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EASTER 1964



committee of 100 bulletin



# RESISTANCE

is the bulletin of the Committee of 100 and the direct action movement. At the last meeting of the National Committee of 100 (January 25th) it was agreed that the one-time National Bulletin should amalgamate with RESISTANCE to provide a single magazine for the whole Committee. National Bulletin subscribers will therefore be receiving this and future editions of RESISTANCE.

The next edition will be published on 4th March (copy date 26th February except for urgent material) and will deal especially with the Court of Criminal Appeal. Several of our members have recently been hard hit by this Court (see page 16 of this issue for brief details) and we have information also about other "criminals" whose lives have been ruined and businesses destroyed by the lack of respect for humanity and impersonal coldness of this famous Institution.

Then the next issue, March 25th (copy March 18th except urgent matter) will be

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+	<b>A GRAND EASTER ISSUE</b>	+
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+	Published just in time for the March on Ruislip and the	+
+	March on London, this issue will attempt to present the	+
+	policy and beliefs of the Committee of 100 to the outside	+
+	world. It will be aimed especially at the thousands of	+
+	people who will be marching that weekend and who are not	+
+	yet actively concerned with the Committee.	+

For this major propaganda effort, we are looking for articles and other items which reflect a large body of opinion within the Committee on specific topics; which outline various aspects of our work, and which are likely to appeal to a semi-committed audience and make them wish to become more involved. Let this, for once, be the Committee expressing itself to others, rather than arguing amongst itself! Contributions for this issue have been invited from several "specialists" within the movement, and we will welcome other items. Please let us have them as quickly as possible so that we can get on with the planning. An initial printing of 2,000 copies (compared with normal 750) is envisaged.

Without sales and distribution, however, this major effort is doomed to failure, and the Committee will continue as before, as a small in-group organisation with very little literature for interested outsiders. Please will you offer now to sell this issue of RESISTANCE on the March on Ruislip and the March on London. This particularly applies if you are unable to join in the civil disobedience.

Stapled into the back of this issue you will find two forms, one about the Ruislip demonstration. Please fill this in now and send it to us. We are being seriously held up for lack of this information. It is imperative that all those coming to Ruislip fill in NOW either this form or the similar one on the bottom of the leaflet. Please encourage your friends to do the same. And if your subscription to RESISTANCE is due, the other form is for you also: if not, why not get a friend to take out a subscription? We are looking forward to hearing from you!



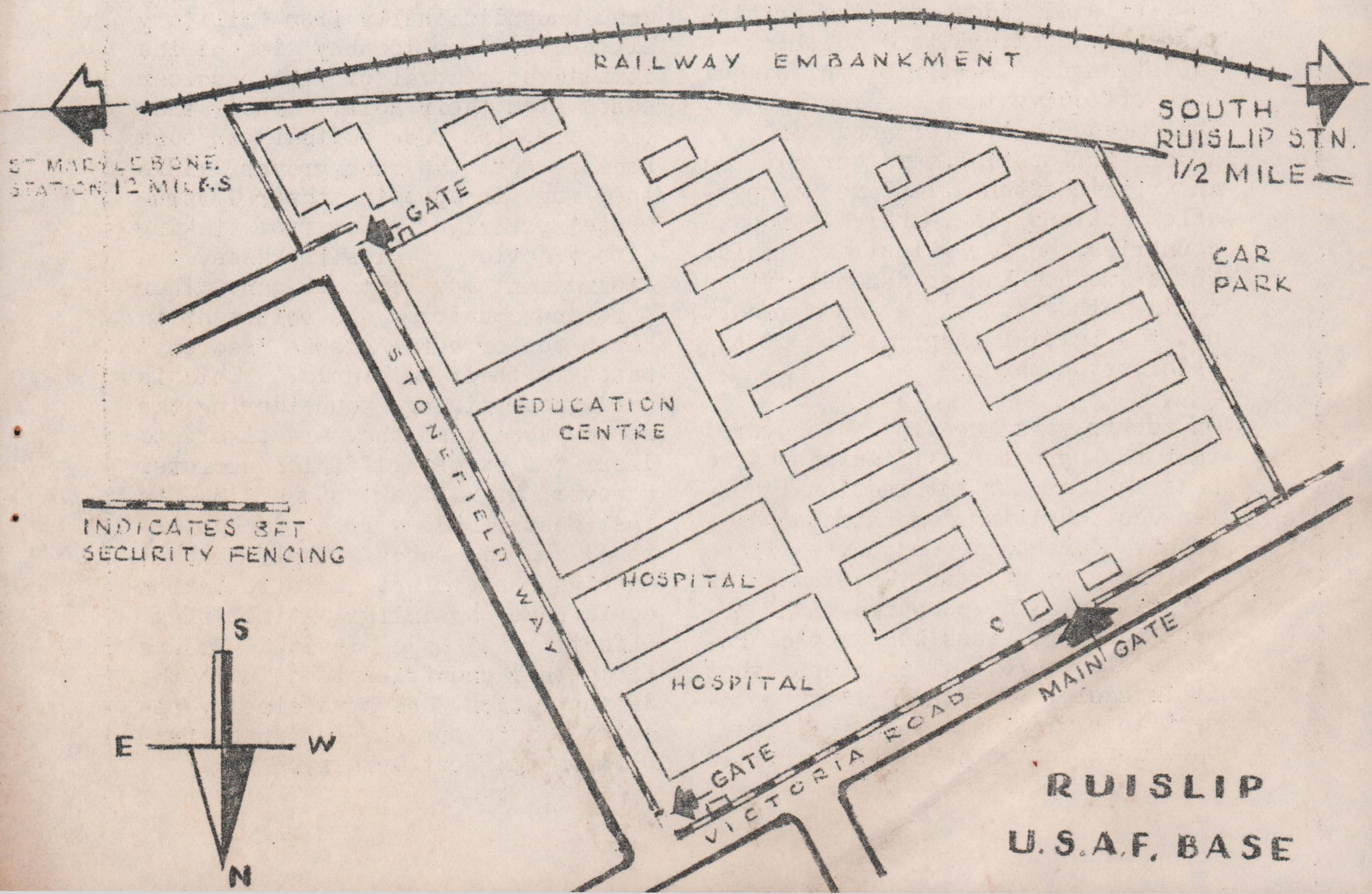
# RUISLIP ACTION;

# STEP-LADDERS TO BE USED

Those intending to enter and reclaim Ruislip Base on Easter Saturday will carry step-ladders to help them get over the wire. This was decided with no dissenting votes at a very well-attended meeting of the London Committee last Sunday (February 9th). There will be groups of responsible people in charge of the ladders, who will form the nuclei of the reclaiming parties.

