

We all know the world is under threat -- nuclear war, the greenhouse effect, the hole in the ozone layer.

But these problems have a solution:

it's **you** -- and others like you prepared to campaign for a safer future.

"For evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good people to do nothing."

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could you pass this booklet on to a friend, or send us a donation?

**national membership:**

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The campaign for Nuclear disarmament (CND)

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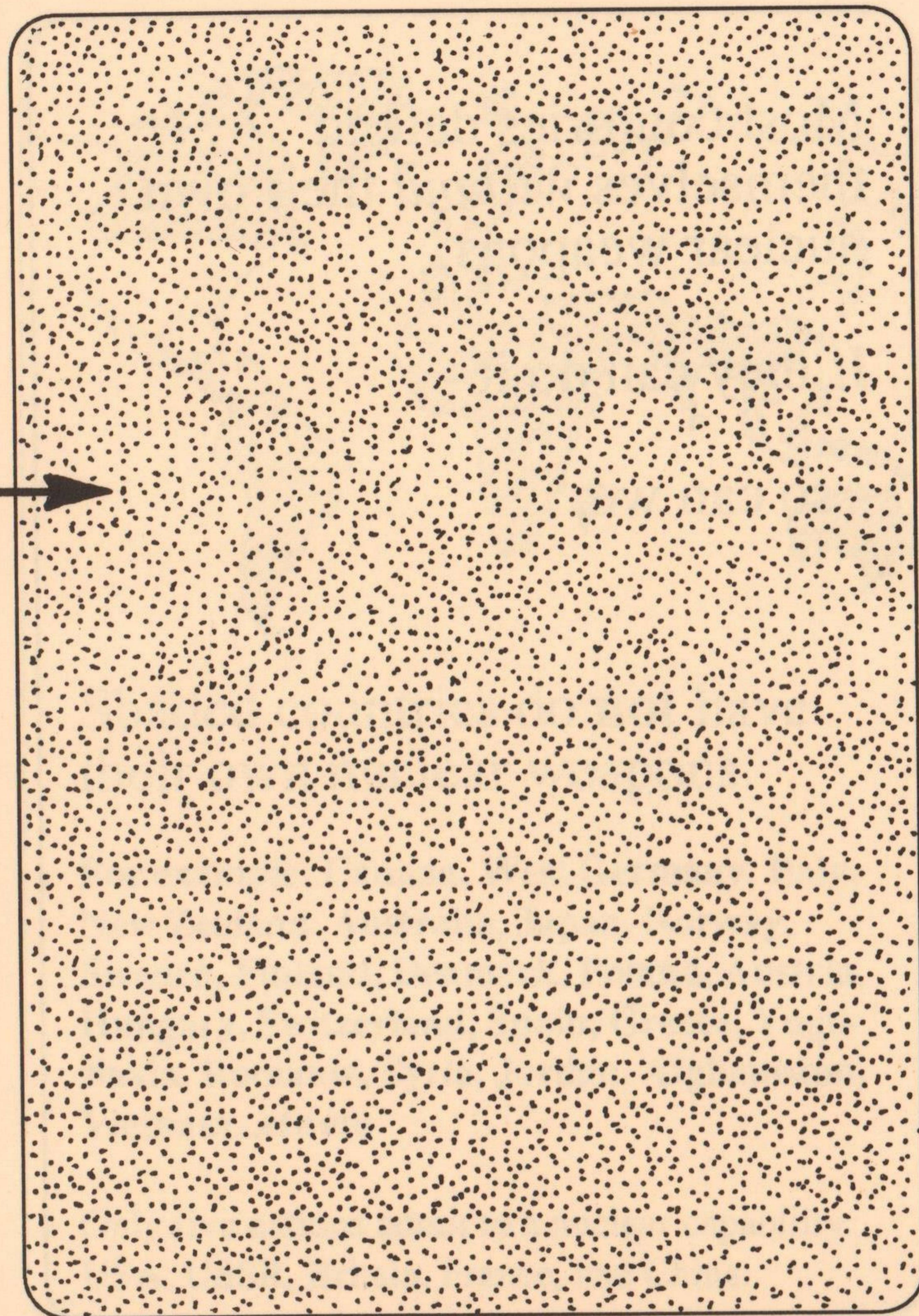
OK, so we need defence.

But do we need **this** much?

