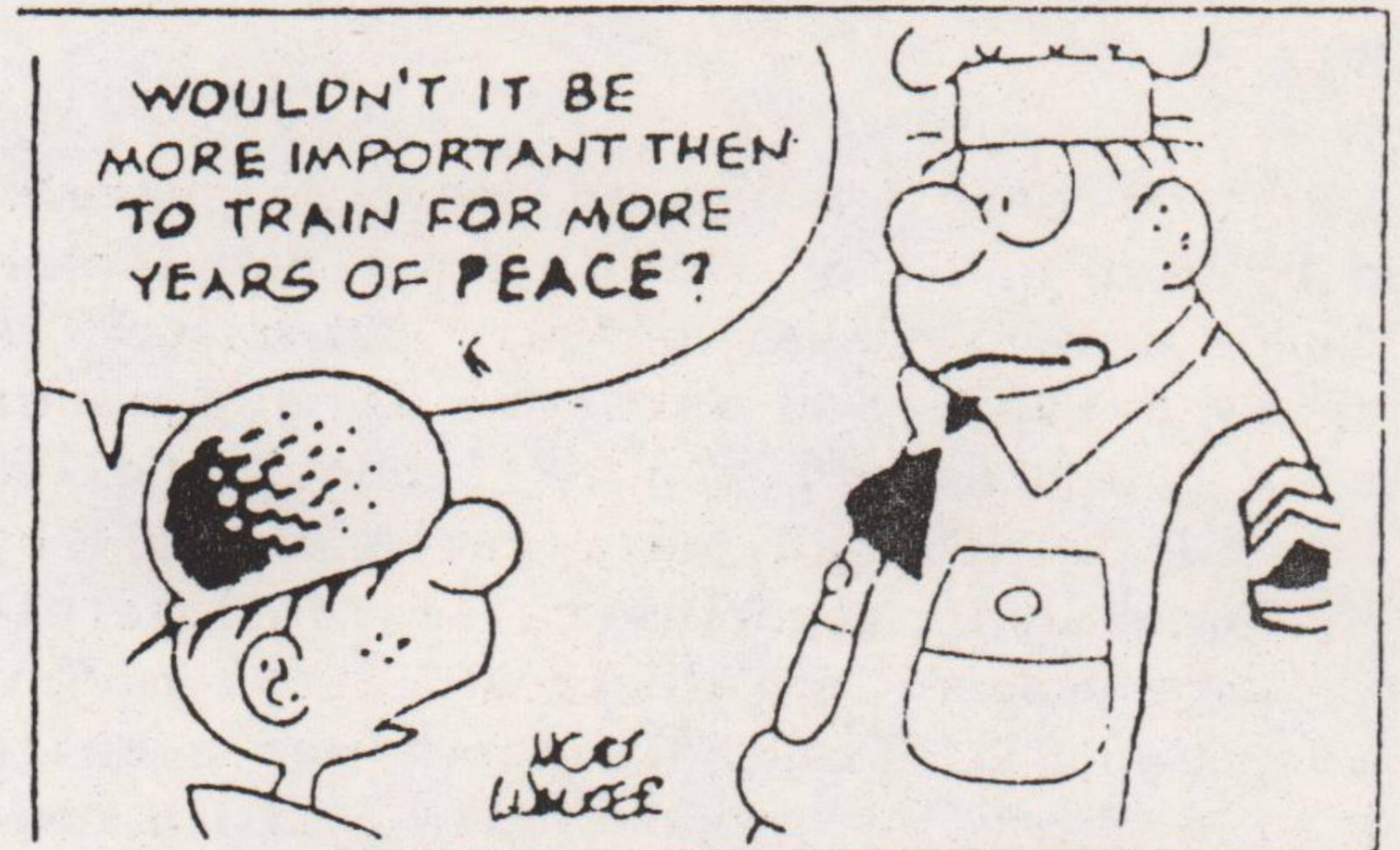
The nature of NATO and its role in the world has been changing dramatically over recent years and will continue to do so while economic forces dominate the relationships between countries. Nuclear disarmers are faced with a challenge to rethink their analysis of Britain's position vis-a-vis NATO in line with these developments, paying particular attention to the emergence of a new Europe.

"Britain Out of NATO" is a slogan under which many of us have campaigned for many years. But it is no longer a realistic objective. It is impossible to imagine that in a world where multi-national corporations and economic trading determine the power relations between countries, if one country was to decide not to take part in a particular activity that the other countries did not agree to, those remaining countries will use their economic power to retaliate. Thus Britain would not be allowed to withdraw from the military alliance without suffering severe economic sanctions. The only way Britain can get out of NATO is if the alliance is already crumbling, when British withdrawal would help the break-up.

