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TARZAN'S TRIUMPH



Michael Heseltine

**THE REAL STORY
(and more) inside!**

'Smellies' kicked out

number of children — left peacefully.

The 1200 people who live in nine surrounding villages were jubilant at being "liberated" yesterday.

One said: "The troops have done a great job. I bet there weren't a dozen genuine peace campaigners at the site."

Thieves

"The rest of the Smellies were just layabouts and thieves."

The airfield, disused since wartime, will house Cruise missiles in 1988.

In the Commons, later Mr Heseltine was accused by Labour's Denzil Davies of being "heavy-handed, insecure and insensitive" over the eviction.

The Defence Secretary replied that the Government could not allow missile deployment to be frustrated by a "small unrepresentative minority."

TARZAN LEADS ARMY'S PEACE CAMP SWOOP

EDITOR'S APOLOGIES etc.

So here it is at last - February's Green CND Newsletter: slightly late as usual, and this time you can blame Michael Heseltine for rudely disrupting our peaceful Rainbow Village lives and delaying publication. It's handy to have such a useful scapegoat!

Actually, the past fortnight has been just about the busiest in anyone's life ever! After all, it's not every week that you make monkeys out of the government (if you'll excuse the unintentional speciesism), take over the front pages of the newspapers, move home twice, and have to rejig your whole publishing schedule. I even managed to fit in my maiden speech in the Palace of Westminster! (to a World Disarmament Campaign meeting in the Grand Committee Room!)

So, we're a bit late getting out to you. Sorry to all those people who have been complaining that Molesworth has been monopolising the Green CND Newsletter, but we're doing it again with yet another Molesworth Special Edition.

There are some other items in here though, including the regular report on the last Green CND meeting (and notice of the next one - please come to it!), and an excellent piece from Jenny Linsdell explaining the principles behind the '3 year rule' and why CND needs one in its constitution. The Manchester Cruise Conference is a must for anyone who can possibly manage to make it, and apart from that we have Molesworth, Molesworth and, of course, Molesworth.

Talking of which, it really is quite wonderful how we set Heseltine & Co. up for this whole eviction/police state business and they fell for it all the way. In fact, we had them over a barrel in a 'no-win' situation. With the Rainbow Village all set up and growing daily (population increased by 50% in January, despite the weather), and the CND Pledge campaign backing that up, there was no way they could have evicted us and got their fence up without going way over the top in the way that they did. Their only other alternative would have been to have left us be until after Easter, by which time they would have needed about 25,000 troops and police to move us.

Some people expect us to be disheartened after the eviction, but in fact we're actually over the moon about it. Tarzan's done a wonderful job to revive the peace movement and galvanise it into action. All we have to do now (and that means ALL OF US) is to keep up the pressure, keep the peace issues on the front pages and in the forefront of public attention, and we must get there in the end. Between us and Clive Ponting, (and with the New Zealanders doing a good bit too), we've got the whole government/military/industrial complex looking well shakey and worried and on the run! Whoopee!

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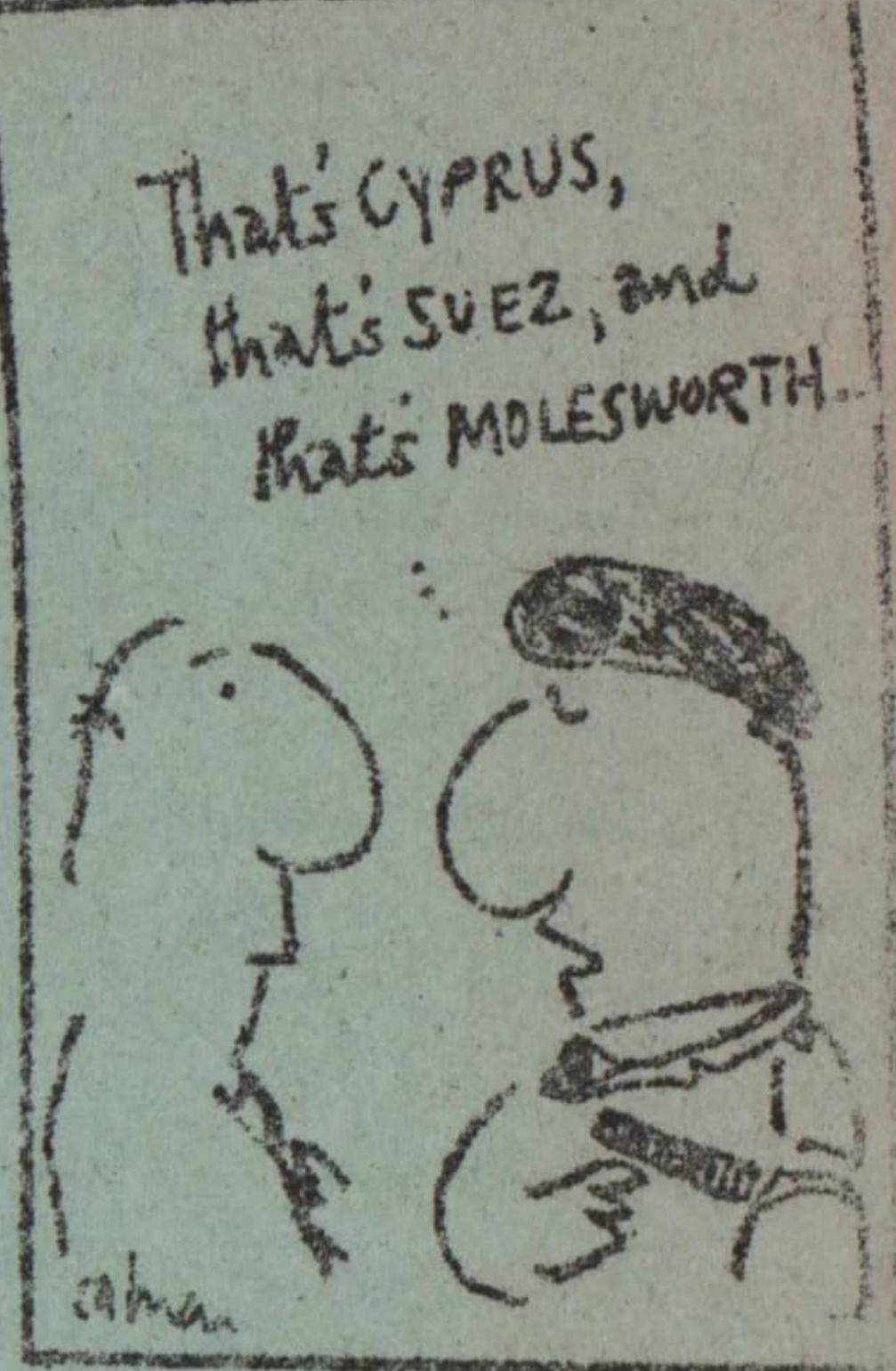
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TARZAN'S TASKFORCE

