

NEW BLOW TANG DONNINGTON N°34 TO ELONSTON

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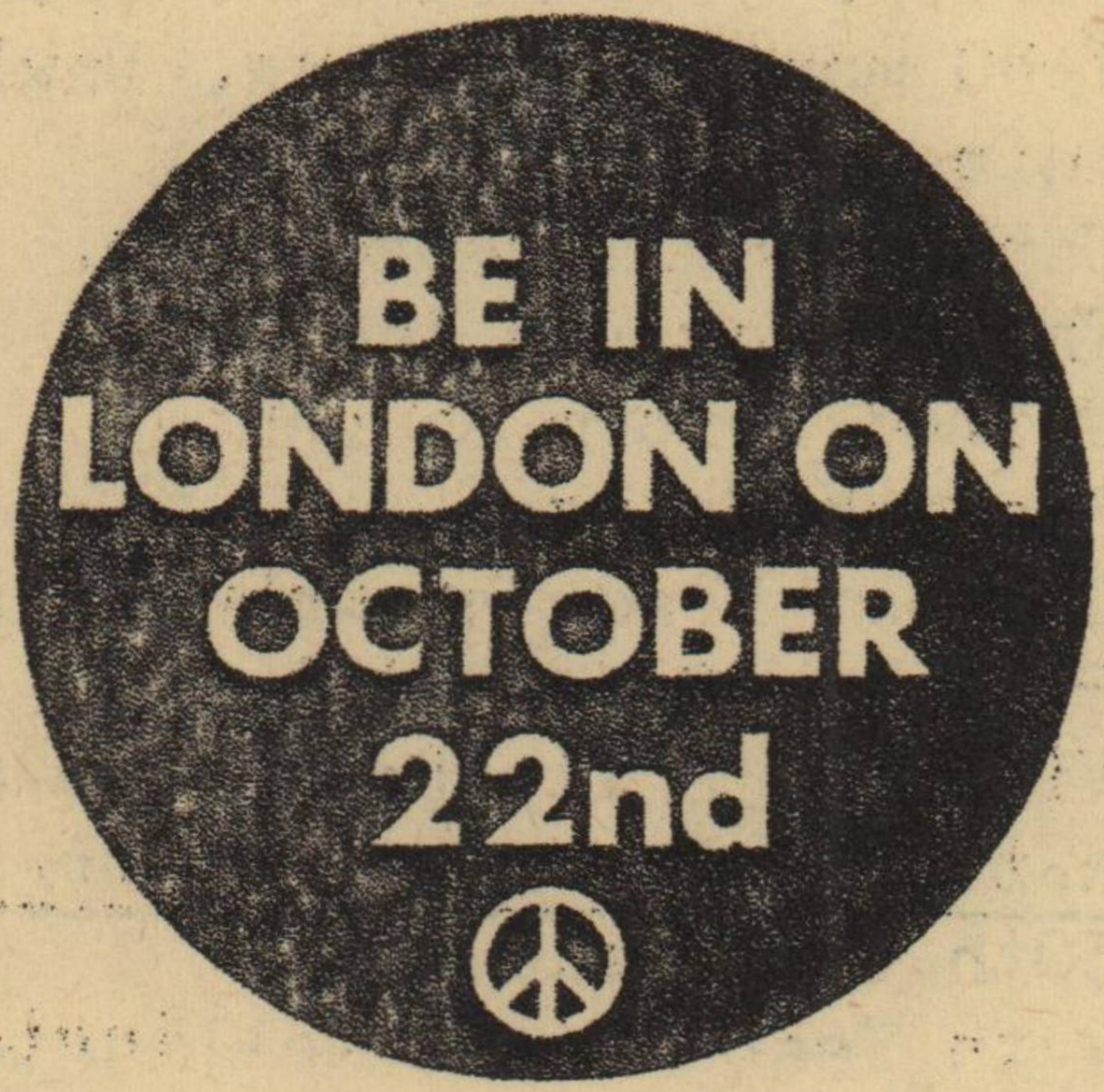
C. N. D. National demo

Transport to Oct. 22nd demo will be by special train from Wolverhampton. A coach will pick up at Broseley, Madeley, Dawley, Wellington, Oakengates and Shifnal to connect with the train, and drop off at the same points on the return journey. (The exact times are not yet available, but the train is expected to leave Wolverhampton at approx 10.30a.m. and arrive back at approx 9.00 p.m.)