The meeting also worked out other details of strategy for the reclamation of the base. The March on Ruislip itself has now been taken over by the March to Ruislip Committee, the ad hoc committee set up by London Region CND and the Committee of 100, in response to a request from the London Committee and some areas of London Region. This had its first meeting last Thursday and things in this direction seem to be going very well.

Details of the march and direct action are given on page 8. Also in this issue Pat Arrowsmith, Field Secretary of the Committee, writes (page 4) on the wider international issues which led to the decision to hold the Ruislip Action, and Brian McGee, Secretary of the Committee, gives his personal viewpoint on the conduct of demonstrations and some possible indication of the way ahead beyond Ruislip. (page 6).





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RUISLIP ACTION;  
INSPIRATION  
ABROAD,  
CO-OPERATION  
AT HOME

PAT ARROWSMITH is at present working as Field Secretary for the London Committee, concentrating on the Ruislip project. She has been prominent in the Direct Action movement for 6 years, and was the organiser for the original Aldermaston March.

Easter has by now become the international peace weekend. What we do in Britain at Easter is likely to have a much greater impact abroad than what we do at any other time. It is therefore extremely important that we plan an Easter programme which will give as much encouragement as possible to the anti-war movements in other countries to adopt more radical policies and strategies themselves.

Last year many of us went abroad and met our colleagues in the anti-war movements of other European countries. We learnt a number of things from these encounters. We discovered that people abroad have an inflated idea of the British peace movement and tend to think we are stronger, better organised and more effective than we really are. This means that, for good or ill, we are influential, and our actions in Britain often stimulate comparable actions in other European countries. Easter illustrates this. There are now Easter demonstrations in many other countries as a result of the initial inspiration of the Aldermaston March.

On our travels we also discovered that far greater difficulties and hazards face our international colleagues. British demonstrators may receive harsh and unjust prison sentences, but our Government is relatively mild compared with the much tougher, less democratic regimes elsewhere. This means that it is easier for the British movement to be radical than for, say, the Greek Bertrand Russell Committee

or the Italian Consulta della Pace.

Many of the European movements lack a clearly radical policy. They are barely unilateralist and do not call upon their Governments to withdraw unconditionally from military alliances, nor do they demand the immediate removal of all nuclear bases from their soil. Their tactics are also less radical than ours because of the much graver risks they run in opposing their Governments' policies. Far from taking direct action at missile bases, the disarmament movements of many other European countries are reluctant to march to or even name the "secret" bases in their homelands. This is hardly surprising, considering the severe penalties they are likely to incur for exposing official secrets. However, the "attack" on the R.S.G.'s last Easter made a great impact abroad, and it seems likely that a massive non-violent Ruislip Action could have a similar stimulating effect. We have invited groups from other countries to join in the demonstration, and have already received a favourable response from Belgium and West Germany.



The first Easter Aldermaston March, organised by the Direct Action Committee against Nuclear War, went from London to Aldermaston. It is time that another Easter March went to a base. This year, for the first time, the Easter programme will be comprehensive and directed at all categories of people who have the main responsibility for nuclear war preparations.

The Easter Monday mass march in London being organised by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will, as in previous years, focus attention on the responsibility of our rulers. The Ruislip Action will demonstrate the responsibility of the military personnel who would actually launch the rockets in the event of nuclear war. And in addition, this year we shall direct attention to the civilians who help to maintain military installations.

The Rosyth Action, being organised by the Scottish Committee of 100, is aimed at a NATO dockyard manned by local workers. The Scottish Committee's programme will include both a march to and direct action at the base, and attempts to meet the relevant local Trades Unions and to persuade the workers on the base to reconsider their position.

The Ruislip Action will also include a preliminary local campaign. This is a new venture for the London Committee of 100. The campaign will include picketing the base and making approaches to civilian workers on the base, as well as to the USAF personnel. We shall try to create understanding about the Easter demonstration by leafletting and canvassing the area; and local people will be invited to sign a petition demanding that the base be turned over to peaceful purposes.

The combination of all these complementary actions should be a significant Easter programme capable of making a far greater impact than a single, one-day mass demonstration. There will be no danger of the general public and press interpreting the abandonment of the four-day Aldermaston March as a decline in the movement. On the contrary, by supplementing the Monday mass march in London with the Ruislip and Rosyth Actions we shall demonstrate to the Government, political parties, and general public, both in Britain and abroad, that the British peace movement is strong and determined. If the demonstrations are large and effective this will not only re-invigorate our own movement but also enable it to expand. Perhaps we shall recapture the attention of industrial workers and encourage them to reconsider the possibility of building up a shop-floor movement capable eventually of taking mass industrial action against war preparations.

Support for the Ruislip Action is steadily growing. We now know that groups will be coming from outside London to join in - from Bristol, Cardiff, Oxford, Sussex and the Midlands. All over the London area new Committee Working Groups are springing up and old ones reviving in order to build up support for the Ruislip Action.

We shall be advertising the Monday demonstration en route to Ruislip; and many members of London CND and YCND groups think that a big march to Ruislip will mean a big march in London. So much support for the Ruislip Action has developed among London CND supporters that London Region CND has decided to set up an independent Ad Hoc Committee to organise the March to Ruislip and sup-



porting action at the base. This Committee will comprise individual supporters of London Region CND and the London Committee of 100. It will be a working committee independent of both organisations, but bridging the gap between them, and so encouraging united effort over this Easter's activities.

We aim to make the Ruislip programme as comprehensive as possible by involving people of all levels of commitment in some phase of it. There is every indication at the moment that the Ruislip Action will be genuine mass resistance.

Pat Arrowsmith.

BRIAN McGEE has been Secretary of the London Committee since his return from the Athens Convoy last August. He is an ex-regular-airman, having been courtmartialled and imprisoned in Autumn 1962 for his antiwar activities.

