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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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## Warmongers worried about dissent

It seems that even some writers in the magazine published by NATO and called 'NATO Review' are having doubts about the arms race. Here are a few quotations from the latest edition (available free from NATO Information Service, 1110 Brussels, Belgium):

"it is critical to avoid taking Western populations for granted."

"... the Soviet Union is largely viewed (by the public) as irrelevant to the basic problems of Western industrial society."

"... a policy seen to be based only on confrontation with the Soviet Union, and not accompanied by sufficiently active attempts to regulate East-West competition, is likely to provoke considerable political dissent within member countries."

"Given the widely considered excess of military power in the world, support for defence spending will remain problematic."

All are quotations from an article on 'Public Opinion and Atlantic defence' in NATO Review no. 5 1983.

## Nuclear advert - misleading

A nuclear waste advert by Nirex in a Middlesbrough paper was called misleading by the Advertising Standards Authority after two local people complained. Nirex (Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive) had put across the impression that the waste was to be dumped thousands of feet underground, but in actual fact the proposal is to dump it only a few hundred feet down.

So if you think that an advert is misleading in any way on nuclear issues, then write to the Advertising Standards Authority at 2 Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HN. Even if they don't agree, they do notify the advertiser that they have received complaints.

## PROTEST IN BROSELEY

Broseley C.N.D. will be erecting a "Protect & Survive" type shelter, in the High Street, on Sat. 10th March, 10am-1pm. A video of "A Guide to Armagedon" will be shown in the Victoria Hall where there will also be a display and coffee will be served. Leaflets will be distributed and any support will be welcome.

If you want to put something in Chain Reaction, news or a letter, please get it to Mark Stokes, 16 Telford Rd., Dawley, before each C.R. meeting (see diary).

## Letter - Union ban at G.C.H.Q.

Members of T.A.N.G. indeed of C.N.D. nationally will to some appear to have acted in an opportunist way this month; for no doubt all who were able will have joined the demonstration in protest against the outlawing of trade unionism at G.C.H.Q. Cheltenham; even though we would all consider that telephone-spying headquarters, (intimately connected as it is with nuclear war preparedness,) is an evil.

The radical wing of C.N.D. used to call for a boycott of all Nuclear weapons and Nuclear -weapon- related bases, used to appeal to trade unions to forbid their members to work at them. We cannot - consistently - defend the right of people to work there any more than we would have supported the rights of gas workers at Auschwitz.

We have however always argued that war-preparations, and particularly nuclear war preparations, make inevitable attacks on all freedoms, -the very freedoms that apologists for The Bomb claims to wish to defend, - and, as industry has already been quick to copy the government, we can see that the G.C.H.Q. affair is a major step in an assault on liberty. It is however ironic that the spearhead of the attack on liberty should be against people prepared to do some of the government's dirtiest work. When even they are not free from governmental attack the prospect is bleak for the rest of us.

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## Profit in nuclear waste

Some countries are falling over themselves to bury nuclear waste, as long as there is a few billion £££'s to accompany it.

An appropriately named West German firm called NUKEM is intending to sell waste to China to dump in the Gobi Desert. This deal costs £4.3 billion but is cheaper than paying another country like Britain to reprocess it at a place like Windscale/Sellafield.

If the political pressure against the dumping of waste grows in the Western countries, such selling to a country with open spaces several times the size of Britain could well be an attractive option.

## Turkish peace prisoners

In 1977 the Turkish Peace Association was founded. Its aims are the abolition of nuclear weapons, a stop to the arms race, peaceful co-existence and a respect for human rights. In September, 1980 the military coup in Turkey swept away the T.P.A. and subsequently its leading members were arrested.

In June, 1982 the trial began of The Executive Committee of The T.P.A. The trial came to an end in November, 1983. Gaol terms ranging from 5 to 8 years were handed down to 23 of the activists.

Turkey is an ally of Britain in N.A.T.O. and our government does not feel it appropriate to publicly pressurise Turkey on the issue of human rights.

The Peace Movement in this country must now come to the aid of the

T.P.A. : Please help:-

Write to your M.P.

Raise the matter in national and local papers

Write to The Turkish Ambassador at

43 Belgrave Square,

London, S.W.1., or telephone

(01- 235 5252), about the

the following prisoners;

Dr. Erdal Atabek

Former President of The Turkish

Medical Association

Mr. Mahmut Dikerdem

President of the T.P.A.

Mr Orhan Apaydin

Former President of Istanbul Bar Association.

Mr. Orhan Taylan

a distinguished painter

Mrs. Reha Isvan

Women's Rights Activist-

## The individual & the threat of nuclear war

Dr James Thompson, Chairman of "Psychologists for Peace" and senior lecturer in Psychiatry at Middlesex Hospital, London will be giving a talk to members of the public on the above topic at Wellington Methodist Church, New St Wellington at 8pm on Sat., 24th March.

For further information contact, Dr Eve Clevenger, 1 Wrekin Course, Wellington.

## Situation vacant

Would anybody like to take over the job of T.A.N.G. secretary? David Smith has been group secretary for the past 2 years and feels that it is time for somebody new to take the job on. It mainly involves attending meetings and dealing with (a small amount of) correspondence. If you are interested, come to the next T.A.N.G. meeting (see diary), or let somebody know who can put your name forward.

## More informal meetings

We have not shown enough imagination in the way in which we involve people in the campaign in Telford. We have relied too much on monthly business meetings and our newsletter at the expense of more informal meetings. To put this right and attempt to involve more people, we are going to organise a regular number of house meetings to discuss issues related directly to the C.N.D. If anyone is prepared to hold a meeting at their home please contact, Paul - 501218.

## Making the links - nuclear energy

A Public Meeting has been organised for Fri. 23rd March at the Ironbridge Museum - Trust Room. The Secretary of the national Green CND, <sup>Hugh Richards</sup> ~~John Marjoram~~, will discuss the programme for building a radical Green movement and in particular, links between nuclear power and weapons production.

Here in Telford is a potential site for a nuclear power station. British Nuclear Fuels named Ironbridge as one possible site for expansion. Clearly this is an important issue which we should make ourselves more aware.

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Broseley

PUBLIC MEETING:- GREEN C.N.D.

Speaker- <sup>Hugh Richards</sup> ~~John Marjoram~~. Ironbridge Museum Trust Room (opposite the Ironbridge).

23rd MARCH, FRIDAY, 7.30pm.

## T.A.N.G. local contacts

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DAWLEY, Maria - 594842.

MADELEY, Peter - 587532.

## Diary of events

13th March, T.A.N.G. meeting. 7.30. Dawley Information Centre, High St., Dawley.

10th March, Broseley C.N.D. nuclear shelter demo, Broseley High St, 10am to 1pm.

23rd March, Green C.N.D. meeting. Ironbridge Museum-Trust room. 7.30pm.

24th March, "The individual and the threat of nuclear war" meeting. New Street Methodist Church, Wellington. 8pm. <sup>MCAW</sup>

16th March, TANG Jumble Sale. 6.30. Fletcher Memorial Centre, Court Street, Madeley.

27th March, Chain Reaction meeting, 7.30. Dawley Information Centre.

29th March, STOP THE CITY! mass civil disobedience in the City of London against the financing of the arms race. Transport details contact C.J. Docker, 19 The Ley, Finger Road, Dawley.

14/15 April, Easter demonstrations at most nuclear bases.

26th May, Regional demo in Coventry.

9th June, "Take your missiles back with you!" demo in London - a message to Reagan on his visit to Britain.