The inside story

(Brig's version)



Tuesday night. Full moon. And for the first time in too long we actually had enough wood to activate the sweat lodge (camp sauna), thanks to a lorry-load of old railway sleepers from Corby Council yard.

It was a beautiful evening: an evening for cleansing and celebration, drumming and chanting. We sat, radiantly clean and refreshed in the moonlight, sipping herb tea by the remains of the sweat lodge fire.

Ian and Jennifer, the Quaker couple from Ipswich who had just recently moved into the end of Peace Lane, were the ones who raised the alarm. They had been out in their mini, and seen the enormous military convoy on the road and heading our way. They drove straight back to camp and told everyone up by the gate, and then drove back out again to try and block the back road.

Then we saw it, all along the horizon to the north, 500 pairs of headlights nose-to-tail on the back road for as far as the eye could see. Whatever they were about to do to us, it was about to start happening. Quakers or not, we were all quaking in our wellies at that point in time!

Boggle-eyed amazement gave way to action. I ran back to my tipi and got dressed. At least I could put my clean clothes on and best wooly socks. I grabbed my address book and all the 10p's of the badge money, and found a respectable visitor with a posh-looking car to run me down to a phone to call out the pledge. David had found a car too, so he went for Brington and I went for Old Weston.

On the way we drove past a roadblock on Old Weston Road. Jennifer and Ian and a line of cars behind were held up on the way towards Peace Corner, but no-one stopped us going out. (J & I had managed to overtake the convoy and block it in Cockbrook Lane, then headed back when their mini had been pushed out of the way. They disregarded the roadblock and drove back to Peace Lane.)

Between the roadblock and Old Weston we passed a long line of police vans and landrovers towing mobile floodlights. The pub carpark was full of more police vans, but amazingly the phonebox was still working. I dialed the pledge alert number and couldn't get through. I dialed the backup number and got a baby-sitter who didn't know what to do. I dialed about half the numbers in my address book and told people to network the information as far and as fast as possible. I got photographed and interviewed in the phone box by two Peterborough reporters who had followed the convoy down the A1. Then I legged it back across the fields and through the hedges to avoid the roadblock and find out what was happening to my home.

The boundary of the MOD land was marked by a white rope, and there were men with torches at both ends already starting to put up the fence. I skirted the edge of the wood and just kept walking when a soldier challenged me, across the open ground and the tree nursery and a coil of barbed wire into the cordoned-off and floodlit Village.

Some bus people told me we'd been given an hour to pack up and get off. I ran back across the field to the tipis, and Jooles told me we'd already convinced them that an hour was totally unrealistic, and got an extension to dawn. I sat down and had a cup of tea and a bowl of fried vegetables.

From that point on there was nothing much else to do except to pack up our homes and go peacefully. You can't argue too much when you're outnumbered 20 to 1 by big fellas with riot shields and big sticks in the back of their vans which they'd obviously like a good excuse to use, and bulldozers and army trucks to back them up.

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We packed up as slowly as we could: no hurry, no panic, retaining our dignity, avoiding confrontation. We couldn't allow them to bulldoze the sweatlodge, so Sid and I decided to burn it down in full ceremonial fashion, circling round it and blowing conches to the four directions. I don't know what the MOD made of the sight, but we felt like we were doing the right thing.

Other people had similar feelings and ideas. The benders and the wooden hut along the hedge by the kitchen went up in flames one by one, after people had removed their possessions and the main tarps. 'Bender City' went the same way. Our newly-completed wooden school hut blazed spectacularly for a long time.

In the midst of it all, Happytimes Lin set up a kitchen outside her bus and was dishing up tea and coffee, pancakes and veg. stew, as we worked through the night. The site tow-trucks roared about extricating vehicles from the mud. Despite the waste and destruction and the lurking heavy vibe of Hessel-tine's army, our spirits were really high and we were all working together, helping each other pack up, saving the windmill and other communal items, and finding the time to think about people who were away off site and saving their things too.

Adge got back in the middle of the night, having been off at a meeting in Corby that evening. Someone else had already taken down the CB and made a start on packing his possessions, but he had the satisfaction of arranging the firing of his own bender.

Other people turned up, raising our spirits higher in the exhausting hours before dawn, getting in somehow through all the roadblocks and police lines and wire, and lending a welcome hand in the fetching and carrying.

Dawn came and went, with the smoking fires making an eerie spectacle in the thick white mist which lay across the fields. We were nowhere near packed up, and the word went round that we had another extension to 8a.m. Someone put a torch to the giant communal kitchen. My van was packed to the roof, but arranged so that I could still make tea on the back step. Tea went down well. All the smokers had run out of tobacco and were busy scrounging dog-ends off each other. We were still taking our time.

