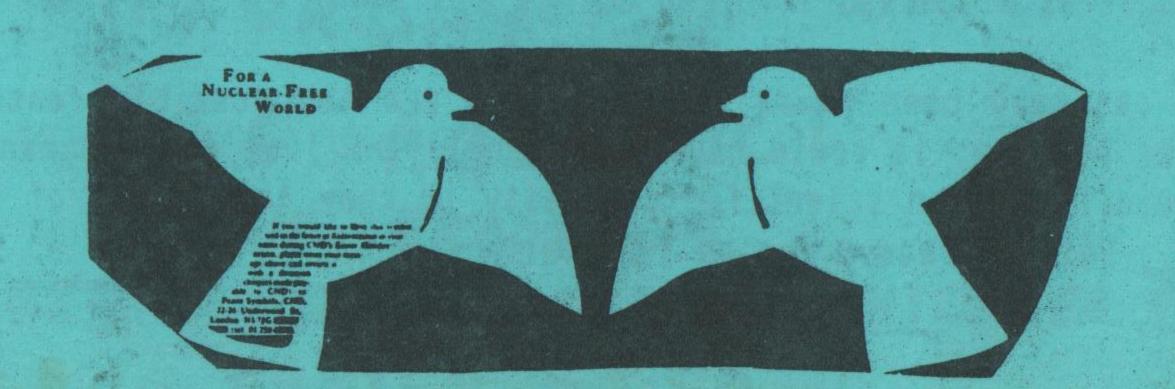


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### What does TANG stand for?

TANG stands for opposing militarism, specifically but not exclusively by demanding unilateral nuclear disarmament, and by opposing all military alliances based on weapons of mass destruction.

TANG is opposed to the destruction of the environment, seeing the threat from nuclear waste, nuclear power and nuclear weaponry as the greatest single element in that destruction.

TANG opposes imperialism, racialism, and believes that the metropolitan countries which have grown rich at the expense of the underdeveloped world have a moral duty to do more to feed the hungry; we oppose the exploitation of such countries by companies mining for uranium, and see this as the latest example of imperialist attitudes.

TANG does not believe the Bomb to be an evil in isolation from others; if there were not great social evils the Bomb could not have been made, as in most countries where it has been made this has been done without the knowledge or consent of the people. It has led to a growth of state power and a loss of liberty.

### This month's suggestions for action

- 1) Ask for your local church bells to be rung on both Hiroshima & Nagasaki Days 6th & 9th Aug (and not just on Sunday 6th).
- 2) Letters or comments for the 100th issue of Chain reaction (see elsewhere this issue).
- 3) Enter Sanity's Poetry competition. Any topic. Entry forms in Sanity or from CND, 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ. Closing date 30th Sept.



#### DIARY

Telford Greenpeace meetings: contact Jacqui Derbyshire, 32 Majstic Way, Aqueduct, for dates and places.

Youth WVDA / Christian CND Peace Camp August 2nd-Faslane. Details from Youth NDVA Network, 9th 22/24 Underwood St., London N1 7JG HIROSHINA DAY Sun August 6th

MAGASAKI DAY Weds August 9th

TANG business meeting. Weds August 30th 16 Linley Drive, Stirchley Park. 7.30 pm ALL VERY WELCOME

\_ TANG Bar-b-Que . Sat 2nd Sept 46 Aqueduct, Nr Brookside 3.00 pm+ Waged £2.50, Unwaged £1.50, Family £5.00.

Chain Reaction Meeting Weds 6th Sept 6 Myford Cottages Horsehay ISSUE 7.30 pm

Anti-Aparteid Meeting Wed 13th Sept Christ Church Hall, Wellington. 7.30 pm

TANG Business Meeting Wed 27th Sept 16 Linley Drive, Stichley Park. 7.30 pm ALL VERY WELCOME

Chain Reaction Meeting Wed 4th Oct 6 Myford Cottages, Horsehay. 7.30 pm

### CHAIN REACTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send or give your letters or articles, in whatever form, to any of the following:

6 Myford Cottages, Horsehay. Tel: 507040 Tot Dawes, 48 Victoria Road, Madeley . Tel: 587532 Peter Nias,

College Farm House, Mill Lane, Laurens Otter, Tel: 641852 Wellington.

