

ARMS PROLIFERATION



open meeting

I.C.C.

61 B. Mansfield Road

Saturday 10 a.m.

June 18 th

Speakers: Dan Plesch

British American Services Information Council.

Will McMahon

Campaign Against the Arms Trade.

Morning Coffee - Lunch Cobs'n'Cheese'n'Coffee.

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Manchester International Peace Festival

Linda Walker,
Greater Manchester CND

A Rally for a Nuclear Free World on Saturday 2 July will be one of the highlights of the Manchester International Peace Festival.

The Festival is timed to coincide with the Global Forum Conference at which delegates from 50 cities around the world will discuss sustainable development.

Under the broad theme of 'sustainable security' there will be a variety of seminars, workshops, street theatre and social and cultural events throughout the festival week.

Amongst the issues tackled will be arms conversion, the arms trade, UN reform and Global Governance, conflict resolution, landmines, militarism and the environment, and North-South links.

There will be a two day peace education conference for secondary school students, a 'Cities for Peace' day, meetings of Pensioners for Peace and Labour Action for Peace, the annual conference of Christian CND, open meetings of the European Test Ban Coalition, the World Court Project and the International Coalition for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament and a whole week of women's events at the Pankhurst Centre.

CND will take its roadshow to Manchester on 2 July and Chair Janet Bloomfield will be amongst the speakers at the rally for a Nuclear Free World.

Other Festival speakers will include

Adi Roche, Secretary of Irish CND and recently named Irish Woman of the Year for her work with the Children of Chernobyl, Sir Sonny Ramphal, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and currently Chair of the Commission on Global Governance; MPs Tony Benn, Jeremy Corbyn and Alan Simpson, and anti-war and anti-nuclear activists from former Yugoslavia, Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Latin America, the South Pacific, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Southern Africa.

Local peace campaigners will be hosting visitors to Manchester for just £5 per night. So wherever you live, remember London is not necessarily the hub of the universe. Think about coming to Manchester for a couple of days and seize this unparalleled opportunity to meet with peace and disarmament activists from all around the world.

And there's lots to see and do besides peace campaigning. There will be a wide range of environmental events taking place in and around Manchester. There will be fair trade events, performance poetry, street activities and world music, and don't forget Manchester is the City of Drama this year and amongst the offerings at the time of Global Forum and the peace Festival will be the Bolshoi Ballet.

For further information contact Linda Walker or Oliver Bowers at the Nuclear Policy and Information Unit, Manchester Town Hall, M60 2LA; tel 061-234 3325/3222.

The 'WALK FOR THE EARTH' from London, linking disarmament, development and environmental initiatives en route, will arrive in Manchester at 1:00p.m on Saturday 25th, to be greeted with the ONE WORLD FAIR in Albert Square.

There will be fair stalls, music, street theatre etc. in the Square.

Anne Mitchell is contacting the organizers to find the route of the walk for the last few miles. When this information is obtained we hope to arrange transport to drop some of us to join the walk (for as far as we each think that we can manage) and to pick us up from the city centre.

Saturday, July 2nd is C.N.D. day. There will be a meeting in the morning and a Rally for a Nuclear World in the afternoon, with a social event in the evening.

If there is sufficient interest we will book a coach, otherwise individuals will use TransPeak - with the advantage that they may leave when they please.

We notice that Alan Simpson is listed as one of the speakers.

This is a very ambitious programme for a whole week and Manchester Peace Groups - with kindred spirits are to be congratulated - and encouraged - for their vision and the City Council for their initiative in making the International Peace Festival possible.

Remember June 25th until July 3rd.

Manchester City Council along with the International Peace Bureau; Nuclear Free Local Authorities; C.N.D.; C.A.A.T.; Christian C.N.D., and many other allied Peace Groups are putting together a week full of Peace Projects, Peace Studies and entertainment. C.N.D. and C.A.A.T. are holding their roadshows in the centre of Manchester. It really is an action-packed week.

The TransPeak Bus Company run a two-hourly service between Nottingham and Manchester every week day.

Please ring 588586 for information about each days' happenings.

Proliferation - a world view

Ilana Cravitz,
Press and Information Worker

Participants in both the Medical Action for Global Security's national conference and the Oxford Research Group's seminar on non-proliferation made interesting points which highlighted the pressure that diplomats and politicians around the world are under as negotiations on a Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) and the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) proceed. The discussions also highlighted the split between nuclear weapons states and everyone else.

