

CHAIN REACTION

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NEWSLETTER OF TELFORD ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The TANG AGM on November 14th will review a year that has seen a wide variety of local campaigning efforts.

The Civil Defence report commissioned by Wrekin Council was presented to them in early 1984. In this report, TANG said that Shropshire County Council was burying its collective head in the sand by thinking that there would be no nuclear targets in the County and therefore the problems would be diminished. The recently talked of 'Nuclear Winter' has put the issue of civil defence very much in the shade.

Wrekin Council hope to publish an edited and popular version of this report which will review what would happen if a nuclear weapon fell on Donnington.

Issues considered in public meetings during the year include nuclear power, the arms industry and arms spending, women in the peace movement, a showing of the 'Nuclear Winter' film and the Peace Pledge Union film caravan attended the 'Super Saturday' in the Town Park.

Considerable effort has been made during the year on fund raising and an equal effort is now needed to obtain more people to actively work within TANG

in a variety of ways. Please contact any of the names at the bottom of 'Chain Reaction' for a no obligation discussion, or come along to one of the meetings which are listed below.

National CND has increased its membership by over 50% in the last year, so surely TANG can continue its attempts to inform people in the Wrekin area, and to make a renewed effort during 1985.

... reap the Whirlwind

We said, when the Task Force was sent to the Falklands, when Britain refused the U.N. offers of mediation, & when the Belgrano was sunk, - as it now appears certain, in order to prevent a peaceful settlement; - that such behaviour further debased the currency of politics. That such immediate resort to violence would breed yet more violence.

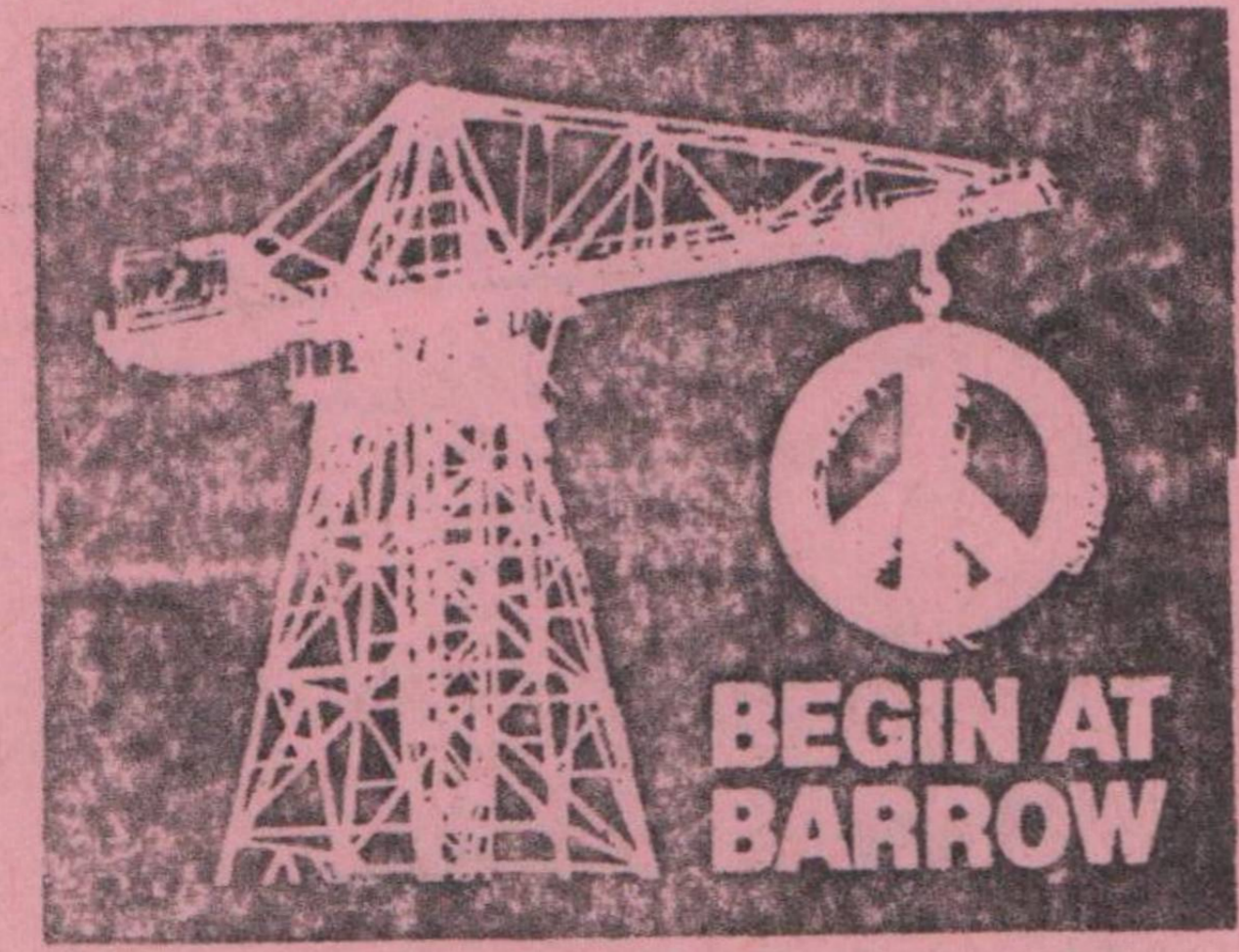
The hideous face of war, & the ethics that go therewith, are always vile. It should be seen that the Falklands War & the bombing of the Grand Hotel are two sides of the same coin. In a climate of opinion in which sending the Task Force without attempt at settlement is acceptable; it is hardly surprising that a minority of Irish Republicans (fortunately a small minority) consider sending an action squad (to help retrieve what it holds to be occupied Ireland) as similarly acceptable.