Around 8 (I think it was) the police started getting more hustling and giving people ultimatums to move off or be towed off. The more together vehicles began to form a half-mile line down Old Weston Road, and the contractors came on with a JCB and a giant tow-truck (from Peterborough Engineering Co., tel. 64881/7 and complain please). The digger driver was a particularly jolly man who looked like he'd been waiting eagerly all night (or even longer) to have a good bash at some of us terrible peace campers. He was really enjoying his work, and swinging his bucket around, denting buses and knocking holes in caravans. Postman John got towed out sitting on the roof of his van, and the digger man gave the side of the van a good bash with his bucket to try and knock him off.

By mid-morning, there were media and vigiling supporters all round the gate at Peace Corner. The great flackjacket himself arrived by helicopter, wearing his TV make-up, and gave his speech to the press all about how concerned he was about our children. Meanwhile Jooles and Sid were still busy packing up their home - Jooles moving slowly in her ninth month of pregnancy, and 3 year old ka having a wonderful time, covered in powder paint in the realisation that he could do just about anything he liked without getting told off so long as he didn't actually get under anyone's feet.

We actually managed to stay on site until well after the flackjacket had gone away again, with Sid plodding doggedly backwards and forwards with a wheelbarrow while the police refused to let anyone else go and help him finish packing up. By 2p.m. their initial one hour to get off had been stretched out to fifteen, we'd kept our dignity and avoided any kind of violent confrontation, and managed to save our homes and practically all of our equipment, even including the toilet seats and every foot of water piping. Most of all, we knew that we had pushed Hessel-tine into his biggest blunder ever and made Molesworth headline news all over the world. Not too bad for one night's work we thought, and definitely the end of a chapter rather than the end of the story. We're certainly not finished yet.

GREEN CND MEETING

Jan 27th 1985
Oxford

Some twenty three people attended the recent Green CND meeting in Oxford to hear reports and get involved in some of the latest campaigns.

Molesworth was on everyone's lips, but was not taken as a main item on the meeting. Instead, Green CND's next meeting will be held near Molesworth so that we can combine it with a visit to Rainbow Fields.

One request early in the agenda came via the CND Anti-racist Group, asking us to support a campaign against Kerb Crawling legislation, on the grounds that the proposed bill does nothing more to protect women and discriminates against prostitutes. Green CND did not feel that this was an appropriate campaign for us to take on as a group, but if any individuals would like to help, CND Anti-racist Group can be contacted via Goodwin St.

We also received a request from CND's International Committee inviting us to participate in a campaign being set up by Admiral Gene Laroque's Center For Defence Information to demand the ending of all nuclear tests by the 40th anniversary of the Hiroshima bomb, August 6th 1985. International Committee also agreed to combine this demand with a campaign around the Non-Proliferation Review Conference to be held towards the end of 1985. This will be worked out in conjunction with other suitable bodies such as Greenpeace International.

Ideas for campaigning so far include involvement with test victims in this country, the US and Australasia; instant demos at embassies whenever tests have taken place and pinpointing testing in poor Third World countries. Green CND has agreed in principle to take part in this exciting campaign, but we do need some more of our supporters to come forward and help. If you are interested, please contact David Taylor, Rainbow Fields, Peace Corner, Old Weston Rd, Brington, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE17 5SE.

We have also received news from Christian CND of a huge Pentecostal ribbon they are planning to wrap around MOD offices in London. They are asking people to make bright and colourful sections 18" high x 36" long with a 2" border on all four sides. Anyone interested please contact Christian CND at 11 Goodwin St., London N4 3HQ.

Green CND is again planning a presence at the Glastonbury Festival. If you are going and would like to help with the stall, please contact Jim Tidy, 50 Mackenders Close, Eccles, Maidstone, Kent ME20 7JL, tel: Maidstone 77043.

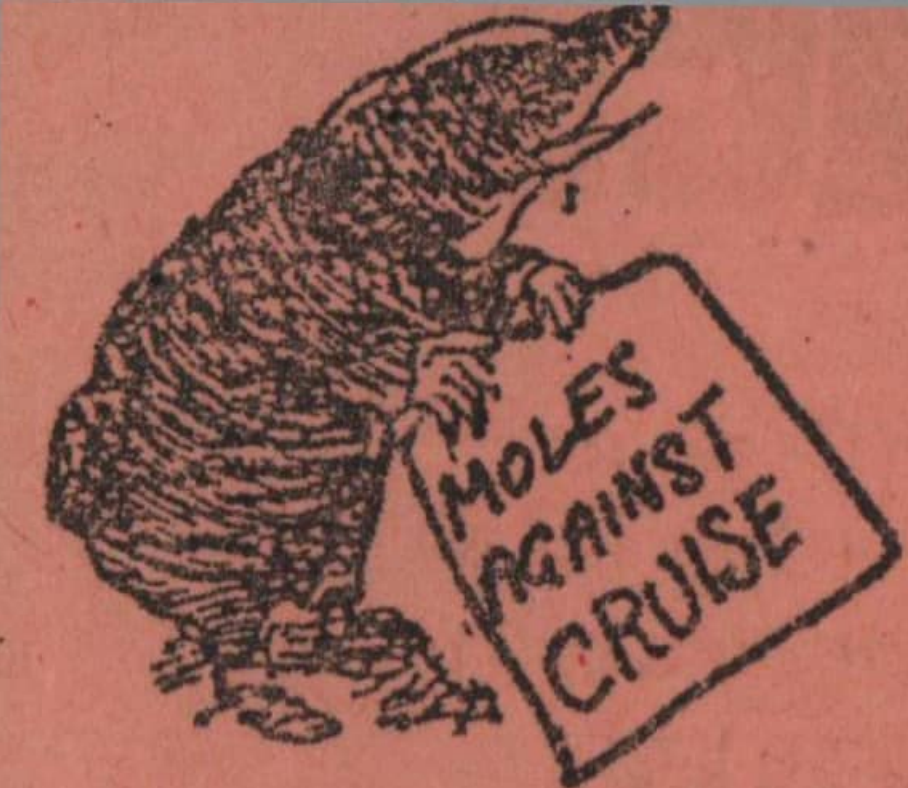
Bruce Garrard's report as Green CND's new CND National Council rep. is included elsewhere in this newsletter, with an update covering the meeting on Feb. 2nd.