Prof. Ashok Kapur (Professor of Political Science at the University of Waterloo, Canada) talked about states not currently parties to the NPT which the nuclear weapons states most want to see signing - India, Israel and Pakistan. He pointed out that until the regional tensions that cause countries

to become 'opaque proliferators' (they will neither confirm nor deny that they have nuclear weapons) are addressed, there will be no progress on getting them to give up any nuclear weapons they may have. The US and UK take the opposite approach: that everyone joining the NPT will lead to stability. Prof. Kapur thinks that bilateral agreements and establishment of nuclear-free zones would be a better way to tackle proliferation than insisting on states signing the NPT and accepting all the IAEA safeguards etc.

Dr. John Hassard of Imperial College agrees that bilateral agreements are a good way forward. He and Frank Barnaby (former director of SIPRI) both think that the NPT, although part of any non-proliferation regime, will by no means control proliferation by itself. Similarly a

CTB, while desirable to show good faith on the part of the nuclear weapons states, is not going to stop proliferation. What is needed is a much more radical solution, with a stronger administration than the IAEA and with greater powers. After all, as Dr. Hassard points out, the IAEA's annual safeguards budget is smaller than the cost of a nuclear weapons test!

Many states want to see more progress on actual disarmament before they give the NPT a lengthy or indefinite extension. UK Foreign Office and MoD representatives have, on the other hand, made it clear that they believe giving up nuclear weapons at this time would destabilise the world and that the NPT has to be indefinitely extended.

However, Ambassador Marin Bosch of Mexico (Chair of the Conference on Disarmament committee negotiating a CTBT) says that since the NPT already effectively has a time limit (when a global convention banning nuclear weapons has been implemented), to give it an indefinite extension would be a contradiction in terms. He believes that the only solution to proliferation is the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Good to know that CND has support in high places!

As you see from the front cover we are holding a Public Meeting on the subject of Proliferation on Saturday, June 18th 1994.

The meeting will be at the I.C.C. 61b, Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

We will start with Coffee at 9:45a.m. ready for the first session at 10:00a.m. With a coffee break between speaker and questions/discussion the morning will end about noon.

To save tramping around for food we are putting on cobs'n'cheese'n'coffee at lunch time and the afternoon session will be from 1:15p.m. to 3:30p.m.

We have managed to get excellent speakers - Will McMahon from Campaign Against the Arms Trade

and

Dan Plesch - whom most of you will remember. He is only over from Washington, where he has been monitoring the Non-Proliferation Treaty, for the month of June.

It is a subject of vital importance and we hope that many of you will come along.

Admission is free - and open to all - but any donations we will not refuse as this money will go towards subsidizing a coach for the London Demonstration on October 29th.

Greenham was always the wimmin here rather than a place

Women and Non-Violence

a Greenham approach

As the Greenham Common peace camp winds down after the removal of Cruise missiles from the site, women from Blue Gate tell of what they have achieved.

The Blue Gate camp has closed now, and the wimmin are positively moving on. Greenham was always the wimmin here rather than a place, so we are pleased to share with you what it meant to us.

Greenham changed the lives of hundreds of wimmin and had a wider influence in, for example, local communities, the Green movement, the church, Quaker groups and peace organisations. First principles were a commitment to non violence and wimmin only. We did not speak for any other wimmin, only ourselves. There were no representatives or 'spokeswimmin', no leaders, and

'all the stars were in the sky'. We struggled to find new ways of respecting and valuing each other and to interconnect with and enjoy the solidarity o. wimmin everywhere.

Last year, in response to a project on Wimmin and non violence from the Life and Peace Institute in Uppsala, Sweden, a small group of Greenham wimmin were spurred to get together to evaluate our experience of empowerment and living in an outdoor wimmin's community. Here are our notes on some of the ways the threads of the web have been formed.

Greenham means:

- A non-hierarchical structure; a rejection of patriarchal ways of organising and working.
- Equal value of every wimmin's contribution; space for everyone to speak and be heard.
- Room to grow and move - emotionally, psychologically, painfully, politically and philosophically.
- Time to talk, room for new ideas, no-one to put you down.
- The acceptance of anger, grief and emotions in general.
- The value of spontaneity, intuition and humour.
- Being comfortable with being emotionally uncomfortable.
- Not winning or losing but being aware that everything we touch changes.
- Accepting stubbornness and disobedience.
- Mistrusting experts.
- Learning to lose face and having room to manoeuvre emotionally.
- To be lesbian and heterosexual together.
- The opportunity to break out of our worst

constraints, ie those in our heads.

