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NOTTINGHAM CND

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THE OFFICE.

We are now settled into our new environment and wish to thank the staff at 118 Workshop for making us so welcome. Heaven is-arriving at a warm office - we purr before settling down to work.

We had some initial trouble with B.T. and given a different telephone numbre, but we are again on Nottingham 588586 - as at Castle Gate. Some members have complained that we are difficult to find in the 'phone book. We are under Nottingham C.N.D. and in the Yellow Pages under Charities and Voluntary Organisations.

We are at the office on Thursdays. Messages at other times can be left on our new and efficient answer-phone and will be answered on the next Thursday, unless we call in earlier.

To economise on postage we should like to send out membership cards with the bulletins, or other mass mailings, but this may result in a long hiatus between renewing your membership and getting your card, which is your receipt. We hope that you will bear with this, but if you would prefer an earlier receipt please let us know when you do renew, and we post by the next mail.

THE STALL.

The blue monster has now found a good home with a tolerant member and is out to grass in the country. With fresh air and good hay it is now behaving impeccably.

During this year we have a licence for the stall, on the frontage of St. Peter's Church, on alternate Saturdays. We should appreciate if more members could give a few duties of 1½ hourly stints to ease the pressure on the few members who staff the stall.

As C.N.D. are now only marketting badges, and supplying leaflets and posters, the contents can be contained within a fairly small case. This with a folding paste-table can be collected and deposited at Mushroom Bookshop, Heathcote Street. Though a slightly longer distance than from Castle Gate the effort is balanced by a lighter load easier to transport.

With the difficulty of the English weather there has sometimes been confusion - is it too wet or windy to take the stall out - and some members have come into town on a fruitless mission. During 'iffy' weather when you are on duty, please ring Andy Rodgers on Nottir [redacted] ll tell you whether the stall will be taken out or not.

To the members who regularly do this duty many, many BIG thanks, Lacking sales it is our main public image.

SAD NEWS.

Pat Robson, a founder and most respected member, entered Hospital in November last for a routine operation, but died in hospital.

We miss Pat, not only as an active member, but as a kind and courteous person. We wish to thank Mrs. Robson for continuing Pat's monthly donation to us in his memory.

David Lane, another founder member, is at present in the Queens Medical Centre under-going treatment. We hope that he returns to us, fully recovered, in the near future.

editorial

A peace dividend with conversion - the only answer

John Handelaar
CND Vice Chair

Literally hundreds of thousands of Britons' jobs depend on the armstrade. So, if there's one thing guaranteed to increase the number of jobless on these islands, it's to slash government defence spending by 20-30% without giving urgent attention to the problems that might create.

The fact is, all the money we'd like to see being released for social spending, and more, is going to be needed to pay for retraining staff, government business loans, and (unfortunately) probably some benefit payments as well, for at least 10-15 years.

That doesn't mean that we shouldn't campaign for a redirection of defence spending.

It does mean that we should be realistic about what can be achieved, both by ourselves (because we need the support of staff and trade unions in the defence industries), and by governments of whatever political hue.

There aren't any simple answers to campaigning on the problems our militarised economy leaves us. As one delegate to CND Conference in November put it (and I hope he'll forgive my misquoting), "You can't lie down in front of a Treasury investment policy".

What we *can* do is work with defence workers and their trade unions to push not only for a redirection of defence spending, but also for a better life for those people who might otherwise fall by the wayside, should the market dictate their future. Why not start by going to CND's lobby of parliament on March 10?

Peace Dividend

Feb 20 - 28.

Janet Williamson
Campaigns/Press worker

Postcard Competition

The postcard campaign will be the main focus of the week of action. A sample is enclosed in this *Campaign!* - if you haven't already ordered them, do contact us now - they're free! AND there will be a PRIZE - a free "Make Love not War" T-shirt - for the three people who collect the most cards. So take them around with you and see how many people you can get to sign them. Tell them about the week of action and ask for their views. Could be a great conversation starter at parties!

There is a space to fill in the local MP's name - if you punter does not know their MP you can look it up afterwards from their address. If some cards are addressed to MPs other than your own, it may be that someone else in your local group is in the same constituency. Otherwise you can ask your MP at the lobby to pass them on.