As the Sizewell Inquiry draws to a close we began looking at ways in which we could step up the campaign. We agreed to help finance a Sizewell to Molesworth march through the Sizewell Action Fund, and Marcus Christdoulides also called for the establishment of an NVDA network to oppose construction (see overleaf).

Marcus also proposed that Green CND set up a "Green Medicine" gathering for the autumn to explore aromotherapy, meditation, yoga, homeopathy, herbalism, vegan cookery etc. Some members expressed doubts as to whether this was an appropriate activity for Green CND, but Marcus was asked to bring further details to the next meeting.

It seems as if the motion on Soviet nuclear weapons which was lost at the last CND Annual Conference has not faded away. A network of some 200 people has now come together to push CND into a more balanced approach to super-power nuclear weapons. If you're interested in this, contact John Marjoram 23 Lower St., Stroud, Gloucestershire.

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Walk from Sizewell to Molesworth

HARRISBURG DAY TO EASTER



THE MARCH FOR A SAFE FUTURE WALKS AGAIN!

In September 1982, a core group of 50 people of all ages and from many walks (10) of life walked 150 miles over 14 days from London to Sizewell. We passed through towns, villages and country lands, reaching out to the uninformed public with facts about nuclear power, the proposed Pressurised Water Reactor at Sizewell, and the link between nuclear power and weapons. All this happened three months before the Sizewell Inquiry opened - it is still going on! In January 1983, when Snape Maltings became the scene of struggle, some people from the march set up the Camp For A Safe Future, just across the river from the concert hall, and groups continued to take action at the inquiry until it moved to London that summer. The spirit of the march went on, to the Walk For Life from Faslane to Greenham, and the Light For Life Walk in Suffolk, Dec-Jan. 1983/4.

This is Molesworth Year, and the National CND Easter action is centred there. CND Sizewell Working Group have done a great job at the public inquiry, bringing out the links between nuclear power and nuclear weapons with undisputable facts. This year brings the most tremendous opportunity for all peace movement groups to work together on the issue of the nuclear industry, and so the March For A Safe Future will walk again!

We start from Sizewell Beach, at noon on Harrisburg Day, Thursday 28th March. The public inquiry will probably have just ended. Our route will take us 11 days and about 110 miles, through Saxmundham, Stowmarket and Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, Newmarket, Burwell, Cambridge, St. Ives in Cambridgeshire. At Cambridge we will meet CND sponsored marchers, and on Easter Sunday will join with the mass CND march to Molesworth.

WE NEED SUPPORT. There's less time to organise this year, and less money too.

Groups can support thus: along the route, find us accommodation at night, preferably under a roof, for about 40 people, feed us midday and evening. If you're not on the route, send us a donation, or a sponsored local person to walk. In return we can offer you: the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons exhibition double-decker bus in your locality on the day we come through, speakers for meetings you may like to arrange while we're with you, help with activities in your area, video shows if you can provide the equipment, and lots of warm friendship.

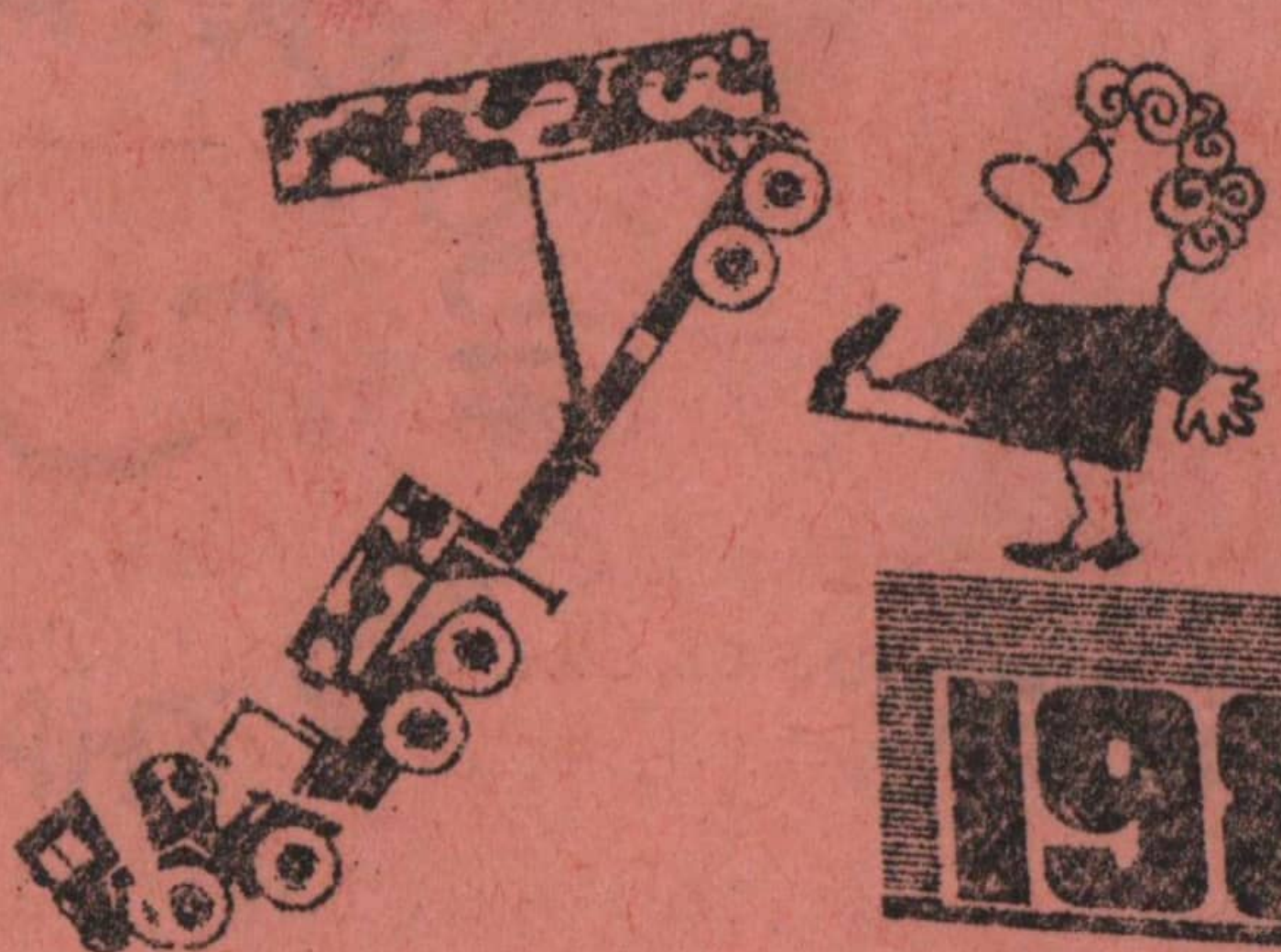
We need walkers. Plan your Easter break now, on the road with the March For A Safe Future. Each walker will receive a sponsorship form and a warm welcome. You will need to bring with you a tent if you have one, as we may have to camp some places (all gear will be carried on the bus, so you won't have to backpack). Also enough money to pay for the food which groups prepare for us (about £3 per day).