## RUISLIP ACTION: STRATEGY AND NON-VIOLENCE

The final details of the Ruislip Action are now being sorted out. There is still a lot of work to be done, particularly in connection with accommodation and finance, and similar problems which are associated with a demonstration of this kind. But in planning this action the main object will be to put across the message of our opposition to nuclear war, and to keep to a minimum the detailed organisational work.

Not a Picnic

Although we hope people will get pleasure and satisfaction from taking part, this action is not being planned for the enjoyment of the participants. The demonstration is intended to illustrate our opposition to the nuclear war system, and all of the detailed arrangements will be subordinate to this object. If you are just looking for a pleasant weekend out don't bother to come to Ruislip. We intend to involve the largest possible number of people in this action, but the presence of even a few who are just looking for "kicks" can mar the whole programme. The sincerity of the majority can be made to look ridiculous by the lunatic fringe who engage in meaningless brawls in the streets.

The demonstration will be organised in such a way as to reduce the possibility of violence to a minimum, but it will still largely rely on the responsibility of every individual demonstrator. If you see an outbreak of violence near to you, move quietly away and urge others to do the same. Don't shout or panic; this will only lead to a riot and the whole point of the demonstration will be lost. The authorities can easily deal with violence; their State has been built on its use. The obvious culmination of a violent policy is the H-bomb, so a violent demonstration becomes meaningless.



Causes of  
Violence

On demonstrations in the past there have been several obvious causes of violence; the most plain has been confusion and lack of a feeling of security among the demonstrators. This should be easier to deal with on the Ruislip demonstration as we will all be together for the two days beforehand, and should be thoroughly familiar with the plan for the direct action at the end. Another cause is lack of understanding of non-violence. This is more difficult to resolve as it depends mostly on a willingness to listen to the arguments. Basic leaflets and literature on the subject will be available and every activist should make it his responsibility to see that these are read and discussed.

Sitting  
Down

The police have sometimes resorted to provoking violence by pushing a cordon into the crowd. There is only one way to deal with this: you must sit down immediately. Once the police have people retreating in front of a cordon it is simple for them to break the demonstration into small sections and engage in running fights. This demonstration is intended to illustrate our opposition to the nuclear war system. We will not have failed to demonstrate this point if several thousand policemen stop us from actually reaching the fences of the base.

Heavy  
Burden

There will be many people on this demonstration who have not engaged in direct action before. Some who are opposed to direct action will join the non-civil-disobedience part and observe the other section. A heavy responsibility is placed on those who have experience of Committee demonstrations. They must give a clear lead in the event of any doubt or confusion. This does not mean shouting orders or telling people what to do. It means that they must show the way by their own conduct and maintain a calm atmosphere on the demonstration at all times.

It is in fact one of the main attributes of this demonstration that it will introduce many new people to the ideas of direct action. It is quite obvious that we can never expect to engage in true direct action until we have a very much larger section of the population working with us. We cannot expect to stop the operation of the nuclear war system until we have enough people to prevent the bases from functioning. The only way we can grow to this size is by involving larger numbers of people in our symbolic direct action projects and to use these demonstrations to stimulate direct action ideas among the general public.

Your  
Support

We must aim for a situation where people ignore the insane dictates of politicians and take matters into their own hands. If enough hard work is put into it, the Ruislip project could be a major break-through for direct action. It can point the way forward for the mass of people who are disillusioned by the farce of the political parties. It is therefore most important that this is a clear and successful demonstration. This will only be possible if we have the full and active support of all who believe in what the Committee stands for.

Brian McGee



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# RUISLIP ACTION; DETAILS

The March on Ruislip will leave Speakers Corner at 11 a.m. on Good Friday, preceded by a short programme of songs and speeches. The route of the march is shown on the accompanying map. There are several tube stations near the dispersal point at Kenton; provincial marchers will be accommodated throughout the London area. Please fill in the form at the back of this issue and send it in immediately if you will need or can provide accommodation.

Saturday's march is only four miles and should bring us to the base by 2 p.m. If the police

have indicated that they will allow the legal part of the demonstration to proceed, the marchers who do not intend to take part in the direct action will go first. The direct ac-

tion section will then approach the base and block the gates, and attempt to affix "reclamation notices" to it. From the blockage, the groups will form round the ladders and attempt to enter the base around its perimeter.

If the demonstrators are stopped by a police cordon the Committee is recommending that they sit down and do not attempt to find another route. If we announce that we will go round a police cordon the police will be able to divert us into back streets where no-one will see us by the simple expedient of stopping the march. Furthermore, the action is then likely to degenerate into a series of scattered groups wandering the back streets engaging in running fights with the police. It is considered important that a sense of unity be maintained throughout the demonstration.

