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# Chain Reaction

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TELFORD CAMPAIGN FOR FREEDOM FROM THE NUCLEAR THREAT.

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On Friday 17th October 1980 more than 50 people met at Malinslee Community Centre to watch a film called 'The Threat of Nuclear War' and discuss a campaign for peace. At the meeting ideas emerged on how people could express their fear and revulsion about the nuclear threat. No formal organisation was created, instead some ideas for action were suggested with the aim of uniting people and effectively expressing concern. It is hoped that everyone will be able to participate in the campaign - old and young, families and individuals. The events and action proposed were: a Christmas Campaign for Peace; the publication of a book providing both information on the nuclear threat and peoples' responses in drawings, poems, etc.; and a weekend event in the New Year. In addition it is intended that 'Chain Reaction' be continued as a way of informing people of the campaign's progress and of involving new people. If you want to help with any of these events ring the contact people listed at the end of the newsheet.


We are heading towards a nuclear war which no one can expect to survive. Only by uniting and declaring our opposition to this threat can we hope to avert destruction. We cannot remain silent and rely on our leaders - we must demand our right and the right of our children to a normal life span. IF ENOUGH OF US UNITE IN SUCH A CALL WE CANNOT BE IGNORED!

## PROTEST AND SURVIVE, DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON ON 26th. OCTOBER.

About 90 people from Telford went down to London in two coaches to the massive C.N.D. demonstration.

The Government is hell bent on making the U.K. an American missile base and so putting us in the front line of any Nuclear conflict. About 100,000 people were out on the street to protest.

It is positive and exciting to feel a part of a strong popular movement that rejects the warmongering of our leaders and rejects pessimism in the face of the massive power blocks and asserts the right of all people to live in peace, and demand peace for ourselves and our children.



ANTI-NUCLEAR CAMPAIGN DAY OF ACTIVITY,  
STIRCHLEY STUDIOS, SATURDAY 25th.OCT.

We have received the following report from the organiser of The Day of Activity and also have heard that the event was popular with parents because there was a creche. Let's hope that this is the start of a tradition of family activities based on the Nuclear Question.

The afternoon began with an introductory talk by Phil Waterhouse of Wolverhampton Anti-Nuclear Campaign. He outlined the history of the A.N.C. since its conception early in 1979 and the aims of the organisation:-

- "To unite all groups and individuals in a broad based movement to demand
1. Stop Nuclear Power.
  2. Stop Nuclear Weapons.
  3. Reduce energy waste.
  4. Develop alternative energy programmes.
  5. Guarantee employment during the changeover."

The group then broke up for the workshop sessions.

The Agit-Prop workshop was very successful and produced some striking posters depicting Nuclear waste bins being transported across Shropshire.

The Music workshop composed an Anti-Nuclear song which hopefully will be printed in the next newsletter and sung at the Christmas demonstration in the Town Centre. (More details of that later).

The twoproposed discussion groups became one, and among other things, started the ball rolling on this newsletter.

The Agit-Prop group worked on till quite late, then everyone who was staying for the evening had a good meal (vegetarian).

Gareth put on a good disco, and after some minor hitches 'Careless Talk' came on and played well. A lot of local kids came and enjoyed themselves.

I hope everyone who came felt that they had contributed to and got something out of the days events. Perhaps next year another similar day of activity could be organised.

Thank you to everyone who helped, especially the following:  
Paul and Sue Wolf, Mike Wheeler, Phil Whitehouse, Andrew Brown, Gareth Abbott, Tony Edwards, Ann Plummer, 'Careless Talk'.



One of the suggestions for action was to develop a series of events during the period leading to Christmas. The possible form could include leaflet distribution, silent vigils, family party and Christmas service. The group interested in organising this has already met, but there is still much to be done - if you can help, please ring Paul Wolfe on 501218.

### **'The War Game'**

It looks like the highly controversial film 'The War Game' (banned by the BBC) will be screened in Telford in March. Showings will be at the Madeley Court theatre and Oakengates Town Hall. Lewisham Council have shown the film free around that Borough and it is in heavy demand throughout the country. Maybe, at last, the general public will have access to some real information on the horrors of nuclear war.

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