Peace Dividend Stalls

The Week of Action includes two weekends to have a Peace Dividend stall - get as many local people along as possible! There is a variety of materials available for stalls. The lobby leaflets (enclosed in December/January *Campaign!*) encourage people to come to the lobby: something concrete that anyone can do. Then there are the peace dividend street leaflets (enclosed in this issue of *Campaign!*) and also posters with a similar design which you could use

to decorate your stall and also sell. See the materials listing on page 8 for details of how to order.

But the main thing to push on the stalls is the **Postcards Campaign**. Make a giant postcard to draw attention to your stall and ask passers-by to sign. Again, there will be a PRIZE - 1,000 free leaflets of your choice - for the three groups who collect the most cards plus free CND badges for members of the group. Unmissable!

Public Meetings

Hold a public meeting in your area to debate why we need a peace dividend. Speakers could be from a local Oxfam or World Development Movement Group, a health union, local councillors, a military plant in your area, political party representatives - anyone who might have an interest in either maintaining or reallocating military spending. Link it to the lobby so that people have something they can get involved in afterwards. It doesn't have to be a big meeting - the quality of the debate will probably be better if it is small!

Letters to the Press

There are two possibilities here. You could write a letter about the issues involved (there will be a sample letter in the lobby pack). But if you are doing a stall using the postcards and/or are planning to come to the lobby, why not write about that too? Explain that you

nd Week of Action -

will be meeting your MP to discuss the peace dividend and want to represent as many local people as possible. Say you are having a stall, (or a meeting), giving date, time and place where people can come and express their views and sign postcards that you will deliver, calling for a peace dividend.

Local Media

Do a press release about the lobby and the week of action, and send it to the local papers and TV and radio stations. Try and use this as an opening for getting on local radio. Many local stations are very keen to cover local events to fill their airspace and they may be happy to do an interview. Either peg it to something you are doing locally like the stall or a meeting or see if they will do an interview with you on the morning of the lobby of parliament. Again, there will be a model press release in the lobby pack.

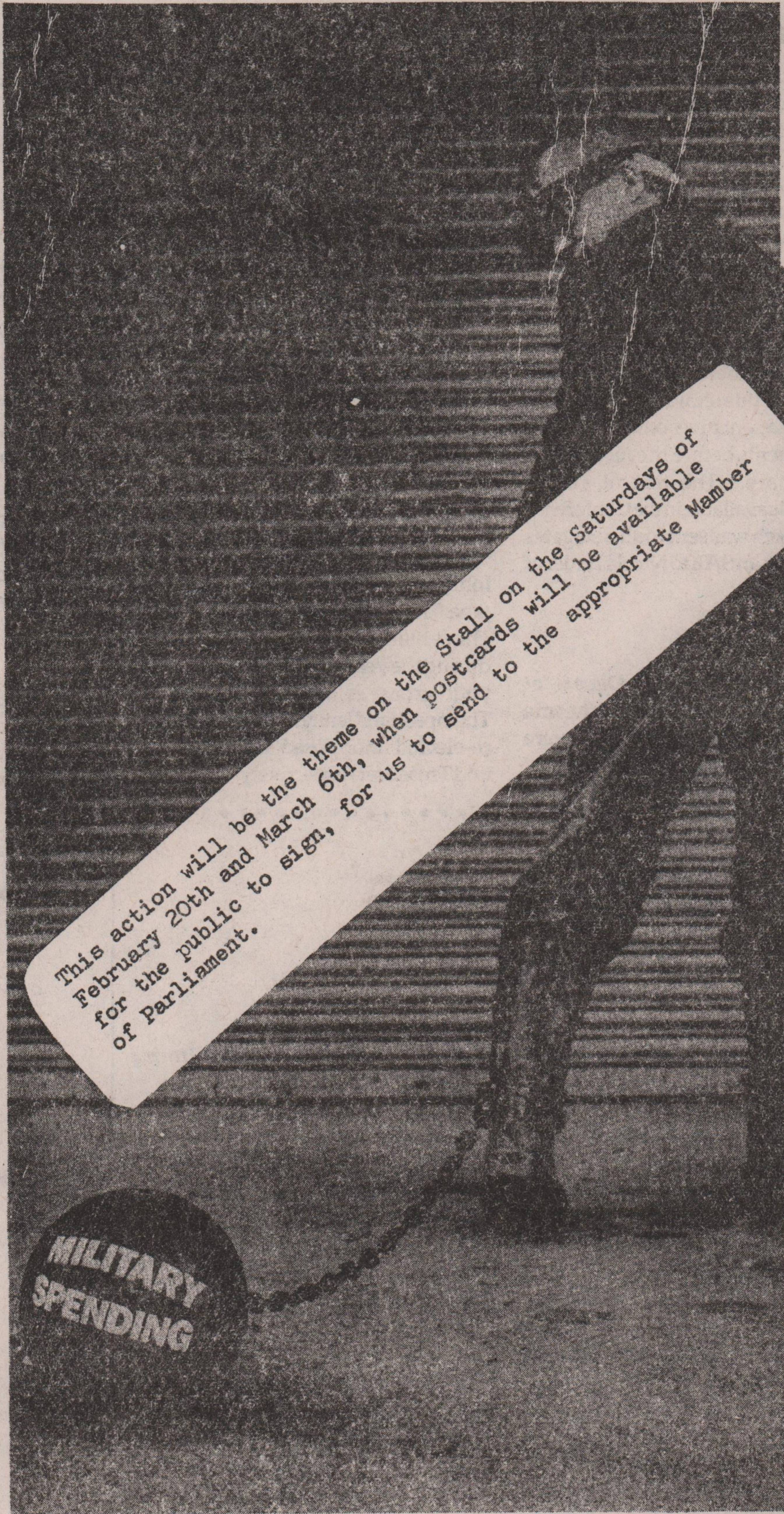
Failing an interview, look out for any phone-in sessions and use these to talk about the peace dividend and what CND is doing about it.