6тн September Deadline for the 100th issue:

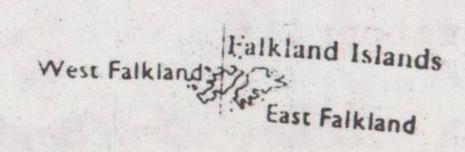
# A TALE TWO ARCHIPELAGOES

In the Southern Atlantic there are islands off the coast of Latin America; these - at about the time of the collapse of the Spanish Empire - Britain decided to seize for purely military reasons. She landed a military force, deported all the previous settlers, whose political and cultural affinities lay with mainlanders who had just created the Argentinian republic. A number of Britons settled in the islands, so that a century later there was there (more or less equivalent to the population of an English market town) a very inbred & isolated community. They served to feed a base for military purposes and to farm the land on behalf of a major capitalist enterprise.

In the Northern Pacific there are other small islands and a peninsula on the coast of China. This too Britain took by not entirely edify-ing military means, wanting it to serve as a trading post, to allow British & British Empire goods (at that time the relevant goods from the latter were mainly consignments of opium) to sell in the Chinese Empire. However in this case they did not deport the indigenous population, and that population, being enterprising, refused to confine itself to the menial tasks the British set out for them and instead copied British industrial methods and so built their island settlement into a major financial and industrial statelet.

Whereas the Falklands numbered some 18,000; the population of Hong Kong is variously estimated at between 3 & 6 million.

Some years back in a quite remarkable copy of the British actions of 128 years before the Argentinians set about seizing back the Falklands (Malvinas), & no doubt had they had time they would have tried to persuade the





islanders either to change their language and culture or to go elsewhere, though there is no evidence that they intended to use the crude methods the British had earlier used. Suddenly displaying a previously unsuspected interest in the lives of ordinary people, our Prime Minister announced that the islanders wishes were paramount, and that Britain had to go to war — endangering the lives of half a million people of British descent in Argentina — to regain these islands. Those of us who opposed that war were said to care nothing for the poor islanders, subjected to a barbaric fascist tyranny; and it was no use our pointing out that only a few weeks before the Prime Minister had been singing the praises of that tyrant and denouncing British port workers who refused to help export arms to him.

The people of Hong Kong do not ask us to go to war on their behalf. Like us they know that such a war would achieve no good aim and would merely kill people needlessly, and even endanger the world's survival. Indeed though unlike the Falkland islanders they were never subsidized by Britain, indeed unlike the Falklanders they have contributed vast sums to British wealth, they do not ask for their rights as British citizens to come to Britain. They merely ask that we acknowledge that right so as to strengthen their bargaining hands with China.

The fact is that Britain has vastly benefitted in wealth from Hong Kong; that though the existence of the archipelago as a colony is hardly morally acceptable that it was not the islanders who created the situation; we cannot now say that we wash our hands of the matter and that Britain is too small to accommodate the Hong Kong population.

### THE HIROSHIMA EPITAPH

The story has been often told, but we cannot emphasize it too much that the justification for the bomb, so often produced "it stopped the war" is false.

Gen. MacArthur was the supreme allied commander in the Pacific, he can hardly be said to havehad doubts about the rectitude of the war. He said in his memoirs — and the story is confirmed in the writings of President Roosevelt's aide, Harry the Hop., that the Japanese military approached him six months before Hiroshima wanting to be allowed to surrender and ready to enforce that surrender on any Japanese government that disagreed.

According to Harry Hopkinson's version, Roosevelt greeted the words with the statement that MacArthur is our best general and our worst politician. But though the Japanese military commanders may have thought that they would need to enforce the surrender on a reluctant government, Hopkinson gives other evidence that that is not the case.