- Lack of ageism - wimmin starting this new life in their late fifties being included.
- Growing to understand the psyche of the military and police.

By comparison with the above, the physical risks taken were small. Evictions affected the mood of camp but were also positive, imposing their own discipline of 'living light'. Our experiences have left us with a rich legacy and our common experience of empowerment has linked us together, forever. Questions which remain unresolved include whether we were in a battle to be won or whether were we seeking transformation? And our extensive, on-going education about prejudice goes on. We all grew up in a racist, sexist and patriarchal society and yes, we have had and will have racism to deal with. Racism, like violence, does not wait for confrontation - we are facing it and working on it continually. Looking for alternatives to the hierarchy that comes with patriarchy is another important challenge.

Living at Greenham was not easy. There was so much anger and grief which we had to learn to cope with. Sometimes it spilled over and we were offensive to visitors, not recognising their courage - often they came in opposition to family views. Eventually, after a long time, we dealt successfully with our split with Yellow Gate.

Now we can never be silenced. In our position of privilege we have a duty to speak out on behalf of those wimmin who cannot speak. Looking back they were neither good nor bad old days but we learnt that wimmin are brilliant...sad that it comes as a surprise ■

➡ In peace, strength, hope and love, Greenham Wimmin Everywhere.

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After the campers leave the post will continue to be collected. Do write for dates for Greenham Gatherings and for our newsletter. Some dates of wimmin's peace camps are:

- 2nd weekend of each month: Aldermaston
 - 3rd weekend of each month: Menwith Hill
 - 4th weekend of each month: Burghfield
 - 4th weekend bi-monthly: Sellafield ■
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'There was so much anger and grief which we had to learn to cope with'

'there were no leaders and all the stars were in the sky'

'Cruise has gone, the US military has gone, but the MoD remains'

Born in the USA

(or Georgia on my mind)

Lionel Trippett

This summer, HMS Vanguard, proud symbol of Britain's Independent Nuclear Deterrent, will be sailing across the Atlantic to the American naval base of King's Bay, Georgia.

There it will load up with its American designed, manufactured and serviced Trident missiles, before proceeding to the American Atlantic test firing range where American technicians under American command will show our bravely independent British lads how to fire missiles, using American guidance systems relying on American satellites. Performance will be monitored by American range marshals using American shore-to-ship communications systems.

The British will then be invoiced (£250,000 each, payable by AmEx or dollar cheques) by the Americans for the missiles they have used, patted on the back and sent back home with cries of "Have a Nice Day, Y'all. Don't forget to bring 'em back for servicing, now," ringing in their ears.

Following the American and Russian examples, the missiles, each neatly stamped "Property of US Government" will then be pointed carefully at mid-ocean. Since Britain no longer has a merchant fleet, this is likely only to upset flags of convenience states like Liberia.

This process is described by the MoD as "a visible demonstration of Britain's deterrent capability."

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Congratulations to Greenpeace, who delayed the launch of the missile for four hours - would that it had been for ever and drew attention to the ceremony, which would have been 'hush-hush'

US 'too lax' with nuclear exports

The Guardian. May 19th 1994.

Martin Walker in Washington

THE United States' top congressional watchdog, the General Accounting Office, warned yesterday of a dangerous laxity in US controls on nuclear-related exports, saying more than 1,500 government permits had been approved in the past five years for technology sales to countries formally listed as of "special proliferation concern".

Israel, Iraq, Iran, South Africa, India and Pakistan are all listed in the report as recipients of US technology that could be used to build nuclear weapons - in spite of a firm US policy against nuclear proliferation.

The report, which follows a 22-month investigation, comes as the Pentagon prepares to announce a change in policy on proliferation to recognise the futility of bolting the stable door once the horse has bolted.

So many countries are on or over the nuclear threshold that the focus of policy is to shift to deterring new nuclear powers, isolating rogue regimes and developing military capabilities to destroy their nuclear weapons.