One dot represents all the fire power used by both sides during World War II. (3 megatons)

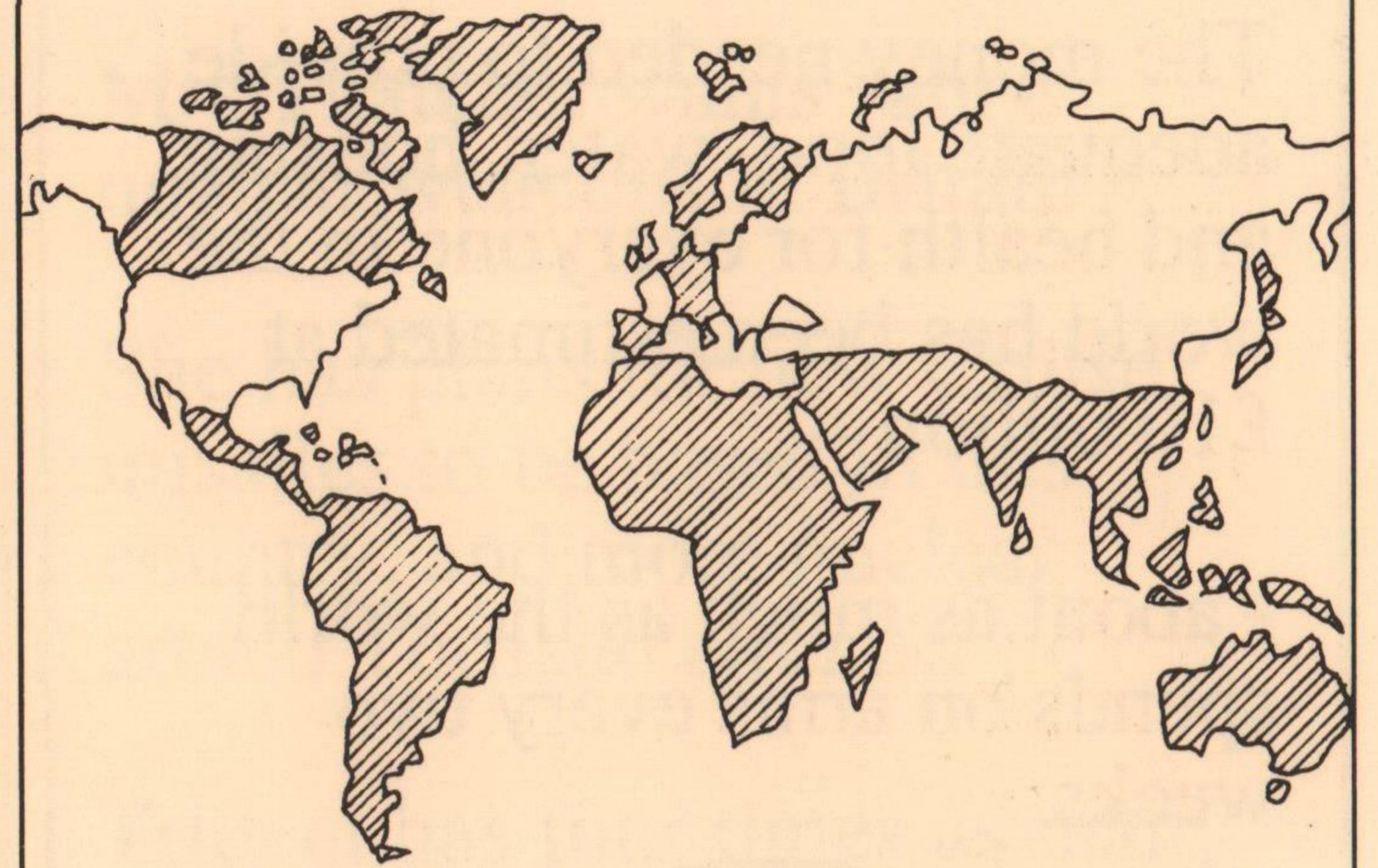
The page of 6000 dots represents the explosive power of all the world's nuclear weapons.

This is enough to destroy the world 20 times over.



Most countries defend themselves *without* their own nuclear weapons.

If they can do it -  
- so can we.