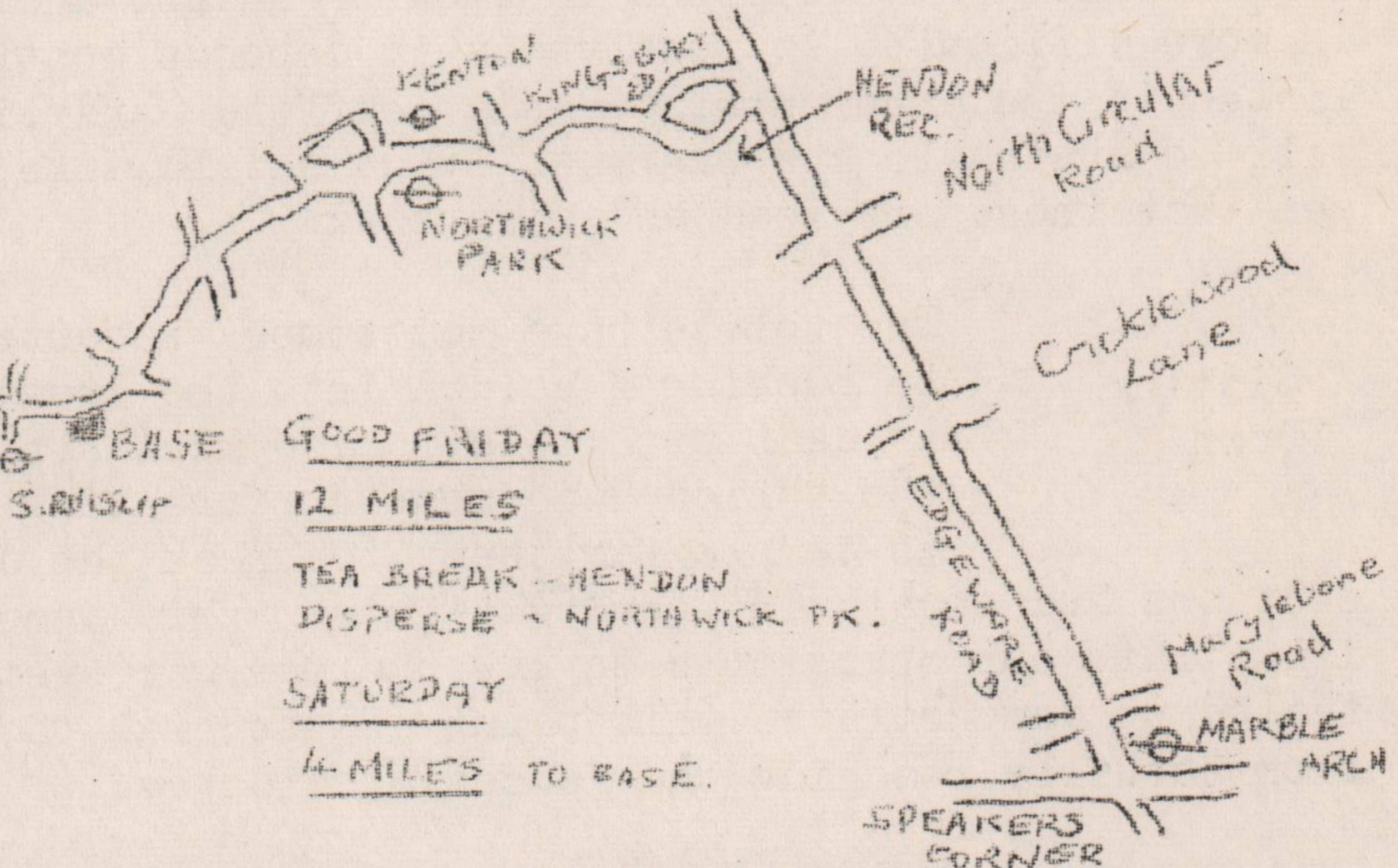
Local briefing meetings organised by the working groups will enable as many people as possible to have a perfectly clear idea of the form of the demonstration. In addition, there will be a public meeting in Central London beforehand to brief people both on demonstration details and basic non-violence. This will be arranged in such a way as to minimise the risk of incitement charges to a few individuals.

**BUT** There is one snag. We need to reprint the basic leaflet; WE HAVE NO MONEY TO DO SO.

We need full and accurate briefing documents, both for the demonstration and on the legal aspect. WE HAVE NO MONEY TO PRINT THEM.

Pat Arrowsmith and Brian McGee are doing a great job of organisation. BUT IF WE DON'T WATCH OUT, THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO PAY THEIR SUBSISTENCE.

On the back page you will find details of what some people are doing about this. WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT? Cash/cheques/PO's to the London Committee of 100, 13 Goodwin St., London, N.4. earmarked RUISLIP please.



GOOD FRIDAY

12 MILES

TEA BREAK - HENDON

DISPERSE - NORTHWICK PK.

SATURDAY

4 MILES TO BASE.



# ROSYTH ACTION: RECLAIMING DOCKS

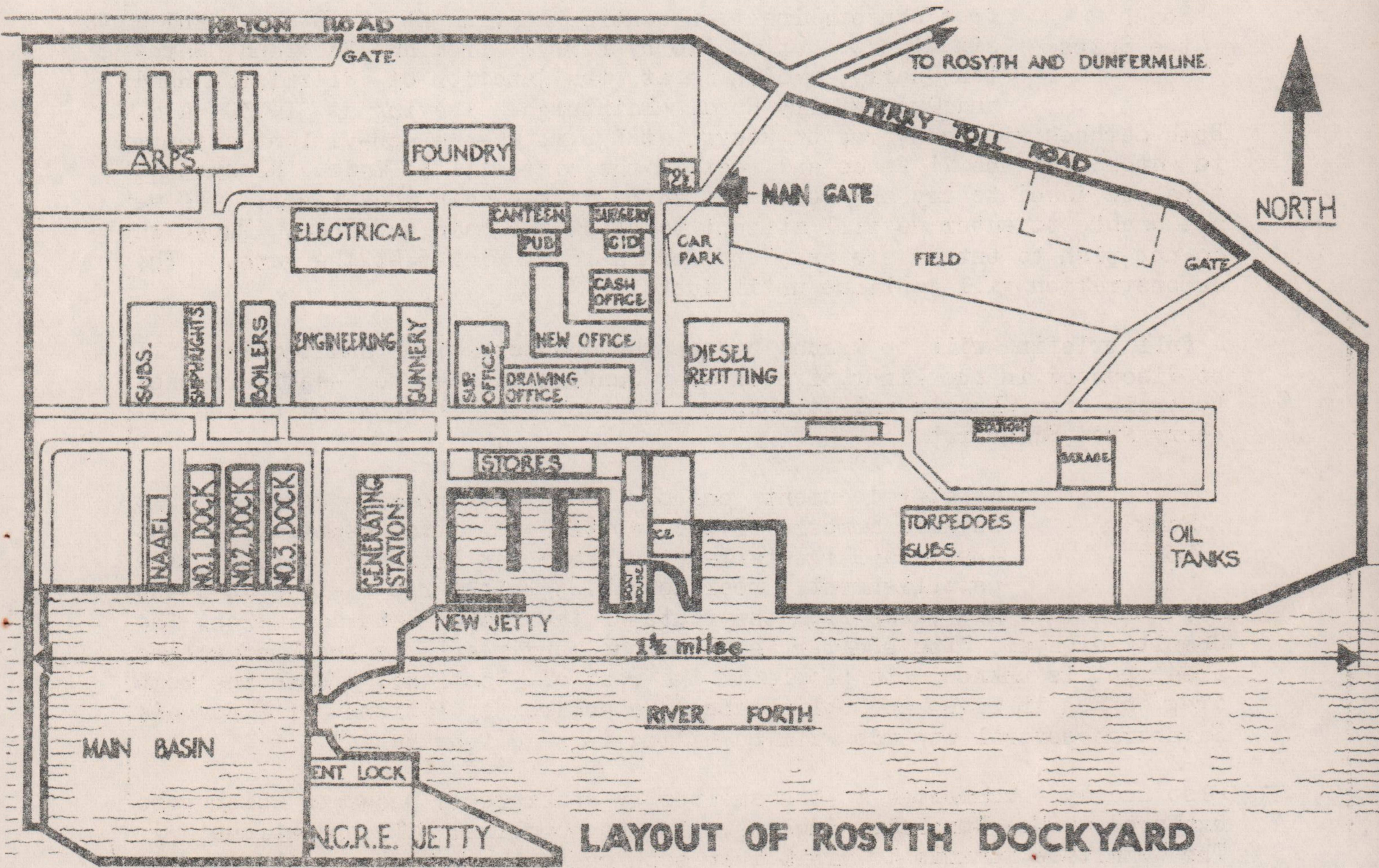
The Scottish Committee of 100 is organising a complementary action to Ruislip at Rosyth NATO Base, near Dunfermline, on Easter Saturday. In a leaflet, which reproduces the map below "by courtesy of the Scottish Committee of 100 Spying Group" they state:

