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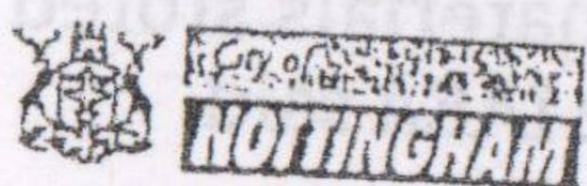


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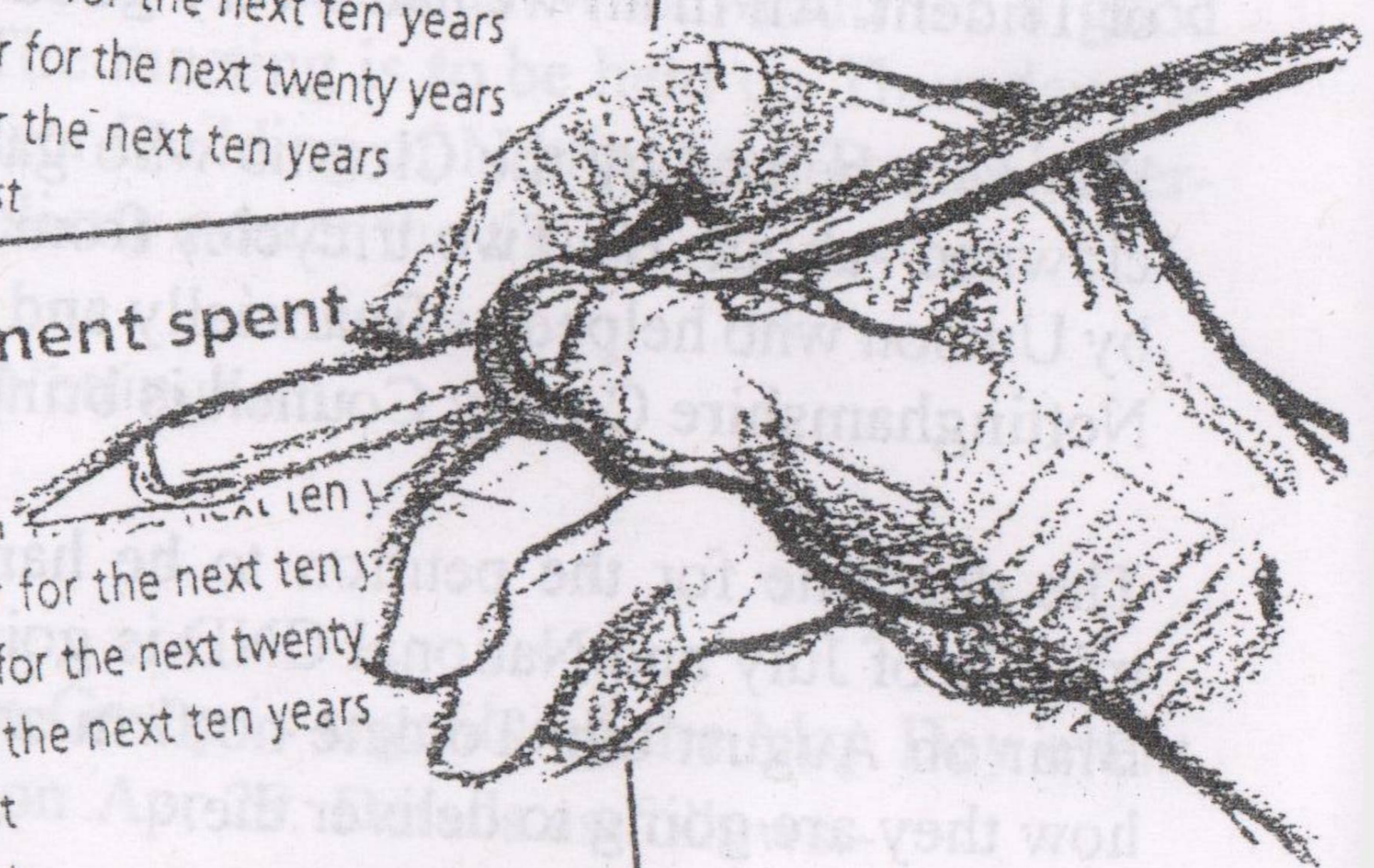
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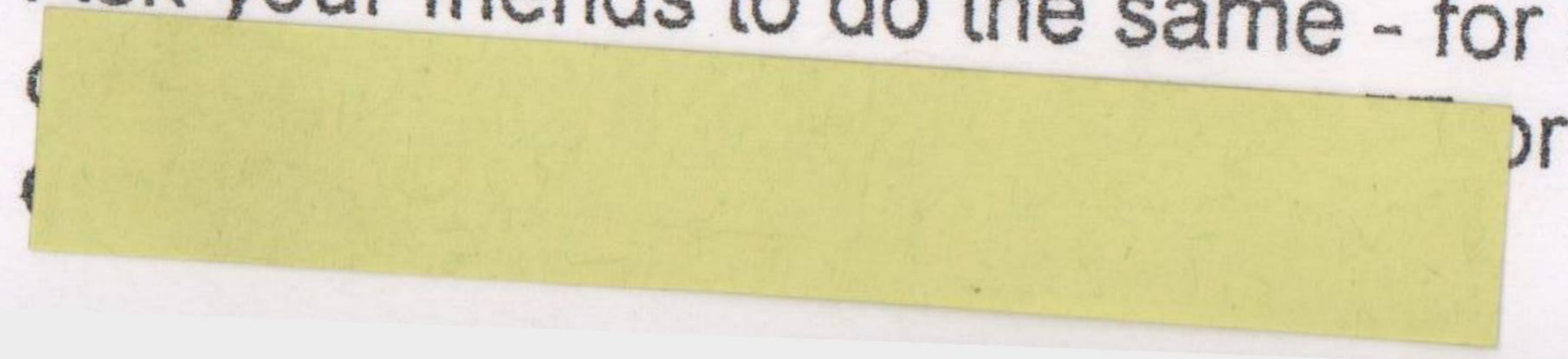
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## No Trident Replacement