Leafletting

Combining leafletting sessions with a stall is always effective - some people in the street can give out leaflets and direct people to the stall while those on the stall push the postcards and materials. But leafletting can also be done independently and is one of the best ways of reaching a large number of people quickly and easily. Why not organise a couple of leafletting sessions to do as a group in some busy place? Or just give them out down your street.

Posters

Having a visual presence in a locality is vital - it shows CND is alive and well and enables people to take in our ideas without even turning their heads. Put up a poster in your window, at your workplace; in your local library - anywhere it will be seen!



Gwyn Edwards

Conference Decisions

Policy and Organisation

This year CND Conference discussed and passed resolutions on Trident, Tactical Air to Surface Missiles, the Peace Dividend, Peace Keeping and Military Alliances especially in Europe, Nuclear Proliferation and Fylingdales/Global Shield. One further resolution called 'Action 93- Relaunch' was referred to Council for further discussion. This resolution concerns the way in which CND organises its campaigns and ideas for improving these. Groups who are interested in this should contact their regional representatives on Council with their comments before the meeting on 23-24 January. The text of all the resolutions is available in the Conference booklet which was sent to all delegates or by sending an SAE to Nicola Butler at CND.

Priorities

Following the Priorities Debate at Conference, the two topics which came top of the Priorities Ballot for 1993 were 'Trident and nuclear warhead convoys'

(401 votes) and 'Proliferation/ Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty' (338 votes). The runner up was Peace Dividend/Conversion with 230 votes.) These two areas will be the main foci of CND's campaigning work in 1993. This does not mean that CND will do nothing on any of the other areas of concern - we will continue to use opportunities to promote CND's policy on issues such as TASM, Conversion, Fylingdales, etc. Our priority for staff time and resources will be work on Trident and convoys and Proliferation and Testing. CND Council and Executive will now consider how best to put our policies into action.

Elections

Conference elected Janet Bloomfield, John Handelaar, Claire McMaster and Jane Travers as Vice-Chairs for 1993. They are all available to speak to groups during the year. Please write to CND if your group is interested. Marjorie Thompson and Jenny Maxwell were both re-elected unopposed as Chairperson and Treasurer respectively.