City  
Killer

"This demonstration is directed at the thousands of trade unionists who are constructing and servicing the naval ships at Rosyth NATO Base and who will maintain the British City-killer Polaris fleet when the depot is set up in the base. The failure of these workers to stop helping

the Government to prepare for war has moved us to take action and attempt to enter the base on Easter Saturday and reclaim it for peaceful purposes.

We believe the base can be remodelled and altered and the engineering skills of the workers used to provide equipment, such as agricultural machinery, for underdeveloped countries and ships to carry goods to these countries. This would be of greater benefit to mankind than helping our rulers prepare to annihilate millions of people.





"Worker"  
Spies

"Rosyth is an important base for the NATO fleet. It is to be used as the depot for the British Polaris city killers, which will make it a certain target in nuclear war. Several thousand Tradesmen are constructing, repairing and servicing naval ships. A massive security check is kept with a pass system at the gates and Special Branch spies disguised as workmen at the benches. They pretend to be workers and work at the machines and attend Union Meetings; if a man becomes "doubtful" or a "risk" they inform their superiors and the man is quietly given the push. These men maintain the interests of the Government and the Establishment against the workmen.

Despite S.T.U.C. anti-Polaris resolutions, Trades Unionists will maintain, pamper and pet the Polaris submarines, as they have done for years with all the other naval vessels. They are like the Trades Unionists in Germany, prior to the last war, who, in order to be employed, made arms and gas chambers for Hitler. We hope these men will change and begin to strike and black arms work, to ignore the "security" and to start to remodel the base and then divert their skills to peaceful purposes constructing equipment for under-developed countries.

Reach  
the Ships

There will be two marches to the base - a three mile one from Dunfermline town centre, leaving at 12.30 p.m., and a six mile one (plus two by ferry) from RSG Scotland, Barn-ton Quarry, which is at the junction of Clermiston Road and Queensferry Road, Edinburgh, leaving at 10.30 a.m.

Both marches will converge on Rosyth at 3 p.m. when a non-violent attempt to enter over the 7' fence and reclaim the base will be made. Demonstrators are asked to try and reach the ships in the main dock basin. If we are unable to enter we will attempt to block the main entrance. Those who do not wish to enter are asked to form a legal picket at the gate. The demonstration will continue until dusk.

A full briefing will be issued before the demonstration and tactics will be discussed in the light of events. Dunfermline can be easily reached by train from Glasgow and Edinburgh, by bus from Glasgow and by bus and ferry from Edinburgh."

Funk  
Hole

A later document called "No Hiding Place" reveals that several members of the Scottish Committee penetrated right inside a large fall-out shelter at Pitreavie Castle NATO establishment, near Rosyth. This large shelter is about 400 yards from the route of the Easter Saturday march. The Committee says: "The shelter is known to many people in the Dunfermline area but is unknown to people in the rest of Scotland. When the bomb drops on Rosyth base and obliterates the entire populations of Fife and Edinburgh several cowards will be hiding in this funk hole."

Also nearby, connected to the shelter by underground passages which were explored by the Committee members, is the combined NATO operations H.Q. The Committee intends to visit them both on Easter Saturday on the way to Rosyth.

Scottish Committee of 100, 48 Dundas St., Glasgow, C.1.

+ David McClellan is organising a coach to Rosyth from London. AMB 5988



# POLICE OBSTRUCT C.N.D.: BUT "MARCH GOES AHEAD"

C.N.D. has been running into trouble from the Police about their "Mass March on London" arranged for Easter Monday. They originally hoped to march from Kennington Common, but this imaginative idea was immediately squashed. As the front page of this month's "Sanity" points out in no uncertain terms, the Campaign has reduced its demands to the bare minimum. The police still will not allow even this. We quote:

"So far the Campaign has been obstructed in its declared purpose of starting the march in Hyde Park, taking it through the West End to Parliament Square, bringing it down Whitehall across the full width of the road, and ending with a final rally in Trafalgar Square."