Trident was the subject of our stall on the March 25th, because during this period in government, Tony Blair will decide whether to replace Trident, update Trident or scrap Trident. The natural life of the existing Trident finishes in 2024. but up till now there has been no open debate on whether to replace Trident. Replacement could cost up to £25 billion.

This was our first effort to make people in Nottingham aware of the situation. We gave out several hundred leaflets which on one side highlighted the cuts to Nottinghamshire County Councils' budget, and the effect it would have on local services and on the other side how else the proposed £25 billion for Trident replacement could be spent. We had postcards available for people to send to their local MP's which call for a full parliamentary debate and urge them to oppose the replacement of Trident. Also many people signed the petition calling for non-replacement of Trident. All in all we had a very good response.

We were helped by the Clowns who gave out leaflets and generally who clown about. By Two tricycles from Sumac which carried posters and by Unison who helped us financially and gave us information about the cuts Nottinghamshire County Council is bringing in.

The deadline for the petition to be handed in has been extended to the middle of July and National CND is going to present the petitions to Tony Blair on August 6th. To date no firm arrangements have been decided on how they are going to deliver the.

As this is such a very important campaign for CND we have decided that we will hold stalls outside of Nottingham City Centre. So far we have arranged these stalls

Saturday 6th May from 11.30 in Beeston

Saturday 17th June in from 11.30 in Sherwood

On our Saturday stalls in Nottingham we will continue to have the petition and postcards available for the public. The Saturday stalls till July are

Saturday June 24th from 11.30 & Saturday July 15th from 11.30.

As usual I do need helpers so don't be shy. Even if you can only help for half an hour it will be very much appreciated. Or just come and say hello if you are in town.

## Public Meeting on Trident

It has been decided that as it is such an important issue that we should hold a public meeting in Nottingham. At present we have no firm speakers but we are hoping to get Alan Simpson to speak as well as a speaker from National CND. If you know of anybody who would be a good speaker please let me know. The meeting is to be held on Thursday 8th June from 7.00pm in the Chaucer Building of Nottingham Trent University. We will be producing publicity nearer the time.

Other Activities to be Held in Nottingham

May Day

Nottingham Refugee Campaign Group is organising the May Day event this year. It is going to be held on Apr 29. Details as follows:-

Assemble 12pm at the Brewhouse Yard Castle Boulevard for a March and Rally.

March starts 12.45pm followed by a rally at 1.30pm We are hoping to have a stall but that will depend on who is available to run it. We didn't have a Mayday event last year so it is really good that the Refugee Campaign Group have organised one this year so do try and support it.

## Public Meeting on Corruption and the Arms Trade

This is being held on Thursday 4th May at the St Barnabas Cathedral Hall at 7.15pm – Speaker Joe Roeber (Transparency International). Tea and cake available. It sounds well worth supporting.

Sunday June 4th Green Festival on the Arboretum 12 to 6

Yes it is the time of year again and it will be a great opportunity to highlight No Trident Replacement. Any visual ideas most welcome. We will be having our usual tombola unless people are getting bored with it. If so please tell us and we will think again. I do need items for the tombola so do look for unwanted gifts. There will also be books on sale as we had lots left over from last year. I am looking for volunteers to help out and it is usually a really good event weather permitting although we have now got a gazebo so we really do look professional.

Since our last bulletin it is really good news that Norman Kember and friends have been freed but it was really sad news about the American Tom Fox who was sadly executed.