On the march we will be working together in peaceful and non-violent ways, co-operating equally and responsibly to bring a safer future for our, and your, children. We will be old and young, employed and unemployed, from many different groups in society. Please join us, and help to make the planet safe for all of us, and our children's children.

All inquiries to:

John and Ann Stringer, 1 Fell Road, Birdbrook, Halstead, Essex, CO9 4BG
Tel: Ridgewell 440

PLEASE SEND US A STAMP FOR YOUR REPLY. Thank you.



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CONFERENCE AGAINST CRUISE

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

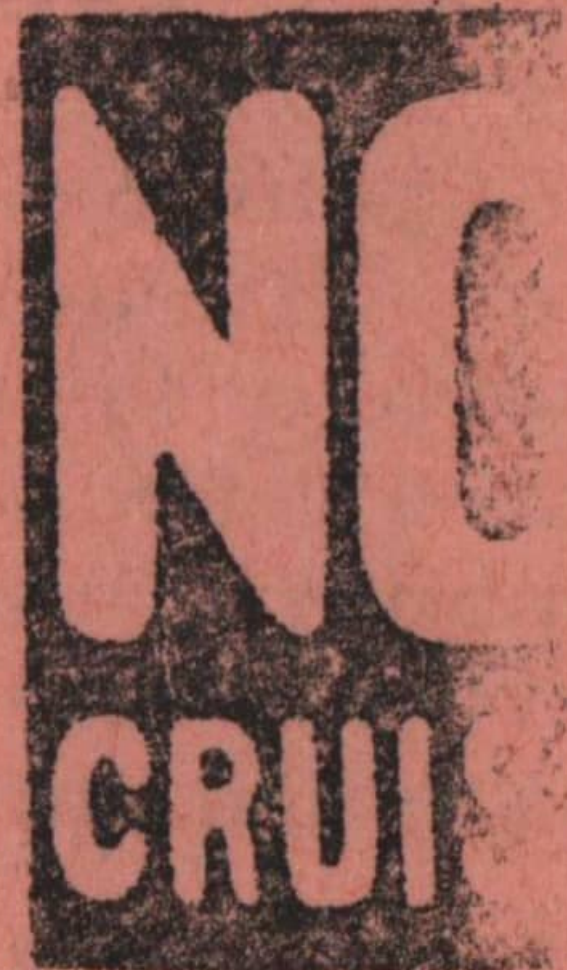
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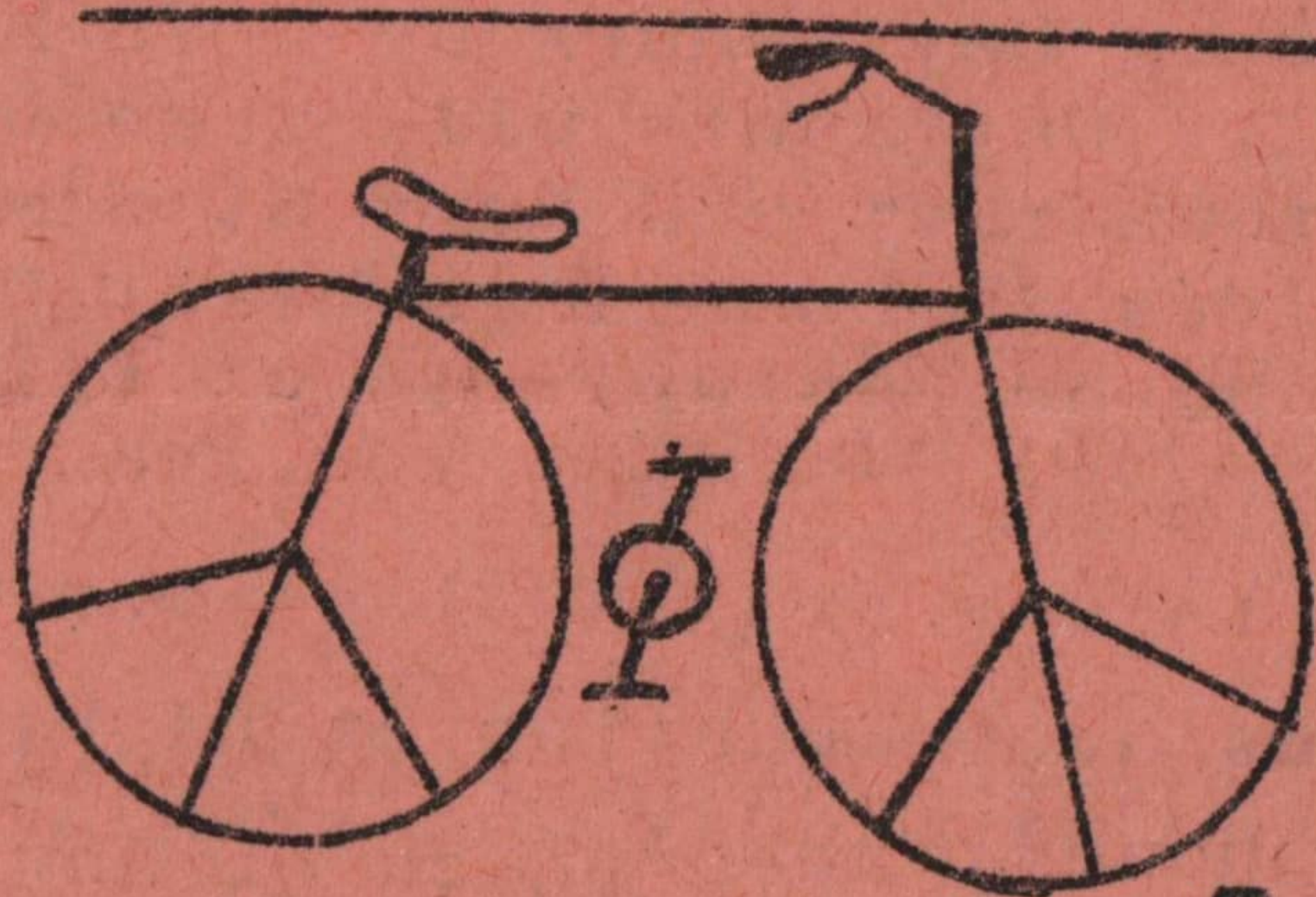
The conference will begin at 10.30 am Saturday, with an introductory session where many of the sponsor groups Italy, Holland and Belgium grass roots groups will speak to the conference, and representatives from Workshops will follow on from this introduction, dealing with the many issues and practical tasks we want to cover in order to achieve our aims. The conference will not be accepting motions or resolutions, but suggestions are invited for workshop topics, and it is expected that proposals will come from workshop sessions to be presented to the final plenary session where everyone comes together again. The conference will finish at 4.00 pm on Sunday.

