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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHROPSHIRE PEACE ALLIANCE.

Alliance Report

The meeting held at College Hill House Shrewsbury Wednesday December 1st., was attended by about twenty people. Items on the agenda included National Conference, Greenham Common Structure of the Alliance, 1983 campaign and election of representatives.

Ideas raised during the reports from the groups included support for the canvass, community organisation, letter writing, local and national elections and the vital anti-cruise campaign.

Several coaches were being organised from Oswestry Shrewsbury, Telford, and Bridgnorth, for the Greenham Common demonstration.

The following suggestions about the structure of the alliance were agreed:-

- Quarterly meetings (next one March 1st.)
- Newsletter (Items to Paul Wolfe)
- Shrewsbury for venue.
- Five pound contribution from groups to be payed to Telford.
- Delegates expenses to be payed by the alliance.
- Speakers list to be compiled.

The following people agreed with the support of the meeting to represent the alliance:-

- Allan Day (regional executive)
- Alan Tucker (National council)
- Paul Wolfe (Shropshire Co-ordinator)



C.N.D. conference report



The 1,300 delegates met in the City Hall Sheffield, on November 27th and 28th. Fully aware that 1983 should see the culmination of the first important stage of our present campaign - the prevention of the installation of Ground Launched Cruise Missiles, and the rejection of Trident. Our chances of success are so great that we cannot afford to ignore any reasonable tactic available to us. In preparation for the probable General Election and the installation of Cruise at Greenham Common expected in December 1983, we must now launch the most concentrated campaign of activity we have ever been involved in. The conference gave its support to a "Peace Canvass" - talking to people on the doorstep and in the workplace, building support - a lobby at Parliament on Cruise and Trident in February, Easter action at Glasgow, Greenham Common and Aldermaston, a Festival for Peace on May 7th, the "Greenham Pledge" - in which people undertake to participate for a day in a continuous mass picket for peace of Greenham Common, within the framework of legal and normal political means of persuasion - and a mass rally in London on October 22nd - or a more suitable date depending on circumstances.

Following the jailing of women arrested at Greenham Common earlier this year, conference agreed to give full support for the action planned for December 12th. In another resolution conference agreed that non-violent direct action and civil disobedience tactics should be seriously considered with respect to Cruise and Trident missile sites. National C.N. should suggest and co-ordinate such tactics as and when required by its members and will support appropriate action in pursuance of the movement's aims.

Conference was very divided and narrowly passed a resolution that C.N.D. should campaign for British withdrawal from NATO nuclear alliance - the discussion being on the order of priorities and whether our first aim should be to establish European Nuclear Free Zones, so as to weaken the grip of both the NATO and Warsaw Pact military alliances on the European nations.

Conference passed a resolution calling on branches and affiliates to work for the setting up of C.N.D. work place branches and C.N.D. trade union groups and to campaign for action, including industrial action to achieve C.N.D. aims.

Conference was very ably chaired by Joan Ruddock who continues uncontested as Chairperson. It was agreed to have four Vicechairs and Mike Pentz, Catny Ashton, Annajow David and Roger Spiller were elected. Gwen Curnow

Shropshire Speakers list.

Anyone wishing to be included on the speakers list contact Paul Wolfe with name-address-telephone-subject offered.

Whats on.....

- 11th Jan. Tues. TANG Cruise Campaign - Dawley Info Centre 7.30p.m.
- 11th Jan. Tues. Dr. Lynne Jones - Medical Campaign against Nuclear Weapons. Shrewsbury College Hill House 8.00p.m.
- 12th Jan. Wed. Dr. Lynne Jones - Oswestry - Queens Hotel, 8.00p.m.
- 14th Jan. Fri. Shifnal Village Hall-Disco 8.00p.m.
- 15th Jan. Sat. Dr. Lynne Jones - Shifnal - The Union 8.00p.m.
- 19th Jan. Oswestry - Friends meeting house 8.00p.m. West Mid. C.N.D. organiser speaker on Campaign during 1983.
- 25th Jan. Tues. TANG Chain Reaction production. 7.30p.m. 24 Calcutt.
- 28th Jan. Fri. Joan Ruddock Chairperson C.N.D. Bridgnorth venue to be arranged.
- 28th Jan. Fri. Oswestry business meeting Friends meeting House. 8.00.
- 1st Feb. Tues. Bridgnorth business meeting.
- 8th Feb. Tues. TANG Film 'Better Road to Peace' Ministry of Defence.
- 10th Feb. Thurs. Broseley ditto Duke of York.

next alliance meeting
 Tuesday March 1st.,
 College Hill House Shrewsbury.

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