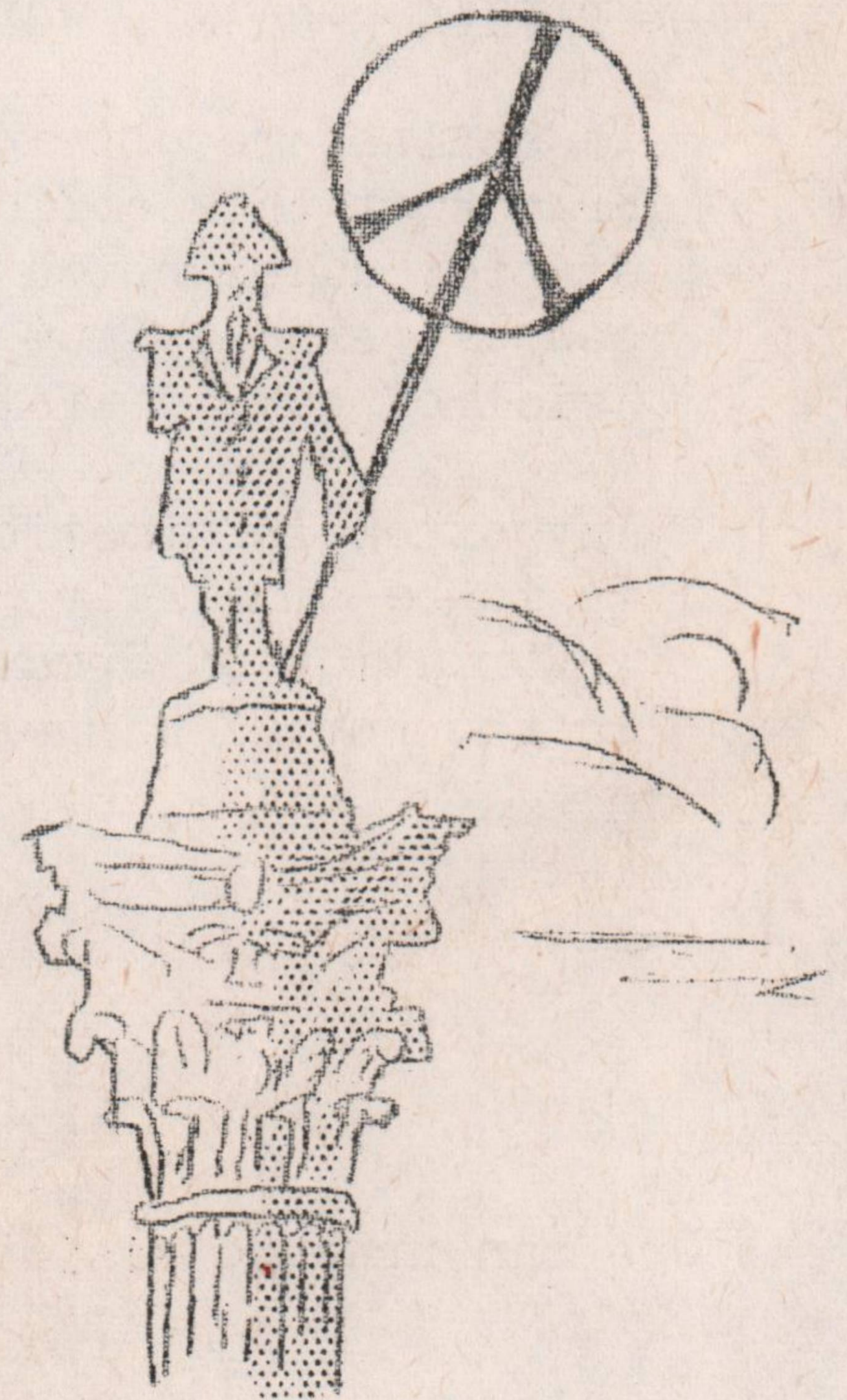
"Sanity" continues by pointing out that there have been no other applications for use of the Square on Easter Monday, and that the Chief Marshal has presented the police with a detailed plan for re-routeing traffic, and three alternative routes and timetables for London Transport buses. The police maintain that the Square will be too small for the marchers, and that they must walk past the Square and back to Hyde Park. They will also not countenance the March taking the whole width of the road at any part of its route.

The rest of the "Sanity" leader is worth quoting, as it indicates that CND is slowly being forced to realise the situation which we have in fact recognised for some time:

"Much more radical action in closing streets has been taken during State Visits of foreign royalty. There is no reason why the technical problems should be greater in doing the same for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament....."

"The case for the use of Trafalgar Square is even more cogent. The Square is the traditional forum for popular demonstrations of dissent. Its use in this respect has been hard fought and hard won. It is the one natural rallying point London can provide. Moreover, the alternative of Hyde Park, which was used last year and the year before, proved unsatisfactory - and it will be even more unsatisfactory if what is planned as a March on London is routed past its objective and back to its starting point.

"Could it be possible that the Campaign's plans are being obstructed for political rather than technical reasons? It must be asserted again that not a single technical objection has yet been raised for which CND negotiators have been unable to provide a solution. Should this prove to be so, the issue becomes a plain one of fundamental civil liberties. So long as democratic procedures are maintained, and so long as freedom of assembly and legal demonstration are guaranteed by law, there





can be no possible justification for obstructionism. It may well be that suspicions of this nature are unjustified - that the police and the Ministry of Works move in a mysterious way their wondrous to perform, and all they need is a little more time. We hope so.

On the other hand, if the authorities dare not tolerate dissent on the scale expected at Easter, let them say so. Let them revoke the right to freedom of assembly. But let them do so openly. An intolerable burden is placed on the police when they are given the impossible brief of neutralising the march while at the same time continuing to work within a democratic framework."

"The March on London will take place on Easter Monday.  
It will begin in Hyde Park and end in Trafalgar Square."

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## "CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTION"

We have been sorting out our files recently, and fascinating things have come to light. For example, this CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTION was apparently issued to high ranking officers of the Police, way back in 1961:

Confidential Instruction (to be cancelled after action).

"Committee of 100" - Proposed Demonstartion (sic) on Sunday 17th September 1961.

Every effort is to be made to obtain copies of any literature issued by the Committee of 100 about demonstration proposed for 'Battle of Britain Sunday', which this year falls on 17th September.

If copies are obtained they are to be forwarded immediately to A.2(2) Branch at this office with a report in duplicate showing the circumstances under which obtained, and if possible the names and addresses of persons from whom obtained, with particulars of the s/course (sic) of supply if this information can be elicited.

Any other information as to the major activities of this Committee is to be similarly reported to A.2(2) with an additional copy for information of Special Branch. Minor activities will be dealt with in the normal manner.

A.C.A.

For strict compliance.  
Sgd. G. Moutrey,  
Superintendent.

One can presume similar instructions to be in force.....



# EASTER ACTION ABROAD

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Information is still hard to come by on the Easter demonstrations being held in other countries, although we know many foreign movements will be acting this Easter. Our latest knowledge is given below. More news next time, we hope!

## AUST- RALIA

"Peace Action in Australia", (January) reports that the Easter March and Rally will be held in Sydney on April 4th and 5th. The themes under which the demonstration will be held are: 1. Support for, and extension of, the Test Ban Treaty; 2. Opposition to the proposed French Nuclear Tests; 3. Support for nuclear free zones.

The Belgian march, organised by a coalition of most of the youth organisations in Belgium, takes place the week before Easter, (15th March) in Brussels. Their platform includes opposition to nuclear arms for the Belgian army and to all nuclear tests including those underground. They specifically ask for people to attend from this country; further details from the office.

