

CHAIN REACTION

August 84.

NEWSLETTER OF TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP.

No To Cruise.

Cruise missiles are still opposed by over half the people in Britain. According to a recent Gallup opinion poll, 56% of people do not think that the USA-controlled Cruise missiles should be in this country.

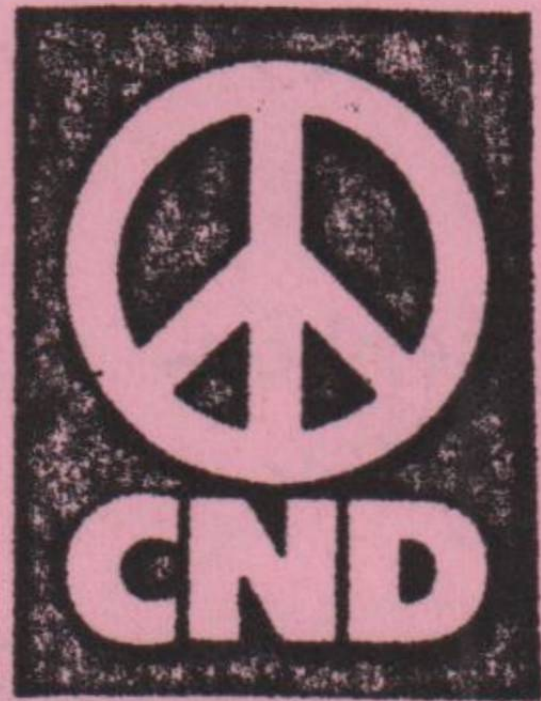
One third of people who vote Conservative also oppose Cruise, so it is by no means just one section of society which disagrees with the weapons.

Furthermore, two thirds of all people in Britain would not trust the USA to ask Britain first before launching any of the missiles.

Even just over half of people who vote Conservative would not trust the USA government either. This must surely give rise to much concern, especially when Britain is supposed to have such close defence links with America.

It would be interesting to hear any responses from people who vote Conservative as to why they may or may not agree with this opinion poll's findings.

Chain Reaction is waiting to hear from you.



"Peace and social justice are only obtainable by means that are just and pacific. And people will behave justly and pacifically only if they have trained themselves as individuals to do so, even in circumstances where it would be easier to behave violently and unjustly!"
ALDOUS HUXLEY

Telephone Tree!

The deployment of the Cruise missile convoy from Greenham this week has highlighted a problem which exists in developing urgent action in the locality. We require an immediate means of communication to members and friends who wish to express opposition to the deployment of Cruise missiles on the road.

One such method would be to organise a telephone tree through which a message or plan of action can be passed

If you are prepared to give your name and telephone please contact -
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"We prepare for our extinction in order to insure our survival....
If our species destroys itself, it will be a death in the cradle - a case of infant mortality."

Jonathon Schell
The fate of the Earth.

August 1945

We remember at 8.15am on August 6th the dropping of the atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The horror is well documented and many eye-witness accounts exist which describe to us the extent of the suffering of the people of both cities, The real tragedy of the post war world is that we have not reflected upon the fact that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were potentially the death knell of our species.

If governments persist in piling missile upon missile we are all potential victims of a re-enactment of Hiroshimas destruction.

Inter help.

What happens to you when you think of nuclear war.

"Its to horrible to think about i just block it out."

" If i don't think about it maybe it won't happen."

"If it happens i just hope its quick."

"Maybe it won't land here, maybe well survive."

"I think about it all the time, iam doing everything i can to prevent nuclear war but i still feel terrible because it doesnt seem enough!"

The interhelp organisation is a network of groups and individuals that is rapidly growing throughout Britain and Europe from its origins in the United States. It is there to help people to develop their response to the threats to our collective survival allowing them to remain sane and take charge of their future.

Joanna Rogers Macy, one of interhelps American founders, said in her book 'despair and personal power in the nuclear age':

"Despair and empowerment work refers to the psychological and spiritual work of dealing with our knowledge and feelings about the planetary crisis in ways that release energy and vision for creative response.

and

Despair and empowerment helps us to increase our awareness of these devopments (- nuclear holacaust, enviromental destruction and human oppression.) without feeling over whelmed by the dread, grief, anger and sense of power lessness that they arouse in us. The work overcomes patterns of avoidance and psychic numbing, it builds compassion, community and commitment to act."

Interhelp offers many resources, evening, day and weekend workshops, guest speakers and a monthly news letter also leaflets and books.

T.A.N.G has decided to try and organise a day workshop hopefully in October.

more information will be available in the September newsletter.

for more information on Interhelp contact,

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Let it be born.

It was night in the basement
of a shuttered building
Those wounded by the atomic bomb
filled up the dark basement
without light of a single candle
Amid the smell of blood
The stench of dead bodies
A sweaty stuffiness - and a sound
of moaning
Out of them, a strange voice was heard:

"Ababy is being born".

In the hell of the basement like this
A young women is in labour at this
moment

What should the people do
In this darkness without a match ?
The people huddled there
Were anxious about her
Forgetting their own pain
Then -

A voice sounded, "I am a midwife
I will assist at the birth"
It was a serverely wounded person
Who spoke, one who had been moaning
A moment ago. Thus in the dark
In the bottom of the hell, a new life
Came into the world. The midwife
died before dawn, covered with blood.
Let it be born! Let it be born!
Even if one must pay with ones life.

Sadako Kurihari

Dates.

6th-9th August, Hiroshima/Nagasaki day

Tuesday 14th August- Tang meeting.
Dawley information Centre. 7.30

Saturday 18th August-Jumble sale -
Randlay community centre 2-4 pm

Tuesday 28th August- Campaign meeting
'plans for autumn' 7.30 Dawley Info
Centre.

Saturday 1st September- Barbeque- 15,
Fellows Close. 4pm.

Saturday 8th September- Super Saturday
T.A.N.G stall.

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