We are facing a future where there is no one dominant economic power but an establishment of three trading blocks. European countries are forming one block as they advance towards 1992, the United States look likely to form a separate block as competition increases between itself and Europe. The third trading block would be the combined economic power of the Eastern countries.



The creation of a single European power block will inevitably bring demands for a unified defence procurement programme to defend itself. Military leaders are beginning to acknowledge the cold war is over in that the Soviet Union no longer poses a threat to the Western world in terms of a massive nuclear attack, so they will need new excuses to ensure that money is forthcoming. Threats to European security may be said to come from small but provocative southern countries like Libya and Iran, thus a "good" reason to maintain a strong defence force. Another reason could be to ensure there is someone to "keep the peace" between Soviet satellite countries where the Soviet Union no longer has control, i.e. Rumania and Hungary.



Thus we have a developing picture of economic trade leading towards the establishment of a 3 major power structure where Europe is pursuing its own defence policy. Alongside this rather gloomy prospect is a more hopeful scenario...

One positive issue is the question of the democracy and the accountability of this new European centre of power. We are already seeing an emergence of nationalism in Scotland and Wales where, frustrated by lack of progress in Britain, they are starting to demand a separate identity to be recognised as individual countries within Europe.

Britain is already out of step with the rest of Europe, not least by Mrs. Thatcher's clinging to the legacy of the empire by hanging on to the power that comes when a country has its own nuclear weapon systems and her insisting on a policy of modernisation. The people of Germany have refused to allow their right wing government to pursue its warmongering policies. Britain's economic and social structure is reaching crisis point: without the support of the U.S., the country will be forced to reassess the rationale behind pouring scarce resources into military spending.

Another positive step is watching Mrs. Thatcher turning Green; at last (for whatever motive) recognising the value of maintaining the environment. Britain is again way behind its European partners, but together we might begin to see the tide turn towards a cleaner, more healthy Europe.

Britain is destined to lose its foothold as a major economic and military powerbase in the world: we could be looking forward to the launch of Britain into a green Europe, united by common security and a programme of demilitarisation. Let us join with our comrades in European peace movements to make our voices heard.

BARBARA COULSON.

THE WORKINGS OF THE NCND BULLETIN

When I first became involved with the Bulletin I had no experience of printing or layout and felt that I would never be able to understand or actually use the process myself. I had just assumed, when I saw other people doing it, that it was a skill that I wasn't going to achieve. It is one of those things that looks a complete mystery until you actually have a go. I suddenly realised when I did that it was possible for me to conceive an idea, bring together words and images and create my own leaflet or bulletin page which could then be printed - page upon page of it!

It is an exciting process and also one which is not just restricted to being used within CND. I have since been able to produce an introductory leaflet, for patients on the ward I work on, very cheaply.

Being involved with the Bulletin offers other opportunities for learning skills and need only take up a morning, afternoon or evening once a month.

The first stage is the editorial meeting, when it is decided WHAT should go into the Bulletin and WHO we can possibly call upon to write such an article! Trying, at the same time, to involve all sorts of members and non-members to write thought-provoking, informative or humorous articles.

The next process is gathering in articles so that they can be read and edited to bring together our final rough draft of each month's bulletin.

Production then begins. First we use word processors and printers to type out the text in the form we use for layout. So if you've wanted to learn how to use word processing equipment, this is a good opportunity to do so. A creche is provided free of charge for those using the equipment so young children are catered for too!

The text then finds its way up to 118 Workshop on Mansfield Road where we have a 'layout' day. Images, graphics and the text are juggled around to create an eye-catching, readable bulletin which also has to succeed in achieving the magical number of twelve pages each time! Yet another chance to use all those creative skills up your sleeves and one which can be very usefully transferred to other areas of campaigning or work.

Printing also takes place at 118 Workshop. Now all the hard work so far becomes printed pages and suddenly all the mistakes and omissions become glaringly obvious...when it is too late to do anything about it! Geoff having had the experience of watching the front cover of a March Bulletin being printed and halfway through suddenly seeing that it actually said May Bulletin! So mistakes are tolerated..... The offset printer may at first sight appear daunting, but it's surprising how quickly one can get the hang of it, and we will arrange a training session for anybody new to printing.

The pages are now transported to the office at 33 Castlegate, where they are collated into a recognisable bulletin. This brings us to the last stage of the process and the one which enables members to actually read this product - collection and distribution.