This is the first National Conference Against Cruise, and it is vital that your CND/Peace group is represented. The final registration date is the 1st of March. There will be accommodation, creche, and disabled facilities available if you let us know beforehand.



For details and registration forms send s.a.e. to: Conference Against Cruise
CND Office
61 Bloom St.
MANCHESTER M1 3LY

• Final registration date: March 1st.



RIDE FOR LIFE 85 "Star" Bike Rides to MOLESWORTH ARRIVING FRI. APR. 26

Following last year's successful Ride For Life around Wales, cyclists from all over Britain are invited to take part in this year's expanded event.

Cycle rides are planned to start from points all over the U.K., to converge on Molesworth from all points of the compass. Each arm of the star is being organised independantly, so get in touch with the most appropriate coordinator listed below. If no ride listed looks like going from or through your area, please contact Tony Fletcher (S. Wales coordinator), who is also acting as overall linkperson.

- rides so far planned, and appropriate coordinators are:
- S.E. ENGLAND (from somewhere on the S. coast): Martin Legg, 47A Thornton Ave, Streatham Hill, London SW2 4BD. Tel: 01-671 1965
- S.W. ENGLAND: Martin Hole, 8 Trull Green Drive, Trull, Taunton, Somerset.
- S. Wales: Tony Fletcher, 27 Portia Terrace, Mount Pleasant, Swansea SA1 6XW
Tel: Swansea 49825 (home) or 468500 (work)
- N. Wales: Aled Williams, 23 Hafod Park, Mold, Clwyd CH7 1QN. Tel: Mold 4433
- N.W. ENGLAND: Jo Hindle, 7 Rosedale Rd., Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Cheshire.
- ULSTER: Malcolm Samuel, 99 Prospect Rd, Port Stewart, Co. Derry.
Tel: Port Stewart 2301.

KEEP THE PLEDGE!

When 'Mad Mike' Flackjacket spoke of threats of CND bringing in vast numbers of reinforcements to Molesworth as part of his 'justification' for his great operation, he was of course referring to the Pledge campaign.

Obviously, he was intent on getting the fence up before the various pledge groups could all get properly geared up, and to a certain extent he succeeded, since many people were not expecting that the pledge would be called into action until at least after Easter. However, since his shock blitzkrieg people have been getting themselves together very fast.

In the first few days there was a constant stream of pledgers in and out of the Molesworth area, despite the thick snow and police harassment. A CND information point was set up (with police blessing) on the A604, and as well as the constant vigils at Peace Corner there have been people getting into the base every day, and many others simply keeping lots of MOD police occupied in watching them walk around the outside or escorting them up and down the bridlepath from Peace Corner to Cockbrook Lane. (This path is officially still open, and if you are lucky you will be allowed to pass along it provided you are escorted all the way and do not stop!)

The vital task now is to keep up the pressure so that CND's "vast reinforcements" do not become a fast-fading nine day wonder, and so that the authorities have to maintain their police state and pay the full price in both financial and political terms for guarding their seven miles of ~~barbed~~ wire.

Having started in the worst possible weather and in a worse state of preparedness than we might have hoped for, things can only get easier and better organised from now on. The info point on the A604 should now be a permanent feature, and needs people to staff it on a 24-hour rota basis. A truck, fully fitted out with a stove, bed, cooker etc., has been bought for this purpose, and should be in position in one of the lay-bys at Ellington (on the A604 between Molesworth and the A1) by the time you read this.

