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CHAIN REACTION

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TELFORD ANTI - NUCLEAR GROUP.

SHROPSHIRE PEACE ALLIANCE

Saturday January 30th is the date fixed for the next meeting of all the peace groups in Shropshire. The meeting is in Telford and will take place at 2pm. in the Dawley Christian Centre.

A speaker has been arranged from West Midlands CND and several County Councillors will be attending. We hope to discuss a programme of action to bring pressure upon Shropshire County Council in order that this County becomes a Nuclear Free Zone.

Also we hope to discuss plans for joint action during 1982 and in particular this Easter. A creche will be available so do not feel that you are unable to attend - bring the children as they will be well cared for and have an enjoyable time.

WORLD DISARMAMENT PETITION

The World Disarmament Petition is still going house-to-house. It is being supplemented by a petition collecting session in the Town Centre on Saturday 6th February 10am-5pm by kind permission of the Centre Manager.

Come and support this petition Collection.

ANTI-CRUISE PICKET ORDERED OFF

Women peace campaigners at Greenham Common Cruise missile base in Berkshire have been ordered off the land by the local district council. The decision was made on Tuesday night and yesterday the people who have been living in the dozen caravans parked around the entrance to the RAF base were given formal written notice to quit.

"In no way do we regard this as politically motivated." Mr. Cyril Woodward, chairman of the council's recreation and amenities committee said.

"We are dealing with them just as we would with any itinerant and we are merely asserting our rights to protect our property."

The residents, who are mostly women who belong to the peace movement have been given 14 days to leave the land or face action of eviction, and if necessary, bailiffs from the local court.

Mr. Woodward added that in an informal meeting with three representatives from the campaigners on Wednesday they declined to move voluntarily and that the council had no option but to take legal action.

Mrs. Angela Phillips, one of the campaigners said "It's not altogether surprising that the council has acted in this way. They don't object to having weapons of mass destruction on their land but they do object to a peace campaign.

Angela Phillips (0635) 34284

MARCH & RALLY

Saturday 27th February 82.

This year march & rally will start from the Regional Seat of Government (nuclear bunker) at 11am taking the same route as last year but in reverse. We hope to arrive at 1pm. All groups are welcome and are asked to bring posters etc., the topics being, Civil Defence, SS20-Cruise, and the Geneva Talks.

Groups are advised to arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the march. Coaches and cars can drop marchers at the RSG, and then can park and pick up at the car park next to the rally site in Mill St.

We would like groups to bring their Banners, Music, Bands, Street Theater etc. The rally site is very near the Town Centre, ideal for groups to campaign in, and potential for groups to sell badges etc. (but at your own risk). It is hoped that there will be at least 3 speakers, but if any group wishes to offer a speaker contact Kidd. CND on 744258.

For more information about the Kinver RSG to Kidderminster march & Rally contact:-

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Trident

£10,000 million that's what the Trident Missile system will cost according to Aberdeen University economist Mr. David Greenwood. That's double the price quoted by the Government in June 1981.

DIMBLEBY LECTURE

The Dimpleby Lecture by E.P. Thompson which the B.B.C. commissioned and then declined to use has finally been published into a 36 page pamphlet called 'Beyond the Cold War'. T.A.N.G. should be obtaining copies of the pamphlet, so if you are interested, please contact us.

A reminder - starting on Thursday 28th. Jan. and then continuing every Thursday for the next seven weeks is the joint WEA/TANG course on all aspects of the nuclear issue. The course is being run at the Madeley Centre for the Unemployed. This is situated in the old chapel opposite St. Micks at the bottom end of Madeley High Street, just higher up than the Foresters' Arms.

DIARY

- Jan 28th - WEA/TANG Course 7.45pm - History of nuclear weapons. speaker Julian Cooper.
- Jan 30th - TANG Jumble Sale, Wellington Scout Hut nr. All Saints Church. Start 10.30am.
- Feb 4th - The Arms Race - speaker Peter Whitehead. (WEA)
- Feb 6th - W.D.C. Petition signature collection, Town Centre. 10am-5pm.
- Feb 11th - 7.45pm Civil Defence - speaker Bryan Stoten. (WEA)

Please note there will no longer be a weekly meeting at Malinslee due to the W.E.A. Course. We will keep you informed of future monthly meetings in Chain Reaction.

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