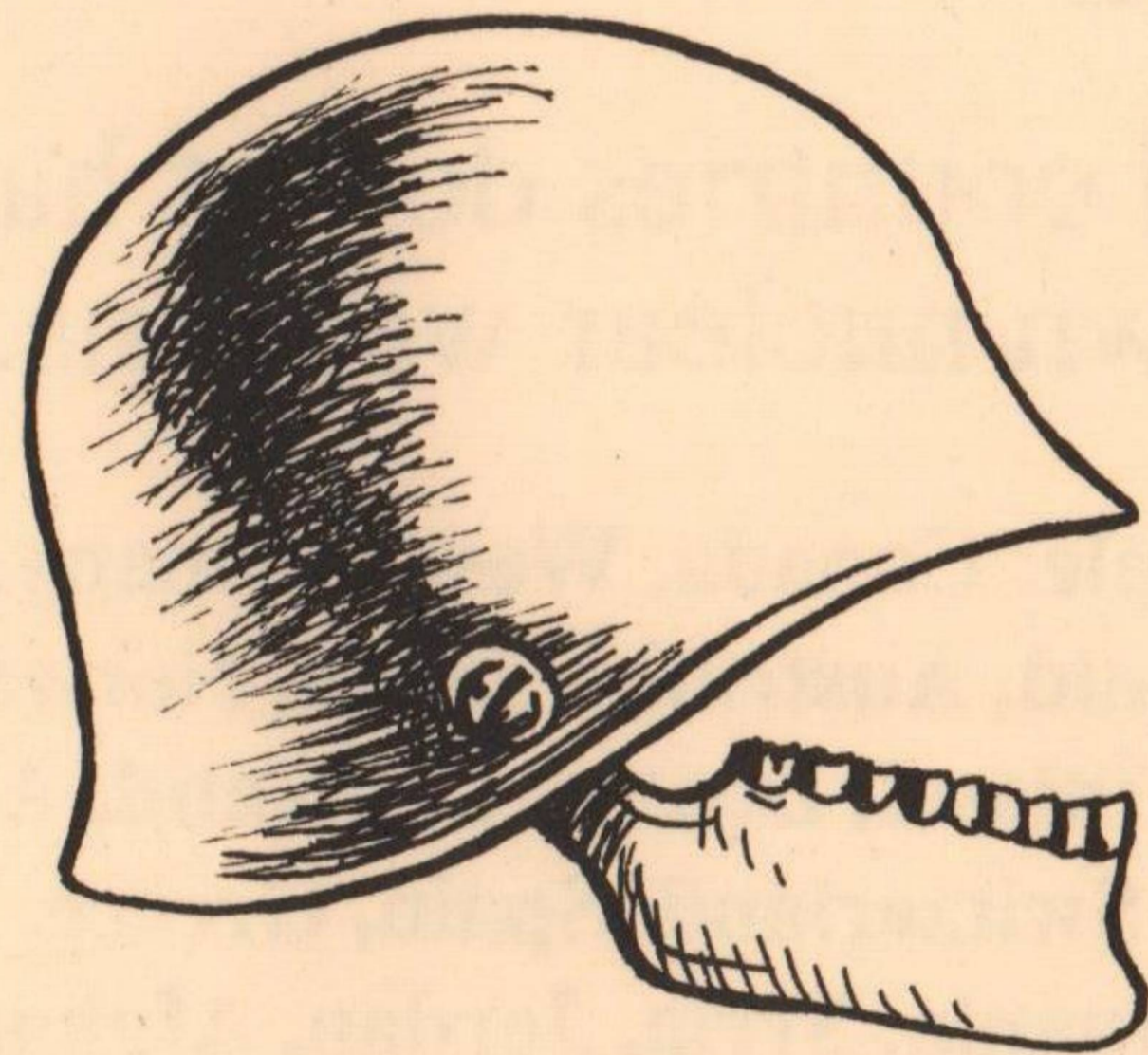
Shaded countries do **not** have their own nuclear weapons.

**For example: Canada, West Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Spain, Greece, Yugoslavia, Romania, Syria, Jordan, Afghanistan, Vietnam...etc etc**

Only five nations admit to a nuclear capability: USA, USSR, Britain, France, and China.

The money needed to provide adequate food, water, housing and health for everyone in the world has been estimated at £10 billion -

- about as much as the world spends on arms every two weeks.



It would cost £1 billion to save the 17 million children who starved to death last year.

Mrs Thatcher wants **more** nuclear weapons in Britain.

She has plans for new Cruise missiles to be based in this country, and more nuclear armed Tornado aircraft.

Trident has four times as many nuclear warheads as Polaris which it replaces. It will cost at least £12 billion (equivalent to 500 hospitals).

Why is Britain increasing its nuclear armaments while the super powers are reducing theirs?