CND is also setting up a 24-hour legal advice office for pledgers in Peterborough, which should be operational from Monday 25th February onwards. This also needs a rota of volunteers to answer phones, keep track of any arrests, put people in touch with solicitors etc.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these rotas, please contact Linda Thompson, 11 Great Northern Street, Huntingdon (tel: 0480-56579)

THE PETERBOROUGH HOTLINE NUMBER IS Peterborough (0733) 47276

Remember, the U.S. Congress was hesitant about voting funds for Molesworth last October, because they were not convinced that the base could be made secure. The construction period lasts until 1988, and the funds have to be voted by Congress every year. It is our job to make them feel as insecure as possible. NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RESISTANCE IS OUR ANTI-NUCLEAR DETERRENT, AND IT IS UP TO US TO PROVE THAT IT CAN WORK!

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WHEN YOU COME TO MOLESWORTH: please bring something to decorate the fence - a balloon, a ribbon, a piece of rag or a pennant to tie on with a message (eg. Chris from Bolton was here). The fence is already looking nicely decorated (for a barbed wire fence, that is) at and around Peace Corner, and it would be nice to extend the decorations all round. However, anyone who succeeds in taking a large section of fence away with them will not be accused of sabotaging efforts to beautify it!

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EASTER PLANS

The great flackjacket affair may have upset our Easter plans a little - it certainly looks somewhat unlikely that we will actually be able to have a four-day peace festival on the base itself - but on the other hand the government have made absolutely certain that the Easter event should be one of the largest and best attended anywhere ever!

Official 'National' CND don't seem to have noticed this fact, because they are still planning to keep their three Easter marches to Molesworth down to a maximum of 300 people each, and are actually after cutting out the mass march on the Sunday from Huntingdon via Alconbury. Never mind that. If we all turn up, they'll have to have a mass march whether they want one or not! The official CND line is also that fewer people than originally expected will turn up at Easter, since there will not be a camp site available. How out of touch can they get?

In actual fact, there is bound to be a campsite of some sort somewhere within at least commuting distance of Molesworth, since the Rainbow Village has no intention of simply disappearing and will therefore have to be somewhere. Up-to-date whereabouts of the Rainbow Village can be found out by phoning 0480-63054. Alternatively, you can join the vigil around the fence on the Sunday night (which CND is planning), or simply bring your tent and/or van and find yourself somewhere to pitch up. (Grafham Water is quite nice. There is a public camp site with all facilities, and also public picnic areas all round the lake where overnight camping is not officially allowed, but if enough people come along and do it anyway who's going to stop them?)

If you like marches, and haven't registered yet for the exclusive CND jobs, or if you would simply prefer a longer walk with enough time to get to know all the people you're walking with, there's the walk from Sizewell, or, quite possibly, one from Naphill Bunker near High Wycombe (the one on ex-National Trust land (contact Dot Clancy, 48 Kingsley Cres., High Wycombe, tel: 32335 for details).

At Molesworth itself, Molesworth Ploughshares (formerly the Wheat to the Starving Campaign) is now planning to organise a huge collection for the people of Eritrea. People are asked to bring wheat and other grains so that we can assemble a shipment at least equivalent to the amount which might have been grown at Molesworth if the MoD had not fenced us out.

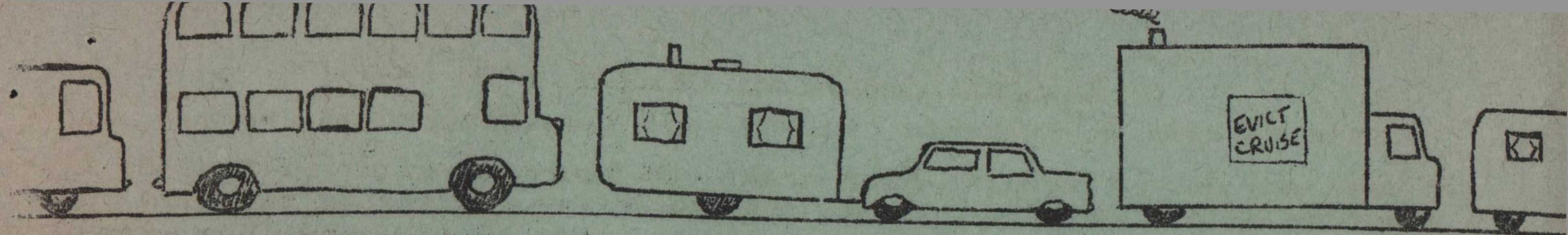
People are also asked to bring blankets, which are also desperately needed in Eritrea, so why not bring two or three blankets that you can spare to keep yourself warm on the overnight vigil on Sunday night and then load onto the lorries for Eritrea on Monday?

If you are coming up to Molesworth at any time before Easter, and would like to bring any food or blankets with you then, Tim and Bridie are making arrangements to store such things at the Old School House, Clopton between now and Easter.

CND are also asking people to bring with them flags with Rainbow ribbons and personal messages on, to plant around the fence, and some sort of ringing thing (eg. a bell or chimes) with which to "ring the base". If you'd prefer to plant your flag inside rather than outside the wire, don't forget your wire-cutters or a piece of old carpet to lay across the fence (which is actually a better option, since it doesn't involve the risk of a criminal damage charge).

Heseltine is reported to be making new by-laws under the Military Land Act (ie. the kind of laws he can just dream up without even the formality of putting them before Parliament for rubber-stamping) to make it a £50 fine and a criminal offence to trespass at Molesworth. But Heseltine looks a bit of an idiot right now already, and enough people fragrantly disregarding his new law would make him look an even bigger one.

Not that Green CND Newsletter is actually advising anyone to break any laws, of course. We are definitely not. We wouldn't want to get done on some sort of conspiracy rap, would we?



RAINBOW VILLAGE - on the road

So Tarzan and his boys put us out on the road, and may even have been daft enough to think for a little while that that was the end of us. By now, they know that they were wrong, because the Rainbow Village is still definitely alive and well and feeling stronger and more united than ever.