## BEL- GIUM

## GER- MANY

Disturbing developments are taking place in Germany which may have a fatal effect on the somewhat cautious West German movement, whose policy has never been either radical or unilateralist by English standards. The East German Peace Committees, presumably unable any longer to ignore the genuine non-aligned peace movements and their effect on the East German population, have announced the intention to hold three marches this Easter, at Wartburg, Sachsenhausen and Buchenwald. The themes of the marches will not be contrary to the declared "peace" policy of the DDR. Although the West German movement is not Communist either in leadership or inspiration, the slogans carried this year will have to be considerably more radical than those of previous years for the public not to be extremely confused. One good effect of the East German marches, however, may be to open up fields for discussion and for genuinely non-aligned people to meet possibly sympathetic friends in the East. We hope several people will consider going to East Germany from this country at Easter. The largest of the several West German marches is expected to be at Dusseldorf.

AUSTRIA has two CND-type organisations, the least independent of which is reported to be negotiating with the Hungarian Peace Committee for a joint march to meet on the border. ITALY is to have two or three Easter marches, followed by a series of small local marches after Easter. The NORWEGIAN CND hopes to have a very large march this year; SWEDEN has not yet decided whether to march at Easter or Whitsun.

(Thanks to Sanity for some of this information.)

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Peter Cadogan, a secondary-school teacher in Cambridge, is forming a "Teachers' Direct Action Group". Please will interested teachers and others write to him at 5 Acton Way, Cambridge.



# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

What has happened to the National Committee? You may have ordered the National Bulletin? Or perhaps you are a letter writer awaiting an answer from the Secretary? If so, I know that Peter Fenbow, who looked after things when Peter Moule went to join Danilo Dolci in Sicily and then later when Peter began his four months' sentence, would like to express his apologies. He has been seriously ill for some time now. Our thoughts go to Peter and his wife.

At the emergency meeting of the National Committee on January 25th I agreed to become voluntary national secretary, at least until after Easter, and am able to spend two afternoons a week in the office. I feel the importance of having such a secretary is for communication and for beginning new Working Groups where individuals show the responsibility and interest. It was agreed that after Easter the national secretary should take up a "travelling" role, appointing a volunteer to take over the present task of communication and service to groups, while the travelling secretary speaks and organizes individuals into Working Groups wherever there is the will and purpose. This would also be an opportunity to speak at Colleges and schools, as well as to groups like CND, YCND etc. If the General Election has not been voted away this will be an added interest to and speaking undertaken, but without discussing the election there are very hot subjects like conscription, unilateral movements in every country, non-violence - international and revolutionary, civil disobedience in a democracy, to mention but a few.

It is hoped that Peter Moule will take up this job - becoming National Secretary again - and he would be in an excellent position to give an international view, having taken part in the Greek Week demonstrations, the Athens Convoy which was stopped on the Yugoslav frontier, and then last autumn joining Dolci in Sicily for the ten day fast. I would be pleased to have requests now for Peter to speak, particularly in educational institutions; this would counter the officially allowed visits of military recruitment officials. The travelling secretary will also help sales of RESISTANCE and the magazine will help the movement, since the use of such a journal - and local magazines - is the most important contact, except for actions themselves.

Finance. The National Committee is in heavy debt due to old bills, to the tune of about £232. However, since we have a weekend conference planned on the Future Programme and Policy of the Committee of 100, since we are planning this tour by the National Secretary after Easter, and since I shall be speaking to groups and encouraging others to form groups, I think any money donated or any bankers orders will be usefully and sensibly used. PLEASE send by return of post either a postal order or cheque for keeping our heads above water, or send in a request for a speaker to visit your area and help you form a new Committee of 100 Working Group. This is after all what we exist for.



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+ 'WAY AHEAD' CONFERENCE  
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+ This weekend conference will be on the 11th and 12th April 1964.  
+ Place to be given. The cost will be 5/- per day. Anyone wish-  
+ ing to present a 'paper' on the theme "The Committee of 100 -  
+ Future Programme and Policy", please send it in, typed, to the  
+ National Secretary at Goodwin Street. Suggested ideas for  
+ topics: Conscription, the Election, Unilateral Movements in  
+ Every Country, Local Working Group Organisation, Non-Violence,  
+ and so on. More news in the next issue of RESISTANCE.

This weekend should be the first of many weekends held to push the move-  
ment forward. After this one it is hoped that each group present will  
appoint a person - other than the secretary - to organise a conference  
locally.

Finally, if anyone reading this wishes to have a national speaker for his  
or her group, school, or college, please write and let me know. The Nat-  
ional Committee will welcome also addresses of new Working Groups; money;  
and ideas.

Dennis Gould.

## INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE

The following is an up-to-date list of "file-holders" for the International  
Subcommittee of the Committee of 100. People going abroad this year, or  
interested in any aspect of the movement in any particular country, are  
invited to write to the individual file-holders direct. File-holders are  
needed for any country not on this list, and especially for AUSTRIA, BEL-  
GIUM, and SWITZERLAND. Please write to the convening secretary, Angela  
Aspinwall.

AUSTRALIA	Alan Parker, 3 Urquhart Drive, East Kilbride, Glasgow.
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# APPEAL COURT "JUSTICE"

Several Committee members have had cases reviewed at the High Court recently, apart, of course, from Terry Chandler.

FRANK ADLER lost two appeals in quick succession. In his first, remaining from the time of Marham last May, he argued - successfully - that the Official Secrets Act under which he was sentenced was not relevant to him, in that it referred to obstruction of the forces "in the vicinity of" a prohibited place. The learned judges agreed that several hundred yards inside the base was, with the normal use of language, hardly in its vicinity. However, Lord Parker decided that although this was what the Act said, it could hardly be what it meant, so he decided to extend the provisions of the Act to include Frank's position. What, of course, they could not admit, was that for those inside the base there was another section of the Act: Section 1, the very serious charge under which all the demonstrators were first arrested. Later, when the authorities realised the implications of having caught 68 "spies" they were forced to reduce the charges to Section 3, which was never intended for use inside a base.

Frank's second appeal, from the Greek Royal Visit, was also dismissed. In this case, there was fresh evidence since the trial. Much of the evidence which led to Frank's conviction had revolved round the assertion on oath by a policeman that the gates of Admiralty Arch were open while Frank made a speech. The new evidence consisted of a press photograph, sent to him after the case, which showed him speaking and the gates firm closed. Lord Parker ruled that this did not cast serious doubt on the evidence given by the policeman concerned and dismissed the appeal.