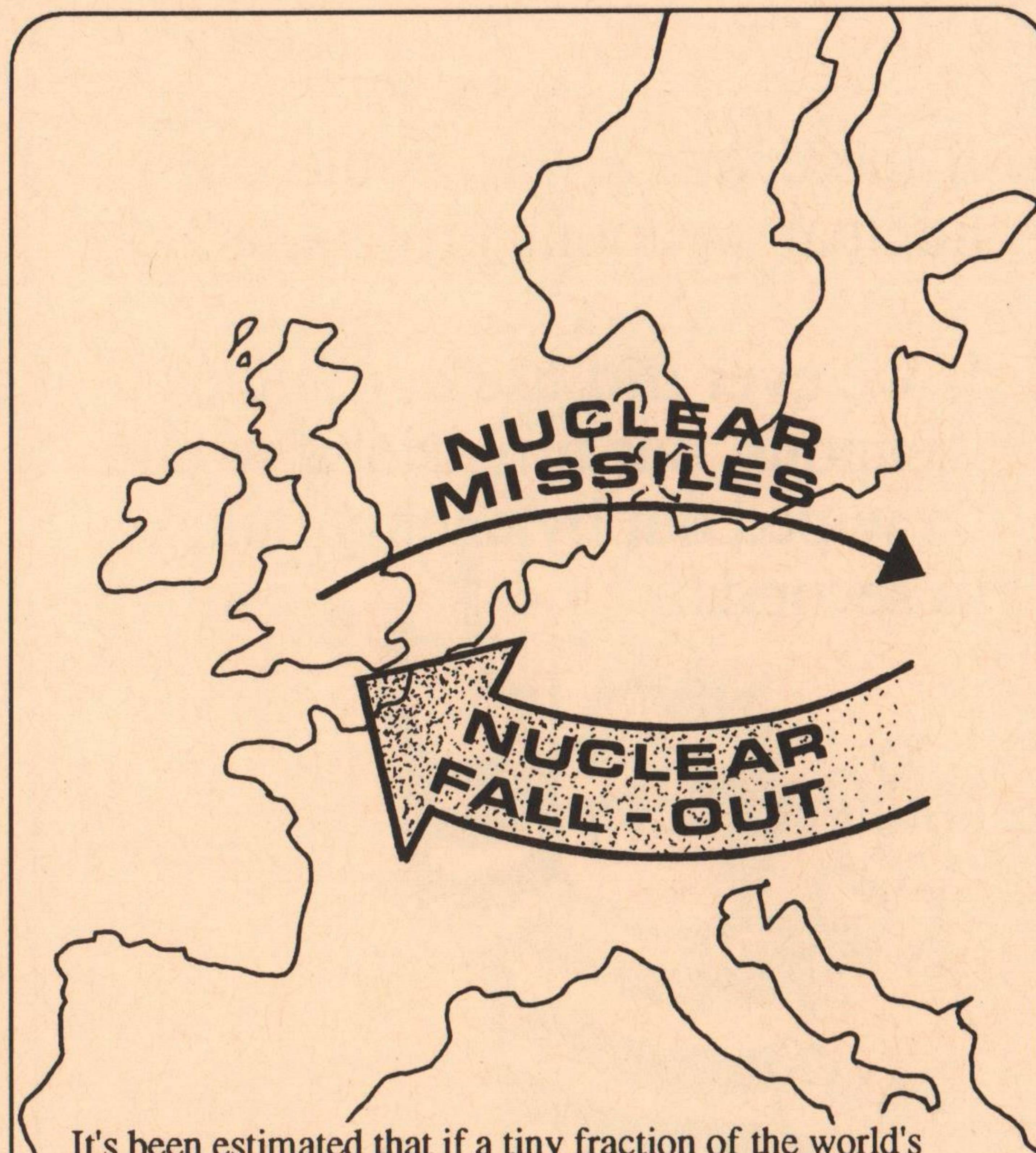
## Remember Chernobyl?

A radioactive dust cloud blew over Europe.

Thousands of square miles are still contaminated, including some in the U.K.

What would happen if we ever used our nuclear weapons?

The nuclear dust cloud would be vastly bigger than Chernobyl, and we would end up poisoning our own country.



It's been estimated that if a tiny fraction of the world's nuclear weapons were ever used it would produce a 'nuclear winter'. The climate would become arctic even round the mediterranean.

**Nuclear weapons are suicidal.**

If there was a war, could our nuclear weapons protect us?

If we ever **did** use our nuclear weapons, our tiny island would be wiped out by enemy nukes in seconds.

Nuclear "defence" -  
- is suicide.

In the House of Commons in the 1960's, Enoch Powell asked the then Government to give **one** situation where the use of nuclear weapons would give Britain a military advantage. He is still waiting for an answer.