From Molesworth, the Cambridgeshire police escorted us out of the county with our ramshackle convoy of mostly illegal and barely roadworthy vehicles, and dumped us in a lay-by on the A 428 road to Bedford. Living conditions were pretty awful, with all the trucks and buses crammed full of unsorted and hastily packed belongings, and overflowing with all the homeless people who had lost their bendovers and caravans in the eviction. Fifty vehicles and assorted caravans, crammed nose-to-tail and three abreast beside a busy main road, with a police car sitting constantly on our tail 24-hours a day to make sure we didn't get up to anything. So much for Tarzan's concern for our children!

We obviously couldn't stay there long, and we didn't. One good night's sleep and three days of frantic work on the motors amidst the ice and snow and we were just about roadworthy and ready to move. We called a press conference for 11 o'clock Saturday morning, loaded up a TV camera crew in the front of one of the buses and set off back into Cambridgeshire.

We were expecting opposition and police-state tactics to stop us getting all the way back to the base, so we took the press for protection and used our ingenuity to outwit the old Bill by stopping five miles short of the base itself and pulling onto waterboard land beside Grafham Water reservoir. Most of our vehicles made it straight in to Grafham with no trouble at all, although a couple broke down and about half a dozen got separated off from the main convoy, so that when they did arrive the police had already blocked off the entrance.

This led to the one nasty incident of the day, although it was definitely not of our making. Martin Melville ("Mel"), who was driving the first coach of those blocked out of Grafham, put it into reverse in order to prevent a police range rover pulling him away from the entrance. A burly policeman then pulled open the driver's door of the coach and punched Mel in the side of the face. As Mel slumped over the engine, more policemen rushed onto the coach through the passenger side door, dragged him out onto the ground and gave him a good kicking. One policeman managed to injure his arm by slipping off the icy step of the bus, so Mel and Carpenter Jim (who tried to stop Mel getting a kicking) were both arrested and charged with assault. The incident was witnessed by press and TV reporters. The police then hounded the half dozen late vehicles back down the road and back into Bedfordshire.

The first night at Grafham was a nervous one. A few people managed to fall asleep from sheer exhaustion, while others sat up all night monitoring police radio transmissions and wondering if we would have to face an illegal dawn eviction. Luckily, the police were actually wise enough to decide that it is actually the water board's job to get us evicted legally, so we have been able to relax a little and recover a bit from the Molesworth eviction while we wait for the Grafham Water case to come up in the High Court in The Strand, London, at 2p.m. on Thursday 21st Feb. (Supporters welcome, please!)

During the week that we have now been at Grafham, we have managed to get the broken-down and diverted vehicles back on site, and to collect some of the embedded vehicles and caravans which were taken to the council yard at Stilton after the Molesworth eviction. That in itself has been no easy job, since the roads are only just starting to lose their thick covering of snow

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RAINBOW VILLAGE ON THE ROAD (continued)

and ice, and we have been working in sub-zero temperatures all week.

We did have one scary evening last week. On Thursday night (14th Feb) literally hundreds of police turned up at Grafham Water and ringed the site (on three sides - the fourth being the lake!). We had no idea why they were there or what they could be planning, and we were unable to monitor their radio broadcasts. Having realised that we were listening in to their VHF channel during our move to Grafham the previous weekend, they had gone over to UHF bands. (Help! Has anyone got any spare UHF receivers?)

At the same time as they turned up at Grafham, or possibly slightly before, large numbers of police also turned up at Peace Corner, and brought with them a huge crane. Since it was the only explanation that anyone could think of, this gave rise to the rumour that they were bulldozing the chapel.

In fact, what they did was to deposit huge blocks of concrete across the bridleway and the entrance to Peace Lane. All this activity caused a lot of nervous tension both at Grafham and at Peace Corner, but eventually, around midnight, the police (who included reinforcements from Essex as well as Cambs police - as had been the case during the eviction) went away again as mysteriously as they appeared.

Looking back on it, the only explanation that makes sense now is that they must have been acting on a false assumption that Rainbow Village was going on the move again and making a bid for a return to Peace Corner. It's nice to think that we've in fact got them so rattled and jumpy! On the other hand, it also makes us wonder what they'll do when we do go on the move.

The heavy policing, both of the Rainbow Village and of pledgers and CND types in the general vicinity of Molesworth, has caused a lot of adverse comment. An editorial in the Cambridge Evening News talked of the 'thin blue line' between necessary security and an unacceptable police state, and suggested that the Cambs police were possibly on the wrong side of that line. The 'Big Brother' treatment is not going down well.

Another 'Big Brother' tactic which is worth noting also made an appearance last Thursday night. While we were surrounded we were getting out to local breakers on our CB rig. However, every time we got a 'copy', an official voice would come in 'on the side' with the sinister message "This is a police matter, and we advise you to keep out of it and do nothing!"

GRAFHAM WATER
 The snow nurturing the earth
 the blue water healing our tired souls
 troubles dissolving at the water's edge
 We soak up the goodness
 clarity melts fear
 the spirit growing
 a thaw coming
 the sun warm on my back
 soon spring will be here.
 Sheila

So, even though we are not on the base, it is clear that we are still having a great effect, keeping the police and MOD on their toes, and making the implementation of the police state as obvious in Cambridgeshire as it is in mining areas. However, we are absolutely determined to keep our protests completely non-violent, so that any heavy police action will be clearly seen to be totally over the top and unjustifiable.

By the time you read this, we may well have already moved again (although we're not saying where to!). We have a few possible sites in mind.

In the meantime, the Post Office is only delivering mail to Peace Corner for Ian and Jennifer Hartley, so please address all communications and/or donations for Rainbow Village to Molesworth Rainbow Village, c/o 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Cambs.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US SINCE LAST WEDNESDAY. WE ARE STILL HERE. WE ARE ALL UNITED, AND WE ARE NOT GIVING UP.



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