Sadly we have lost a really good peace activist and member of the Labour Party Dorothy Bell of which she was elected councilor on more than one occasion. She died on Wednesday 18th April after fighting cancer over a long period. She will be sadly missed.

I do hope you [redacted] ned events. Please contact me on [redacted] world.com. I look forward to seeing you and thanks for your continued support

Diane Lunzer (Secretary)

## Stop the War Demonstration -- London 18<sup>th</sup> March

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March two coaches from Nottingham full of protesters, including members of Nottingham CND and about 30 students from both Nottingham and Nottingham Trent Universities, went to London to join one of the 180 demonstrations held throughout the world marking 3 years since the illegal war on Iraq and its occupation by British and American forces. Over 40,000 people braved the bitterly cold weather to demand the end of the occupation of Iraq and the threat of war on Iran.

Though furious at Tony Blair's war lies and at the consequent US/UK led carnage in Iraq, the demonstration showed tremendous unity with a hugely diverse mix of groups and individuals. Physical disability or age proved no barrier to the demonstrators as small children toddled or were carried along the winding route alongside pensioners and wheelchair users. There were lots of excellent banners including new ones produced by the students from both of Nottingham's Universities. There were also some really creative placards and costumes including a giant teapot which the students had made which were really effective in getting our message across.

We finally arrived in Trafalgar Square, many of us hoarse from the various chants which we had kept up for most of the march but feeling very positive about what had been a very good demonstration. In the square we were addressed by some excellent speakers including Bruce Kent, Jeremy Corbin, Ken Livingstone and Kate Hudson who sent us on our way determined to keep up the campaign.

Ian Cohen

## Nottingham Student Peace Movement's Peace Conference

This event was composed of three 2 and a bit hour long sessions, the first session, aimed at exploring the domestic effects of the re-declared "War on Terror", featured Alan Simpson, Nottingham South's strongly anti-war MP, who kicked things off with his frightening view of our "post-democratic" society. Anti-terror legislation, he said, is increasingly used to crush dissent and enemies of the state. He was followed by Sam Azad, an Iranian refugee who called for a politics at the service of humanity, and a fierce attack on the state terrorism of his home country and Britain. Finally, author and activist Milan Rai made a clear and unequivocal case for a direct link between UK foreign policy and the bombs that shook the nation on 7th July last year.

At the end of the day, after tasty vegan food provided by the Veggies catering campaign, those attending the conference were invited to attend one of four radical workshops. One discussing black activism and the role of internal peace, one led by a representative of the Campaign Against Criminalizing Communities (CAMPACC) on campaigning for civil liberties, one in connection with getting involved with local independent media, and one on using creative skills and reusing waste facilitated by local activist artists the Mischief Makers.

Overall it was a useful and successful event, and was covered by Indymedia and URN, the Nottingham Uri radio station.

Sam Walton

Daniel Robertson

## Whatever happened to ... CND?

An extract from the Guardian, March 13th 2006

The 1983 Labour manifesto commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament was dubbed by Gerald Kaufman 'the longest suicide note in history'. By 2005, the pledge was rather different: Labour promised to retain a 'minimum nuclear deterrent'. This undertaking was back in the spotlight this week as the Commons defence committee opened its inquiry into renewing the Trident weapons system - expected to be obsolete by 2020. The prime minister has promised 'the fullest debate' before any decision is taken. Meanwhile, it was reported on Sunday that British scientists are outstripping their US counterparts in developing new atomic warheads.

This is particularly unwelcome news to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), which has experienced plenty of ups and downs in its history. Founded in 1958, at the height of cold war tension, it reached its zenith in the Thatcher years, when it was infiltrated by both MI5 and the East German Stasi. Membership peaked at 100,000. A demonstration in 1981 drew 250,000 people. Thousands of women camped outside Greenham Common, an airbase in Berkshire for US cruise missiles.

The end of the cold war took the wind out of CND's sails. Membership had sunk to 15,000 by the turn of the 20th century. Former members started recanting publically. 'sentimentality rather than logic was the key weapon of our crusade,' wrote one. 'Looking back, it was obvious we were dupes of Moscow.' In April 2004, a four-day march to the nuclear research facility in Aldermaston, Berkshire - an annual event that once attracted tens of thousands - could only garner a couple of hundred. The organisers ran into trouble with the police - over health and safety.

Somewhat surprisingly, the past couple of years have witnessed a renaissance for CND. George Bush's interest in the National Missile Defence system ['son of Star Wars'] got people interested again,' says CND chair Kate Hudson. Opposition to the Iraq war has also helped. In 2002 CND made headlines with a failed high court attempt

to win a judicial review against the government. It also continued to march alongside a Monty Pythonesque smorgasbord of pressure groups - from the Muslim Association of Britain to Greenpeace - under the aegis of Stop the War Coalition. 'We're still very much an anti-nuclear campaign,' says Hudson. 'But we're also trying to link into other issues, we've always worked with a range of organisations.'