"This new report makes it clear that the US bureaucracy does not care about controlling nuclear proliferation, which it sees as a lost cause, and with massive complacency prefers to rely on its own military abilities to counter any threat," Dan Plesch, of the British-American Security Information Council, said.

By far the greatest beneficiary of the US hi-tech exports is Israel, with more than half of the 1,508 questionable licences

granted to organisations which are part of Israel's nuclear programme, the GAO report said. The state department regularly approved Israeli requests, citing "the overall US-Israeli relationship and the US policy of maintaining Israel's qualitative military superiority over its neighbours".

Whereas the US export control system turned down 76 per cent of orders from Iran, and 65 per cent of those from Iraq, Israel and South Africa were able to buy more than 80 per cent of the hi-tech items they sought.

The licences approved the export of high-speed computers, specialised machine tools and lasers, metallic compounds and high-temperature furnaces, with a total value of more than \$350 million (£233 million). The goods are categorised as dual-use equipment, which can be used for non-military purposes.

The licences were granted after the recipients stated formally that the technology would not be used for a weapons programme. But the GAO, while finding no direct evidence that the items went into nuclear bombs, warned there was no serious checking of these assurances.

"We have all heard stories about sneaky procurement operations. But the news today is that many of these goods did not have to be smuggled into secret nuclear weapons facilities. They were available over the counter - quality items, made in the US," Senator John Glenn, the chairman of the government affairs committee, said on releasing the report yesterday.

MoD admits 20 convoy breakdowns

In response to a parliamentary question tabled by Frank Cook MP, the Ministry of Defence has given details of 20 unscheduled stops due to technical problems by Foden vehicles in nuclear weapons convoys in the last eighteen months. The faults include

brakes sticking and pulling to one side, fumes in the cab, oil leaks and faulty warning lights.

At the Defence Select Committee Trident session in March, MoD officials admitted that it had cost the MoD £60,000 to correct problems with the vehicles. The Minister for the Armed Services, Jeremy Hanley MP, said he was "confident" that modifications being made to the vehicles would "improve in-service reliability".

200 Club Winners:

<u>April:</u>	No. 62	Jean Hart	£15.	<u>May:</u>	No. 22	Ross Bradshaw	£15
	50	Jill Gross	£10		52	John Mitchell	£10
	16	Wendy Wain	£ 5		49	Susannah Zabulis	£ 5

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Despite the high wind, that nearly wrecked our Trident and the intense cold which almost froze the crew, the visit of the C.N.D. Roadshow to Nottingham on Saturday April 16th created passing interest.

We had more volunteers than usual to staff the stall and the takings were more than usual. The balloons were a great success and went very quickly. We managed to distribute quite a number of leaflets and these appeared to be taken home.....at least they were not left to litter the streets.

We wish to thank Malcolm for bringing the show and distributing leaflets, Brian who did the return trip in not the most reliable of vehicles and Jenny for her thank-you note for our donation of £50 towards costs.

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Programme of Events:

- Saturday, June 4th Stop the Bomb. Actions days at Burghfield and Coulport.
- Saturday, June 18th Nottm. C.N.D. Proliferation Meeting. I.C.C. Mansfield Rd. 9:45a.m. to 3:30p.m.
- Saturday, June 18th/ Monday, June 20th Shut Sellafield for Solstice. Camps, action and blockade at Sellafield.
- Saturday, June 25th/ Sunday, July 3rd. Manchester International Peace Festival.
- Saturday, August 6th. Hiroshim Commemorative Service. University Park Lake.
- Sunday, September 4th. Green Festival. Trent Embankment.
- Saturday, October 29th. C.N.D. NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION.- Trafalgar Square.

As national are not expecting the huge numbers we have had in previous demonstrations the day will be enlivened with music, stalls and street theatre as well as speakers. This is the first opportunity for some years to show that C.N.D. is not a dead donkey and for that alone it is a worthwhile exercise so we are prepared to heavily subsidize transport costs. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND PLEASE BY THERE.

Sunday, November 6th. Nottm. C.N.D. AGM. Following the resolution passed at the last AGM we have booked a room at the I.C.C. for Sunday afternoon so that we may attend in the daylight.

November 5th & 12th Sale of White Poppies. St. Peter's Church.

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Sue Fox, who has left Nottingham for some considerable time, has left with this message

"Good luck with the cause. It has been a pleasure to know you. love to everyone whom I've met through C.N.D. and hopefully the day may come when you are redundant."