Does it make sense to have a burglar alarm that blows **you** up as well as the burglar?

People assume that nuclear weapons will only be used as a last resort.

But the plan is for us to use them first.



NATO\* openly admits it plans to be the first to use nuclear weapons if there is a conflict in Europe. (They call it 'flexible response'.)

NATO has been asked many times in the United Nations to adopt the same policy as the Soviet Union -- only use nuclear weapons if someone uses them on you first.

NATO always refuses.

\*NATO is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It includes the USA, Canada, and many European countries including Britain. It involves an agreement for military co-operation.

Nuclear weapons are routinely carried on British roads, and have been involved in road traffic accidents.

Nine nuclear submarines have sunk to the bottom of our oceans; they are still armed.

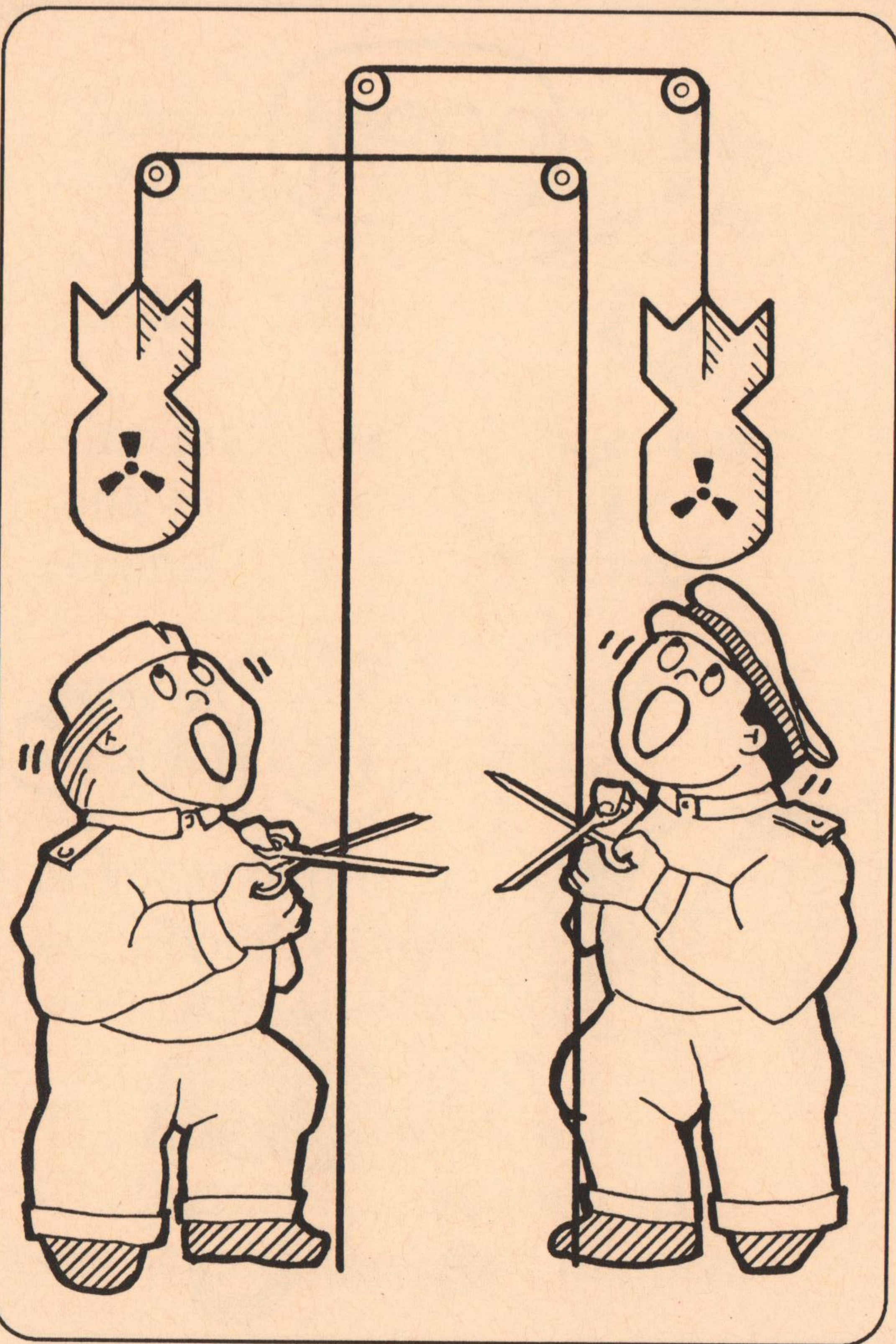
Aircraft carrying nuclear weapons have crashed.

