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## Donnington's Nuclear Secret !!

In April, after an eye witness report that a convoy of vehicles, displaying radio-activity symbols had travelled around the Newport area. A spokesman for C.O.D. Donnington admitted that radioactive material was being moved from there (Telford Journal, April 24th). However he went on to reassure the public that the material was hardly radioactive at all, and was just used for the training of soldiers. He went on to say that when this insignificant radioactive material was moved it travelled packed in such a way that it could with stand great impact or fire, and under heavy guard.

This last statement was undoubtedly true, as the convoy consisted of one ten ton truck, escorted by two police cars and two unmarked Range Rovers.

A fortnight earlier an article in the 'New Statesman' revealed that nuclear weapons are transported by road in lorries each escorted by a pair of unmarked cars. In the light of this, it does seem rather high security for C.O.D. Donnington to provide for barely radioactive training material.

It is far more likely that the convoy was transporting either nuclear weapons, parts for nuclear weapons or weapons grade material. We challenge any official spokesman for the Donnington base to refute this allegation by giving details of the way in which soldiers are trained at Donnington by using radioactive materials or an explanation of why an insignificant source of radioactive material should travel under such heavy guard.

## County council Questionnaire

To clear up a point raised by Liberal Councillor, Eric Robinson: the questionnaire sent out to prospective County Councillors was sent only to Wrekin candidates.

As stated before in Chain Reaction, T.A.N.G does not link itself with any political party although 'the replies' to the questionnaire did divide distinctly along party lines. Anyone wishing to see the full results of the survey may contact Barry Stimpson, 8 Stretton Court, Sutton Hill.

## Diary

- June 27th Dawley Carnival. T.A.N.G. stall at carnival site, Phoenix school.
- JULY 4th Dawley Town Hall. A stall for the Union for the Unemployed Social is at the Town Hall on this date from 2pm until 5pm.
- July 4th Shrewsbury Peace Group Day of Action. To be held in the Square in Shrewsbury.
- July 7th T.A.N.G. second Social Evening at the Elephant and Castle at Dawley. With County Councillor Jack Turner, Eric Robinson and Jean Hancox present.



## June monthly meeting.

On Tuesday 2nd June the first T.A.N.G. Social Evening was held at the Elephant and Castle at Dawley. Many people attended and we saw a film called the 'Red Stain'. The film was shown at 8pm. and again at a later point in the evening for those people who were unable to get to the first showing. The film was followed by a short discussion about the work and future projects of the group.

After this we then settled down to have drinks and the food that was provided by several members of the group.

The evening was very pleasant and if you were unable to make the last social, the next one is on July 7th at the Elephant and Castle in Dawley, so please come along.

## A strategy for the County Council?

On Tuesday 7th July at 8pm. we are holding the second monthly meeting at the Elephant and Castle in Dawley. Some of the more sympathetic members of the new County Council, including Jack Turner, Eric Robinson and Jean Hancox have agreed to come along so that we can discuss ways of working together.

They need all the support they can get, so come along and find out what you can do.

## Petition starts.

This house-to-house petition in our Trekin Constituency has now started in several areas with people going out to drop off a leaflet and then call a few days later for signatures. Your constituency needs you to help. Its something positive you can do towards disarmament. Contact (no obligation) Paul Wolfe, Dawley 501218 or Peter Nias, Telford 619393 XT 223.

## A Strategy for T.A.N.G.

At the June Social, several ideas for future projects were suggested but it was felt that readers of Chain Reaction not present at the meeting might also have ideas to contribute. These are a few of the suggestions that were made.

1. A Carnival float using literally the tableau from Protect & Survive.
2. A Concert at Oakengates Town Hall with The Beat, UB40 or other sympathetic groups.
3. Some form of street theatre.
4. Talks in schools.
5. A fact sheet to discredit 'Protect & Survive'
6. A peace sculpture in the form of a childrens play structure.
7. Planting trees in the shape of the C.N.D. symbol.
8. Rebuilding the ruined Thirteenth Century Norman Chapel in the Town Park as a peace memorial (rather than a War Memorial)

If anyone has any further ideas or would like to help with any of the above projects, please contact one of the names listed below.

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