So, when the next Bulletin drops through the letter box, I'm sure you'll almost be able to hear the frenzied activity that has gone on to produce it! In fact people will already be whirring into action for next month's issue. Why not come along - to any of these stages - and find out where you could slot in and offer some time and in turn gain some skills and be part of the production of a very important part of Nottingham CND's work. The more people who can be involved, the greater the resource bank for the Bulletin team and the easier life is for everyone!

Cath Wakeman.

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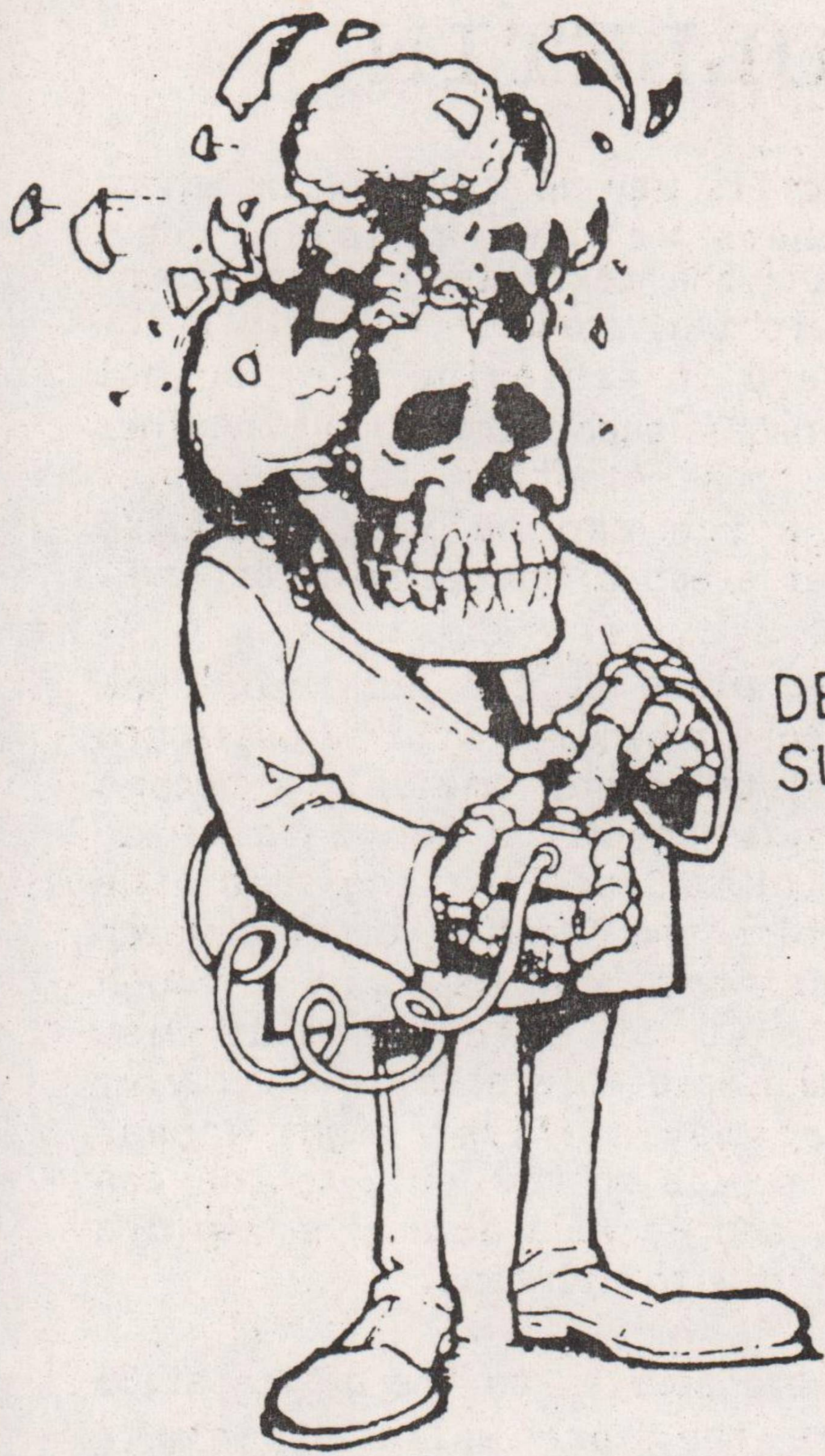
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Martin Willis



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DEMONSTRATING HIS
SUPERIORITY OVER
ANIMALS.