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THE NEXT CHAIN REACTION

IS THE 100 TH ISSUE.

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TO: 6 MYFORD COTTAGES,
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(HIROSHIMA EPITAPH CONT.)

According to him, the Americans intercepted a message from the Japanese government to their embassy in Moscow (Russia was not then in the war) asking Stalin to intervene with the West to allow the government to surrender. All this was before the enormously costly American advance across the Pacific islands.

After this, on two occasions the Japanese changed their governments, broadcasting to the world that they had so done so as to remove obstacles to the West accepting their surrender. Both times that was reported in the Times and other British Press. The day before Hiroshima it was broadcast on the Midday news in England that the previous day the Vatican Radio had broadcast that the Pope had been approached asking him to intervene.

Hiroshima was bombed, then yet another Japanese surrender offer was received and reported in the Times, then Nagasaki was bombed and then the offer that had received before Nagasaki was accepted. Incidentally there was a very large camp of Western PoWs in Hiroshima, and Nagasaki as a town had opposed the war and incurred the imperial displeasure for so doing.

There can have been no necessity, there are two possible reasons for the bombing, it could have been purely the lust for vengeance. It could have been scientific curiosity to know the effect of the bomb. Neither reason can be justified.

#### SYMBOL JAPANESE HERE How to Make an Origami Crane (7) おりかた「おりづる」 Fold down. point to point. Pull up until edges Fold down Fold edges to center. one inner 8 point to make crane's ひらいてみると head. Crease. (かつてはいけはほか) (14) Spread open Unfold to Fold top right like (3) Fold top left (7) position corner over to 2/ (19) corner over to the right the left and 1.快たけあける。 back left (9) Fold up top and back corner over 6 right corner M to the right layer. over to the 3 出来上り 裏にして繰り返す left: Press point of Turn over body down and Frished item ひらく repeat (12) should look (12) Spread open top layer from We above はねを左右にひろけなから illustration the others. 下からふく 1枚ずつ もどす Pull top and back Fold the flaps down and lower points crease at 90% up to the top. angle to body of crane.

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# WATER WATER EVERYWHERE, BUT NOT A DROP FIT TO DRINK?

If you are unhappy about the proposed government lower water pollution standards then there is something you can do. Using information from Friends of the Earth, COALPORT sewage works on the Severn and MUCH WENLOCK are two of the places wanting lower standards.

If you live (roughly speaking) south of the M54 in Telford, your sewage goes to Coalport and is treated before going into the River Severn. If the government has its way, the Severn will receive more sewage than now.

The same goes for Much Wenlock sewage works, which has also applied for lower standards. Its sewage also goes eventually into the Severn.

To object you need to write (example of letter opposite) to the Department of the Environment, quoting the name of the sewage works, its application reference number and that it is in Severn Trent Water Authority region, to be received by Monday Aug 14th at the latest.

You can use the letter opposite for Coalport (alter it for Much Wenlock), putting in your address, the date and signing it. The first paragraph must be included for the objection to be accepted. You can add more detailed reasons if you wish.

Remember to quote the reference number:
Coalport is CP/WAM/US/621
Much Wenlock is CP/WAM/US/580
You can object to either or both. You don't have to live in the sewage catchment area to object.

Friends of the Earth have a national campaign, based at 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ, from whom more information can be obtained.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a formal objection to the application by Severn Trent Water Authority for consent to discharge effluent from Coalport sewage treatment works CP/WAM/US/621.

I object because a relaxation of the sewage discharge consent conditions, as proposed in your application, would be a misuse of your powers under the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and the Control of Pollution (Discharges by Authorities) Regulations 1984.

It would also be inconsistent with the Secretary of State's general duty to maintain and restore the wholesomeness of rivers (section 1 of Water Act 1973).

Yours Faithfully,

To: Secretary of State for the Environment Room A412, Water Quality Division Department of the Environment Romney House, 43 Marsham Street London SW1P 3PY.