Nuclear bombs have accidentally fallen out of aircraft.

The Titanic, Chernobyl, Challenger .... and they **still** say accidents cannot happen.







Source: the **Sunday Telegraph** Oct 16th 1988

In Nov 1983 the world was brought to the brink of a nuclear war. The West had launched a military exercise "Able Archer" to practice the use of nuclear weapons on the Soviet Union during an all-out nuclear war. The exercise was top secret so the Soviets were not told.

Soviet intelligence began to monitor the exercise. They concluded that they were about to be put under a nuclear missile attack. There was a spasm of Soviet panic. We were on the brink of World War Three.

Nuclear weapons make war **more** likely, not less likely.

If nations like ours don't give up nuclear weapons, then other nations will also want them.

Israel, South Africa, and Pakistan, are already suspected of having their own nuclear weapons.

They are unlikely to be the only ones.

\*(see the note later on "dis-inventing nuclear weapons".)

Unless there is a global agreement to ban nuclear weapons --

-- one day they will fall into the hands of someone desperate enough to use them.

Scientists and negotiators believe it is possible to enforce a global ban on nuclear weapons like this with sufficient co-operation.\*

The alternative is, one day, a nuclear war.

**We must** get rid of nuclear weapons -  
- before they get rid of us.

Nuclear weapons kill and maim innocent children, women, old people, animals and other "non-combatants".

Nuclear weapons are immoral. In fact it is against International Law to use them.

Was it immoral of the Nazis to gas millions of civilians during the Second World War?

It would be just as immoral for us to kill civilians with our nuclear weapons.

Some people who have been against nuclear weapons, past and present:

*John Lennon, Julie Christie, Sting, Lady Antonia Fraser, Kate Bush, Alexi Sayle, Rick Mayal, Jonathan Porritt, Albert Einstein, Peter Gabriel, Bertrand Russell, Bruce Kent, Mahatma Gandhi, Field Marshall Lord Carver, Victoria Wood, Sandi Shaw, The Pogues, Van Morrison, Andy Kershaw, Style Council, Ben Kingsley, Sir Malcolm Tippet, Paul Newman, Emma Thompson, and millions of ordinary people all over the world.*

**"Nuclear weapons have kept the peace in Europe for the past forty years."** X  $\frac{0}{10}$

Britain and the USSR fought the Second World War on the same side. Since then nuclear weapons have helped to generate fear, suspicion, and distrust between us -- not peace.

They were a major factor in creating the 'Cold War'. They have nearly caused a Third World War on a number of occasions, e.g. during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

Meanwhile nuclear nations have been busy at war elsewhere Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan, the Falklands. 20 million have died in wars since the Second World War.

Nuclear weapons have created a terrible tension between the super powers. They make war more, not less likely.

**"You can't dis-invent nuclear weapons"** X  $\frac{0}{10}$

No, but you can ban them. Scientists from the super powers already visit each other's missile silos and use spy satellites etc to check there has been no cheating on existing disarmament agreements. They could do the same for a ban. Scientists know for example that you can't make nuclear weapons without a grade of plutonium which can only be made in a special sort of nuclear power station. You can't make a bomb in the back yard!

To prevent cheating we will need strong International law and careful 'verification'. But scientists on both sides say that disarmament is possible with sufficient co-operation.

**"The Soviet Union has a massive army, if we disarm they would invade us."** X  $\frac{0}{10}$

So why haven't they invaded a non nuclear nation like Japan instead?

In May 1989 Mr Gorbachev suggested that East and West should have armed forces of equal size and negotiations are now taking place.

The recent changes in Eastern Europe show that the USSR is not our enemy.

**"Nuclear weapons are a deterrent."** X  $\frac{0}{10}$

To deter a nation invading Britain we don't need twenty times the fire power required to devastate the USSR. And we don't need very expensive first strike weapons. Many experts think we would be better off with truly defensive weapons that we could use on our own soil. Others think an invasion of Britain is so unlikely that we need not prepare for it.

In any case deterrence does not work. Here are three examples of it failing:

The USA has nuclear weapons but Vietnamese soldiers fought it and won.

The Soviet Union has nuclear weapons but it lost a war in Afghanistan.

Britain has nuclear weapons but that didn't deter the Argentinians fighting us over the Falklands.

History shows that deterrence does not work.