BRIAN MCGEE's Marham appeal has also been dismissed. In this case the Lord Chief Justice ruled that the fact that there was not a proper transcript of the Magistrates Court proceedings was in some way the fault of the accused; that the magistrates could not possibly have convicted him of obstruction if this was the only evidence presented (which in fact it was); consequently there must have been more evidence at the trial which did not appear in the brief notes which comprised the "transcript", and this evidence presumably proved the guilt of the accused. Appeal was therefore dismissed, and in addition £10 costs were added to the £20 fine previously imposed, despite the fact that Brian had legal aid with a "nil contribution" certificate. Brian states that he has no intention of paying the fine and certainly not the costs.

TERRY CHANDLER's case has received some press publicity, unlike the above. Many interesting things have come out regarding the rights of the defence and the prosecution to challenge jurors at trials: needless to say the scales are loaded in favour of the prosecution. Terry is now back inside and has applied for leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

PETER MOULE, as we reported last time, was not even given leave to appeal. This means he loses the six weeks he had served before the appeal was heard and has to start his four months again.

If you think these cases are justice, you might as well go join the League of Empire Loyalists. They, and others, will be examined in more detail in the next issue of RESISTANCE. If you have had an interesting appeal case, please let us have a report as soon as you can.



# NEWS FROM WORKING GROUPS

## RUISLIP. WORKING- GROUPS

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Now the Ruislip Action is really under way, the local working groups are coming into their own. Some details of how they are raising money are given below and in "Points of Information". But also they will have a very practical purpose as the demonstration approaches. Working groups will be asked to have local briefing meetings for the Ruislip Action in which the plans will be explained and basic non-violence thrashed out among the rank-and-file supporters, in small meetings where everyone can have their say.

Working groups will also form the nuclei of the reclamation parties. We are hoping that large ones, or several small ones together, will arrange to be in charge of the ladders. Before the demonstration - starting now, in fact - they will form themselves into groups which will attempt to enter the base; get to know each other, and perhaps run 'socio-drama' sessions as well as orthodox briefing meetings. People who write to the office to state that they wish to enter the base will be put in touch with their nearest reclaiming party, which will serve not only to strengthen the local working groups for the future, but also to ensure that on Easter Saturday we have several relatively experienced groups of people round which the reclaiming parties can form from the demonstration itself.

There are some local working groups who are really pulling their weight money-wise; for example, West London have guaranteed £100 towards the demonstration and are well on their way towards it. Details of their many money-raising activities are in Points of In-

formation: other working groups please note. Hampstead send us 10% of their bank balance each month. S.E. London are going great guns with the folk-song concert and have promised all profits to the Committee. BUT WHAT ARE THE OTHERS DOING? If you have a guilty conscience, act NOW!!

The Ruislip Action has already resulted in the formation of many new working groups and the revival of others in the London area. If you are not in touch with one yourself, write to the office now for information.

The SOUTH ESSEX COMMITTEE (Convenor: Dick Wilcocks, 142 Brentwood Road, Romford, Essex.) made their presence felt at the last meeting of Ilford Town Council. When the Mayor tried to pass through the Civil Defence report with a rapid "Are we all agreed, gentlemen", a member stood up in the public gallery and declared "No!" They then held a very effective "talk-in", each member taking over where one left off as he was removed. Eventually the gallery was cleared, but the Committee will return again to make sure that the CD report is not passed without debate. Details from Dick Wilcocks, at the above address.

## RUISLIP: WORKING- GROUPS

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## POINTS OF INFORMATION

London  
Edition

- PRISONERS-- Terry Chandler, 19797, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth, S.W.18.  
(Would be glad of books on Spanish Civil War, but please liaise with Brenda Jordan, AMB 5988, to avoid duplication.)  
Tim Fox, Y.P.3819, H.M. Remand Centre, Ashford, Middx.  
Peter Moule, 12615, H.M. Prison, Brixton, S.W.2.
- SECRETARY-- Required for London Committee after Easter, whatever the cops do to Brian. Applications and nominations NOW, as a matter of urgency.
- FOLK SONGS FOR PEACE-- Still a few tickets left. Lewisham Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6., Friday 21st February, 7.30 p.m. Artists include Ewan MacColl, Peggy Seeger, Ian Campbell Four, etc. Sponsored by S.E.London Working Group, all profits to London Committee. Tickets from Janice Edmunds, Kent Lodge, 56 Vicars Hill, S.E.13, at 5/-, 7/6, and 10/6 each.
- GRAND DRAW-- Please return counterfoils and money immediately to office.
- LONDON COMMITTEE-- Next meeting March 4th. Keep this date.
- SOUTH ESSEX COMMITTEE-- 16th February, 2.0.p.m., at the White Swan, Romford Market; also 8th March. All Essex friends welcome.
- JUMBLE SALE-- March 7th, Putney Working Group. Jumble wanted. Ring Colin Johnson, PUT 5983.
- FILMS FOR PEACE-- Interesting films of demonstrations etc. March 7th. Judy Brook's film of the Athens Convoy (hour long, including Athens itself) March 14th. Details of both to follow. No admission fee, collection. (W. London Working Group.)
- WEST LONDON WORKING GROUP-- meets every alternate Tuesday, 8.p.m., 62 Oxford Gardens, W.10. Next meeting Tues. 18th February. For details ring Rosemary Deane, LAD 8748
- JUMBLE SALE-- March 7th, Chelsea Community Centre, Worlds End, S.W.10. Offers of good jumble to Jay Nightingale, AMB 5988. Every penny will go straight to the London Committee. (W.L.W.G.)
- PARTY-- All night bottle party, Friday 28th February, 5 Colville Houses, off Talbot Road, W.11. Admission 2/6 PLUS BOTTLE. (No drink will be sold). All profits to L'don C'ttee. (WLWG)
- SINGING FOR PEACE-- Mark Newnes (Denham 3209) would like to locate people interested in forming a singing group for the Committee. Also song writers. We intend to have a supplement of new songs in the Easter edition of RESISTANCE: please send any you have to the office.
- RESISTANCE-- Printed and published by LONDON COMMITTEE OF 100, 13 Goodwin Street, London N.4. ARCHway 1239/5524. WE NEED MONEY!!!



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