It is also no accident that Thatcher's talk of the enemy within - when referring to the NUM - has been seen as an attempt to enlist the same sort of nationalist fervour that backed her over the Falklands against the Miners; & that Media reportage of the strike has been as one-sided as was its coverage of the War.

It goes without saying that CND, for the same moral & practical reasons as it had for condemning the Falklands War, condemns the bombing. We cannot speak for more than a minority of those who advocate peace education, but it goes without saying that such advocacy stems from a concern that children should not grow up thinking resort to arms is inevitable, sensible or moral.

The sick & perverse reasoning that led some speakers at the Tory Conference to try & pretend that advocacy of Peace Education was the "intellectual equivalent of the bombing"; when that bombing was in fact consistent with their own reasoning & their ethics, and not with ours, could well at some future point breed yet more war, & yet more bombings.

STOP TRIDENT



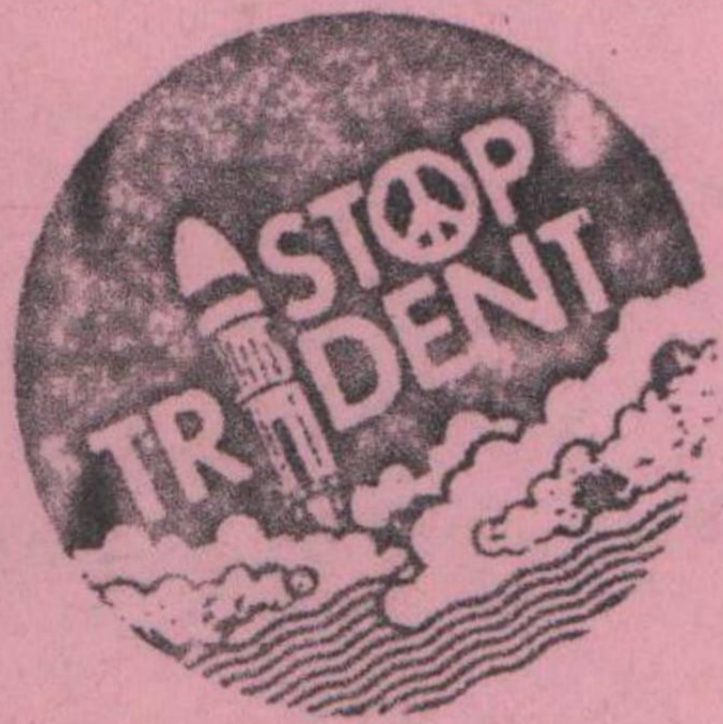
Peace Alliance gets Grant.

The Shropshire Peace Alliance has been granted £700 from the CND regional fund to buy a caravan.

At the last alliance meeting a small coordinating group was formed which consisted of a treasurer Jill Bedford, coordinator and others to assist in the day to day organisation of the caravan. If anyone wishes to join the coordinating group please contact Jill, Jo or Paul.

The next stage will be to purchase a caravan. If any one has one for sale please contact one of the three people below. Having purchased the caravan we will need to set about altering it to meet our needs for campaigning in Shropshire. There are 101 ways in which people may be able to help in putting together display boards, adverts collecting useful equipment and materials. The caravan will be an extremely useful tool to us all in the future so any help in getting it started will be most welcome.

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Broseley A.G.M.

Broseley CND AGM will be held at Dark Lane school on Thursday 25th October at 8.00pm. As well as the usual business we are hoping that one of the Greenham women will come along to talk. There will be food and hot punch. All interested are welcome.

Trident Referendum.

We have decided to hold a referendum on 17th November in Wellington as a part of the ongoing campaign to highlight the dangers associated with the production of the Trident missile system. We require help in asking members of the public to fill in a voting paper and collect them in a sealed box.

We are also putting together information about Trident missiles and the role played by many manufacturers in this country. This will take the form of a factsheet and also a poster display which can be used on the street or in halls or workplaces.

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

The annual general meeting of the Telford Anti nuclear group will be held on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Meeting House town centre. Marcus Lynch a west midland CND official will be present at the meeting. On the agenda will be the annual reports from the treasurer and the press and publicity. There will be a discussion on the potential uses of the Shropshire Alliance caravan and TANGs strategies for 1985. These strategies will include discussion on the role of Trade Unions, the Churches and the Trident campaign following the National demonstration at Barrow. The meeting will conclude with a social and we would appreciate it if people could bring some food and drink for this.



Diary.

Thursday 25th October - Broseley CND AGM Dark Lane school, 8.00pm.

Saturday 27th October - CND national demo Barrow - in - Furnace coach from Telford.

Wednesday 14th November - Telford Anti-Nuclear Group AGM. The meeting house Telford Centre 7,30pm.

Saturday 17th November, Trident referendum. Wellington Sq 10.30am.

Thursday 22nd November, Broseley CND meeting. The Lion, Broseley. 8.00pm.

Tuesday 27th November, Campaign meeting "Non-violent direct action the only way forward". Dawley Information Centre 7.30pm.

November 6th, Christian vigil outside the American Embassy London.

December 8th, Warsaw Pact embassy demo.

December 12th, Parliament Sq demo.

For details contact Laurens,
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