NOTTINGHAM'S NINTH PEACE FESTIVAL

The ninth peace festival is underway. It will be held on the embankment again and there will be stalls, music, childrens area and all the fun of the festival! What the peace festival group needs from NCND members is OFFERS OF HELP PLEASE!! over the weekend of July 8th and 9th. This includes the Friday and the Monday. We need you to lift, hoist, carry, drive, transport and generally relieve the tension on the peace festival group. If you can help us contact Jeremy on 621453.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Val Harris for all her help in Nottingham CND over several years. She is leaving Nottingham and we wish her all the best with her move.

YOUTH CND

Congratulations to Jill Robson and John Cromby who have given Youth CND membership a double boost with the arrival of Naomi and Liam. (As soon as they are crawling, Cath Wakeman is to commandeer them as Beeston Bulletin deliverers!)

APOLOGY

Apologies to Wollaton CND whose advertisement for a Jumble Sale on April 22nd slipped through the Editor's net and didn't make it into the March edition.

"C.N.D.'s campaign against NATO" - Bruce Kent speaks.

In response to the advertisement in last months bulletin four of us went over to Loughborough to hear 'our Bruce' speak, as part of the student CND's Peace Week.

Bruce talked about the changing political scene and how this has effected CND and NATO. Because of the shift in East-West relations there is no longer the sense of crisis that there was in the early eighties when CND saw its membership rocket. We've got a treaty and with Gorbachev in power things are going well. The Soviet Union is no longer the 'decent' enemy that justified to NATO their arms race. Bruce pointed to the principle, that the superpowers have agreed to, of inspection of each others nuclear installations as a particularly significant one. NATO and the Warsaw Pact look more and more redundant as East and West become more and more interlocked and 'independence breaks out over Eastern Europe like measles'

So in some ways things are going well, although it does mean for CND that membership declines because people don't feel the same sense of crisis. He stressed however the important thing is to get our message across; firstly to inform people what NATO is and what it stands for.

-That it is not the National Assosiation of Teachers Organisation!

-That NATO came first, not the Warsaw Pact (in fact the Soviet Union applied to join NATO in the beginning)

-That NATO is a nuclear alliance and still has plans to use nuclear weapons in a conventional war

-That fundamental to NATO is the continued presence of American bases in Britain

We need to wake people up in Britain to the fact that NATO is becoming redundant, that elsewhere in Europe people are starting to refuse modernisation and that we should too.

Bruce then turned his attention to the Labour Party and spent some time berating them for their 'dog's dinner' of a defence policy and the lack of any serious campaign on nuclear disarmament which could have been effective in changing public opinion. What, he asked, is Neil Kinnock going to say when he is asked whether he would press the button. (which would inevitably happen if the party backtracks on unilateral disarmament.) If he says "Yes" then he will be written off as a genocidal maniac, if he says "No" then he will have no credibility at all, and if he says "I don't know" then he will be dismissed as a wimp.

Bruce then reiterated the point that as a campaign we need to put the message across loud and clear that nuclear weapons do absolutely nothing. "What can we actually do with them, if we bombed Russia we'd be gone within an hour". That the military machine has not brought peace and security; there have been over 200 wars since 1945 with 20 million dead casualties. That deterrence has to be unstable; "one can hardly build a stable loving relationship looking down each others shotguns", and lastly that we need to make the connections between poverty and the arms race, particularly with events such as comic relief in peoples consciousness.

Cath Wakeman

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Eric and Louise Jessop who have very kindly provided the NCND Office with a new vacuum cleaner. Anyone who has attempted to clean the carpet before will appreciate how grateful the office volunteers are!

BANNER MAKING

Only a handful of us turned up for the Banner Making Workshop. But rather than be too disheartened by this, we started making the banner for Nottingham C.N.D. Sue had brought along with her various ideas using the very powerful image of beautiful, delicate wild flowers, including the poppy, growing up out of a tangle of cold, sharp, metallic barbed wire.

We decided on the style of lettering and each took various pieces of fabric away to work on. We aim to meet again soon to applique them onto the banner cloth. If you are interested, please telephone Helen 604154.

Thank you to Annette for bringing her plate spinning and keeping the children happy, whilst sharing her experiences of banner making.

HELEN McHUGH.

(See back page for Sue's design)

GRAND JUMBLE SALE

WOLLATON GROUP ARE HAVING A
JUMBLE/NEARLY NEW SALE

AT

SHEILA RUSSELL CENTRE
ST. MARTIN'S ROAD
off STRELLEY ROAD
BILBOROUGH

ON SATURDAY APRIL 22ND
FROM 2.00 PM - 3.30 PM

OFFERS OF JUMBLE, BRIC-A-BRAC
AND HELPERS URGENTLY WANTED
PLEASE RING JEAN 285186
OR MARTHA 283617

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