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CHAIN REACTION

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP.

The War Game is Coming!

On Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm Alan Watkins' brilliant and terrifying film 'The War Game' will be shown at Oakengates Town Hall. The BBC banned this film after Government hints that it depicted the horrors of nuclear war too vividly, but the Wrekin District Council have decided to show it to help open up the nuclear weapons issue to democratic debate. The film will be followed by an 'any questions' session featuring Warren Hawksley MP, Councillor Phil Davis, Philip Braithwaite and Brigadier John Purser (retired).

We hope the Wrekin District Council will continue to show such strong commitment to the popular debate of an issue that is a matter of life and death to everyone.

'The War Game' is also being shown by the Madeley Court Film Society on March 5th at 7.30pm, in the Madeley Court Theatre.

EASTER CAMPAIGN

Along four separate routes the CND is planning a Midland regional march and rally on Easter Monday. The aim is for the routes to converge on Rugby for a festival of song, dance, music and theatre. It is hoped that people will entertain the idea of walking from Wolverhampton to Rugby via Birmingham and Coventry.

Perhaps we could contribute to this activity in two ways: some of us walking the full distance and others (with families or less 'foot-fit') going to the rally by coach. If you are interested get in touch or come with ideas to the Thursday meetings.

Diary of Events

- Every Thursday at 7.30pm, Workshop/meeting at 126 Withywood Dr, Malinslee.
- March 5th & 7th, 'The War Game' at Madeley Court and Oakengates Town Hall.
- March 11th at 7.30pm the Quaker Peace Caravan workshop at the Town Centre Meeting House.
- April 18th-20th CND Midland Festival and Rally.
- April Shrewsbury Group's sponsored walk.
- April/May, campaign to make disarmament an issue in County Council elections.
- Summer, Open Air 'Peace Picnic'.

WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN PETITION

This petition (see Chain Reaction No. 3) is aimed at gradual world-wide disarmament over a period of time, and will be collected in many countries of the world.

The Telford Anti-Nuclear Group is helping to organise and carry out this petition during 1981 jointly with the Wrekin Labour Party who have also volunteered to help. It is suggested that a group comprised of members of each is established just to carry this out. It will be a case of house-to-house visiting with a leaflet and petition forms throughout the Wrekin constituency area. A World Disarmament Petition Group could organise this, together with publicity, and asking for several hundred people to collect the signatures as well as area organisers to help cover the constituency.

If you wish to help or find out more, Peter Nias, 48 Victoria Road, Madeley is the petition organiser (day-time Telford 619393 ext 223). This is a great opportunity to contact many people who are in agreement with anti-nuclear principles and the end result should be a massive petition and a growing Telford Anti-Nuclear Group.

NUCLEAR MARCH TARGET IS BUNKER

Hundreds of Midlanders are expected to take part in a six mile ban the bomb protest march, between Kidderminster and Kinver. The march is scheduled for February 28th to be organised by members of S.A.N.E. (Stourbridge against Nuclear extermination). Also taking part will be members of the Kidderminster/Dudley/Halesowen and Birmingham branches of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Protesters plan to finish the march outside the gates to the underground nuclear bunker and storage depot near Kinver.

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Testing testing

Britain staged three nuclear weapons tests last year, says Swedish National Defence Research Institute. Altogether there were 49 tests around the world, others being Soviet Union (20) US (14) France (11) and one by China.



You can overkill us 50 times, but we can only overkill you 49 times.

Elections

Councillor Eric Robinson of Bridgenorth has been the most vocal of the present County Council members in opposing the nuclear threat. He has offered his advice to the Group in its attempt to make the nuclear question a major issue in the forthcoming County Council elections. He suggested that a questionnaire might be sent to all candidates to clearly ascertain their views and make them public. In addition the Group could identify marginal seats in the East Shropshire area and make the nuclear threat one of the issues the vote hangs on. The most ambitious plan being considered is for the Group to field a candidate for election. This proposal, and the others, require careful consideration and planning to ensure the most effective campaign and publicity during the election period.

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