One key challenge now is to reach a generation who know Greenham Common only as a place to go paint-balling among abandoned barracks. CND certainly has powerful arguments concerning the ineffectiveness of a nuclear deterrent in an age of terrorism. Missiles that take several days' notice to fire are little use against suicide bombers. Even former Conservative defence minister Michael Portillo, who once famously misappropriated the SAS motto in a party conference speech, has written that the UK should scrap its remaining nuclear arsenal.

Ironically, then, it appears that CND's support was strongest when its arguments were weakest, and vice versa. The Doomsday clock - a quirky measurement of the world's proximity to Armageddon run by a scientific magazine - currently stands at seven minutes to midnight, the same as in both 1980 and 1947. 'I reckon that's pretty accurate,' says Hudson.

Iain Hollingshead

### Stall Dates

I have now received confirmation from the City Council that we can hold stalls outside the Council House on the following dates:-

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 11.30 - 2.00pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May - 11.30 - 2.00pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June - 11.30 - 2.00pm

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 11.30 - 2.00pm

As normal I am looking for volunteers to help run the stall. It is usually quite an informal time although it is very important that we still run them. Please ring me or email me for more details though we hope to have another newsletter out soon. My phone

[redacted] email me on [redacted] and to hearing from you

### Other:

#### East Midlands CND Annual General Meeting

will be held on June 3rd at Bishop's St Methodist Church, Town Hall Square, Leicester.

Refreshments available - meeting starts 11.30am.

This will be an opportunity to review and plan campaigning in the region. A speaker will discuss current campaign issues. If you are interested in attending this meeting, to which all members are welcome, please contact Diane

[redacted] 4) to discuss transport arrangements etc or for [redacted] inquires.

# What you can do

## Visibility

Other ways in which you can help get the CND message across are by wearing a badge or T-shirt, displaying a car sticker, or sticking a poster in your window. They can be ordered by phone or online. Visit [www.cnduk.org](http://www.cnduk.org) to purchase from our new online shop.

## Encourage a friend to join CND

CND's members are the heart of our campaign. The more members we have the more we can do and the stronger our voice will be when we lobby decision-makers. Do you have friends or relatives you think might want to join CND?

## Letter-writing

Writing to local newspapers, or calling TV or radio phone-ins are easy and effective ways to get nuclear disarmament into the news. If you feel any local media coverage is biased then call or write to those responsible – all complaints are logged and passed on. You can also join CND's letter writing team. To get involved contact Katy, [SystemsOfficer@cnduk.org](mailto:SystemsOfficer@cnduk.org), or ring the office on 020 7700 2393, indicating whether you want to receive information by e-mail or post.

*— and volunteer for our local stalls —  
ring Diane on 981 2034!*

# 1,000 Iraqis at risk of nuclear contamination, says IAEA

— GUARDIAN 25 APR

## Ian Traynor

More than 1,000 Iraqis who live south of Baghdad within the bombed and looted complex that was once the centre of Saddam Hussein's nuclear programme are at acute risk of radioactive poisoning, the UN's nuclear authority said yesterday.

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency said it was launching a clean-up operation at the Tuwaitha plant, 14 miles south of Baghdad, and appealed for international involvement in what it said would be a long-term challenge.

"This is a huge task, one that could take many years," said Dennis Reisenweaver, the IAEA safety expert in charge of the clean-up. The priority was to identify and cordon off the most hazardous areas of radioactive contamination.

The Tuwaitha complex was at the centre of Saddam's illicit nuclear projects, although it was thoroughly investigated and largely dismantled during the UN inspections in the 1990s.

The Americans, citing the threat of Saddam's weapons of mass destruction as grounds for their invasion and occupation in 2003, came under severe criticism for failing to secure the complex and standing by while it was ransacked.

Tuwaitha was bombed by the invaders, and then looted by Iraqis. Uranium drums were emptied and sold, with the empty barrels used to hold water.

Around 1,000 people are now living in a village within the perimeters of the nuclear complex, according to the IAEA. "Levels of radiation are known to be higher than normal and prolonged exposure could prove risky over time."

The agency said there was no risk of the proliferation of nuclear weapons from the materials at Tuwaitha, but that action was needed to trace missing materials and render them safe.

The Iraqi government has asked the IAEA to organise a programme at Tuwaitha and other sites to examine the problem of radioactive contamination. They are also concerned about radioactive material and equipment that has vanished from Iraq's nuclear sites.

"Some of the challenges facing the clean-up effort include determining now unknown locations where contaminated equipment and materials might be buried, and recovering lost records about the contents of radioactive materials stored in waste containers," the IAEA said.