These conference remarks were echoed by David Lane and Rod Langford who attended.

David is in hospital, but Rod has written a comprehensive report for perusal by any member. Its in the office.

The resolution on Peace-Keeping and Military Allowances was referred back to National Council.

Leaflets to be issued on the question of nuclear proliferation.

Our Alan Simpson was elected to the National Executive. Alan is one of the very few M.P's who has remained true to his principles - and C.N.D. - since the change in Labour Party policy. We honour his courage and his integrity.

We are still without a member to attend National Council. Four times a year, in London, expenses paid. Any takers?

Favourite parts

What the delegates said

- 'Seeing so many young people there.'
- 'Youth CND dancing to Tom Jones et al was very enjoyable.'
- 'The Red Choir and the great feeling of unity as we all sang and linked hands.'
- 'I enjoyed Friday's public meeting (thanks for laying on an army 'demo' outside) and the disco at the Institute. Both were of much higher standard than expected.'
- 'Inspirational talks by outside speakers.'
- 'Particularly liked some of the debates.'
- 'More workshops!'
- 'Gaining strength and encouragement from meeting old and new like-minded friends.'
- 'The public meeting was an excellent introduction.'
- 'Although a supporter and member of CND since the early days this was my first conference. I enjoyed it very

- much.'
- 'Priorities debate went well (to my surprise).'
- 'The picket at Llanishen made this the best CND Conference I have ever attended.'
- 'Conference was my personal Action 93-Relaunch.'
- 'Great job by CND Cymru - glad I had my arm twisted to attend!'
- 'Giving Faslane half the collection was brilliant.'

The Conference Arrangements Working Group will be looking in more detail at the delegates feedback forms with a view to improving Conference for next year. We will also be looking at the recent group questionnaire to see why some groups didn't send a delegate to see if we can encourage more groups to attend.

Bruce Kent has had a good book published by Harper Collins - Undiscovered Ends. This is available in some of the County Libraries, why not ask for it in your branch.

FESTIVAL - Advance notice.

As we cannot now manage a Peace Festival on our own, we are doing as we did last year and taking an active part in the organisation of the 1993 Green Festival.

The Green Festival will be held on the Victoria Embankment on Sunday, September 5th. With the possibility of co-ordinating with an international cycling event the event should be enhanced - by attendance and variety.

Members who attended the festival last year will remember that the facility most missed was the 'umble cuppa. We hope to redress this, and make money, by providing this facility through N.C.N.D. Can you help with this? by providing water-heating equipment; fetching water; brewing up or serving?...even if only for a limited time. If you can, please let us know so that we can co-ordinate with the members of the Wollaton group, who have done this service so well at so many festivals.

Each festival the same people transport, hump and heave tons of moveable equipment so that we may enjoy ourselves. Every year these same people cry "never, never again" but they return to stretch and strain again. This work is unseen but essential and the stretching and straining could be relieved of the some aching and paining, if only a few more people would help. If somebody would help to transport, hump and heave for some time between September 4th and 6th they would qualify for our golden award.....immense gratitude and a free doughnut.

HEARTENING NEWS:

We learn from the Guardian of February that the Japanese Government has announced the suspension of the shipment of Plutonium. after reconditioning the ship 'Pacific Crane' at a cost of £40M to carry plutonium instead of nuclear waste.

The reason for the volte face is quoted as - persistent demonstrations; restrictions of some governments to allow such ships within territorial waters and the doubtful use of plutonium in fast breeder reactors - as at the £2.4B Thorp Plant.

CARICOM - confederation of Carribean countries - want to stop the passage of such traffic through the Panama Canal and to stop the trade in the products to Cumbria.

So demonstrations do have their effect, which is heartening news, but how ironic that whilst other countries recognize the danger of carrying radio -active material, the British Government - even with the disaster of the Shetlands in mind (oil spillage this time, but it could be nuclear waste) continues to welcome this rubbish. In fact it seems to take pride in having reduced Great Britain into the worlds wastebin. Did you know that we even import waste newsprint from Canada?