It is important to book as soon as possible. (The Telford contingent will be allocated train seats in the same carriage.) Cost (inclusive) is £5 waged and £4 unwaged and children 5-14 £3 under 5 years free. Names and money to:-

- Dawley Maria Wakely 594842
- Madeley Peter Nias 587532
- Broseley Barbara Lamplugh 882225
- Trench Peter Houghton 613731
- Wellington Laurens Otter 54728

Any queries to Barbara Lamplugh or John Harrison 882468



Peace education

TANG will be putting together a pack of information for schools in Telford. It will have lists of addresses both local and national plus a series of fact sheets which could be used in a secondary classroom. Any ideas for inclusion in the pack contact Paul (501218)

Donnington fire - Community enquiry

The TANG - organised Community inquiry into public concern over the asbestos fall-out and army secrecy as a result of the Donnington fire unanimously passed a motion calling for an independent public inquiry. About 45 people heard Alan Dalton, from London's Labour Party Research Dept, review the general hazards of asbestos. Dr. Tony Walsh put the medical view, which was that the risk to those exposed to asbestos in this case was minimal, perhaps one death in 50,000 people in 20 - 40 years time. The meeting felt that the Army should take most if not all of the blame for causing public concern. Several people in fact said that the presence of asbestos was being talked of at the Depot during the day of the fire, despite army denials. Only one councillor from the asbestos affected area attended (although two other councillors also attended) The point was made that no councillor had expressed concern on behalf of their constituents before this inquiry was called.

It now appears that there are three other inquiries presently continuing into the fire. One is by the army, one by the Wrekin Council and one is unknown. No terms of reference have been given nor any confirmation of publication of findings, and all were only announced after the TANG inquiry. The S.D.P./ Liberal Alliance have also been collecting names for a petition calling for a Public Inquiry.

Mr Hawksley has since appeared on T.V. and in print calling the inquiry a 'publicity stunt' by T.A.N.G. If he considers that taking the initiative in caring both for peoples' health and their fears is such a stunt then we should like to see him engage in a similar stunt. TANG also made the point that if the authorities could not cope with 'ordinary' toxic fire, then how could they cope with any possible radioactive leak from the publicly acknowledged radioactive material store at Donnington.

Donnington time-bomb?

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Radioactive materials at Donnington

Quantities of radioactive material are being moved from C.O.D. Donnington, a garrison spokesman confirmed this week.

The statement was made after an eye witness report of vehicles displaying radioactive symbols travelling around the Newport area. A grey 10-ton truck escorted by two blue unmarked Range Rovers and two police cars was spotted travelling towards Eccleshall last week.

Training

A garrison spokesman confirmed that the base did store radioactive materials but solely for training purposes. At times these materials had to be moved across the country to other army establishments.

"Whenever these are moved, they are moved in thorough regard for the safety of the public. It is so packaged it can withstand impact or fire.

"We are just one of most units that have sources of these insignificant yields. They hardly show up but it is enough for a soldier to be trained in the equipment he would take to war," he explained.

The spokesman added that these materials were moved under heavy guard but details of the quantity of radioactive substances stored at the ordnance depot is restricted by the Ministry of Defence.

One World Week

We live in one World a small fragile planet whose history and destiny we all share. A series of events has been organised in Telford for us to reflect upon our responsibility in shaping the future to reflect our real needs of justice, peace and World development. A display will be placed in the Town Centre and Libraries in the area. A teaching pack has been compiled and circulated in schools on issues related to World development.

The events planned and dates are listed below:-

21st October Friday 7.30.

Rich man/poor man meal and three short plays.
Brookside Community Centre.

23rd - 24th October Sunday

Peace Vigil. New St. Church Wellington.

26th October Wednesday 7.30

An evening of music and dance
All Saints Church Stirchley.

27th October Thursday

Film and discussion
'The Seventh Enemy'
Dawley Christian Centre.

For more information contact:
Paul 501218 or Mark Stokes.

T.A.N.G. A.G.M.

The next meeting of TANG will include making plans for our Annual General Meeting. Ideas that have already been put forward are that the meeting should be an afternoon event with workshops and perhaps a social event in the evening.

This year's A.G.M. will have much to discuss, including the restructuring and decentralisation of TANG, policies and strategy, such as the freeze campaign and organising in workplaces. Full details of the A.G.M. will be in next month's C.R.

Finance

We need to have a regular income if we are to continue our level of political activity. One possible way of improving our financial position would be a regular monthly commitment to group funds from readers of Chain Reaction, either by standing order or collection. Jumble Sales, stalls, socials and badges are ways of raising funds but could we develop new ways - Any suggestions?

Diary of events

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| Oct. 1st | Bridgnorth - Day School contact Perce Muscatt, Highley. 861 082 |
| Oct. 3rd | Shropshire Alliance mtg., College Hill House 8.00p.m. |
| Oct. 11th | TANG monthly meeting, Dawley Info. Centre. 7.30p.m. |
| Oct. 13th | Cannon Paul Oestreicher. The Church and the Bomb! United Reform Church, English Bridge, Coleham Head Shrewsbury 7.30. |
| Oct. 14th | Broseley C.N.D. A.G.M. Victori. Hall, Broseley. 8.00. |
| Oct. 22nd | <u>National London demonstration.</u> |
| Oct. 23rd - | <u>30th One World Week.</u> |
| Oct. 23rd - | 24th Peace Vigil Wellington New Street., Methodist Church. |
| Oct. 24th | News from the front - the media & the Falklands war. Workers Educational Association. 7.30. Dawley Info Centre. |