John Major is a dustman,
He wears old Maggie's hat,
Collects the whole worlds rubbish,
And lives in a government flat.

with apologies to Lonnie

YOU KNOW - I DIDN'T KNOW THAT

Third World spending on arms increases by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum.

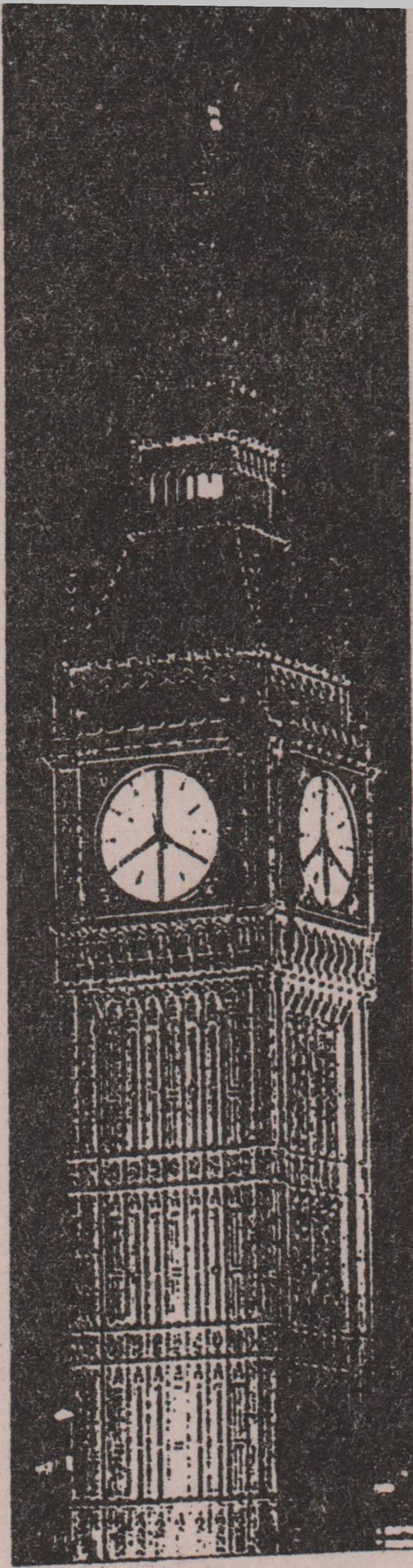
* The damage to Windsor Castle could be paid for 80 times over for the cost of Trident.

The Mary, Mary nursery rhyme was a lampoon about Mary Tudor - the Bloody Mary of history.

The pigeons of Venice have been put on the pill to decrease their numbers.....by mixing a contraceptive with the grain.

To liven the doom and gloom would it be a good idea to include this as a regular feature in the bulletin? Please send in snippets of information - serious, amusing or trivial for inclusion in subsequent issues.

* sorry, but its 200 times, not 80



Where's the peace dividend?

Lobby of parliament

Public meeting with Ken Livingstone MP

March 10 1993, House of Commons

**The Cold War is over. Our former 'enemy' has disintegrated.
So where's our peace dividend?**

**Britain spends more on the military than any other country in
Europe. This amounts to 3.9% of Gross National Product -
compared to the Nato average of 2.8%.**

**Over 45% of UK Government Research and Development
funds is spent on the military. This money should be released
for civilian industry to help regenerate Britain's economy.**

**Numerous reports have shown that we could have higher
output and lower unemployment if military expenditure was
reallocated into other areas of Government spending.**

So what are we waiting for?

Mass Women's Action at AWE Burghfield

Sun 14th March - Gathering and Protest

Music, Banners, Songs and Actions

Mon 15th March - Blockade the Base

Halt work on Britain's nuclear arsenal

The secret Atomic Weapons Establishment Burghfield, (grid ref. SU 6668) near Reading, Berkshire, assembles and services the deadly warheads for Trident and the rest of Britain's nuclear arsenal. British weapons are "tested" by exploding them on Western Shoshone (Native American) lands, causing radioactive contamination. Here, Trident nuclear warheads are transported in convoy on public roads from Burghfield to the submarine base at Faslane, Scotland.

Sun 14th, 12 Noon, Main Gate, "The Mearings", Burghfield

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