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MOLESWORTH EASTER DEMO

It took more troops and police to evict 100 peace campaigners than to capture Goose Green required during the Falklands war. The only conclusion is the Government fears the strength of the peace movement more than it did the fire power of the Argentinians.

As well they might CNDs Easter actions at the disused world war airbase will show how the massive opposition is to American Cruise missiles being based in this country.

The demonstration will begin on Good Friday (April 5th) with three sponsored marches leaving Stevenage, Leicester, and Cambridge which will arrive at Molesworth on Sunday 8th. Its hoped that the marches will be met at Molesworth where an all night candle lit vigil will take place.

The events of Easter weekend will culminate on Easter Monday with a massive presence at molesworth.

The Telford Anti-Nuclear Group is organising a coach to Molesworth on Easter Monday.

Tickets will cost about; £4.00 waged
£2.00 unwaged

pick up points still have to be arranged. If you would like to book a seat or require further information please contact one of the names on page of the newsletter.

SEE centre pages

Letter

mass direct action against nukes.

Dear TANG

In the December 84 issue of Chain Reaction I wrote a letter which argued in a positive and fraternal way for anti-nuclear campaigners to step up support for the miners' strike. The strike which is now a year old is a mass struggle involving thousands of working people, directly against the government's policy of destroying the coal mining industry.

It is clear that if the Government beats the miners it will be a massive defeat for the anti-nuclear & peace movement.

In the January 85 issue of Chain Reaction, Laurens Otter replied to the points I had made by launching a vicious & hysterical attack on me and my organization, the Socialist Workers' Party. His letter which said very little about what we should do to stop nuclear power was full of many errors and inaccuracies, that at times I thought I was reading the Sun or the Daily Mail.

I was not arguing that TANG should stop being an anti-nuclear group & become a miners' support group, but that it should see the miners strike as central to any serious campaign against the nuclear industry. It is not enough to just back the miners passively & hope for the best.

If the government succeeds in beating the miners, it will be a green light for them to destroy the coal-mining industry & proceed with its plans to build more inefficient, dangerous, nuclear reactors. This will mean more unemployment, higher fuel bills, more attacks on civil liberties & trade union rights & more plutonium for Thatcher's bombs.

The strike is in a very defensive phase with the Tories out to smash the miners' union. Activity must be stepped up again to stop the miners being starved into defeat.

David Smith

TANG, meeting on Feb. 26th., decided to close this correspondence at this point.

DIARY

Tuesday 12th March - TANG meeting, Dawley Information Centre. 7.30pm.

Saturday 16th March - Leafletting on civil defence, and the showing of the BBC film 'Threads' depicting a nuclear attack on Sheffield. Venue to be arranged.
For Information see local contacts.

Tuesday 19th March - Chain Reaction meeting, Dawley Information Centre. 7.30pm.

Saturday 23rd March - nuclear free zone day workshop, 10.00am - 4.00pm. see newsletter.

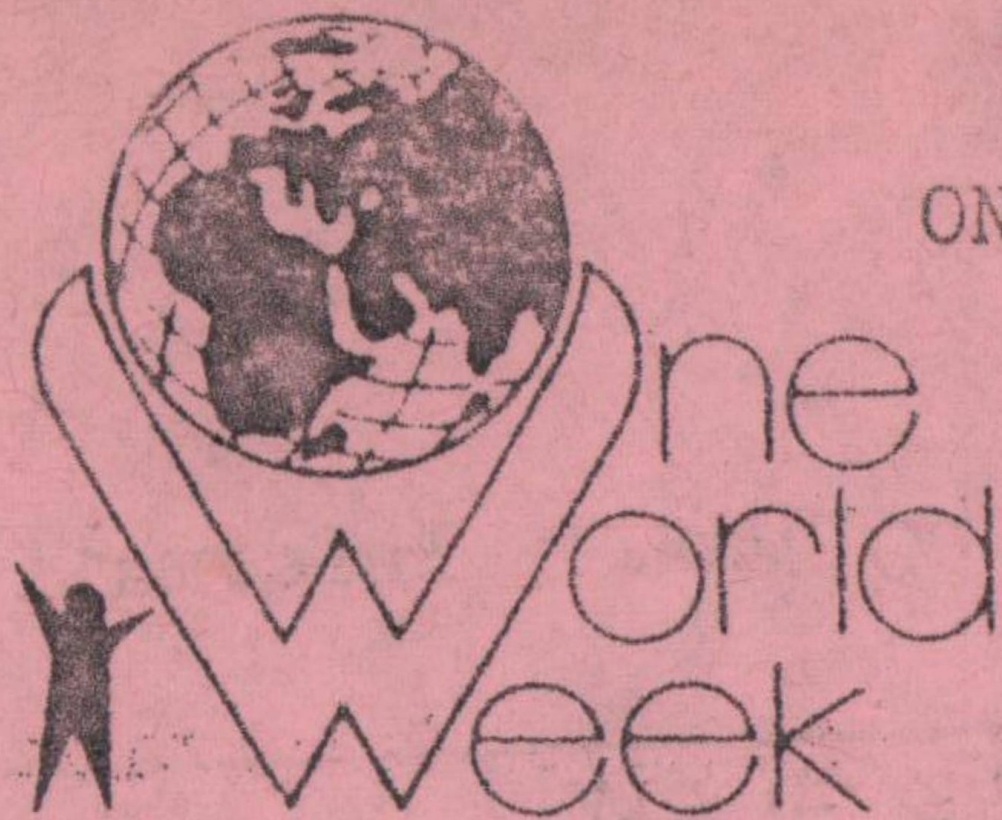
Saturday 23rd March - TANG social, 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley. £1 waged, 50p unwaged. ALL WELCOME.

Tuesday 26th March - Bruce Kent speaking at Shrewsbury Tech.

Friday 29th March - Anti-Apartheid meeting with David Kitson. see newsletter.

Monday 1st April - One World Week meeting, meeting house Telford Town Centre. 8.00pm. see newsletter.

April 16th.: Ann Pettitt - one of the group that initiated the March from South Wales to Greenham Common and founded the peace camp there - will be talking to TANG about Trustbuilders, the Western support Group for the unofficial Moscow peace movement, The Group of Trust. Ann has visited the Group of Trust in Moscow.



ONE WORLD WEEK (OCTOBER 20th-27th)

One World week is now in its eighth year and TANG has taken an active part in developing the week during the last four years.

This years OWW is centred round,

RECIPES FOR

JUSTICE

One World Week gives us the opportunity to:
CELEBRATE the richness and adventure that belonging to one world offers us.

TO EXPLORE the links that bind us to all people on our small planet and ways of working with them for greater justice and peace.

ACT for change in the way the worlds resources are cared for and shared.

and enable us to reflect the true priority these issues of Justice, Peace and development have in our lives.

The week also enables us to forge greater links with other groups who are involved in peace, justice and development issues in and around Telford.

If you have any ideas or would like further information on One World Week please contact,

REVD SANDRA HOWES
YOUTHWORK RESOURCES CENTRE,
THE MEETING HOUSE,
TOWN CENTRE, TELFORD.

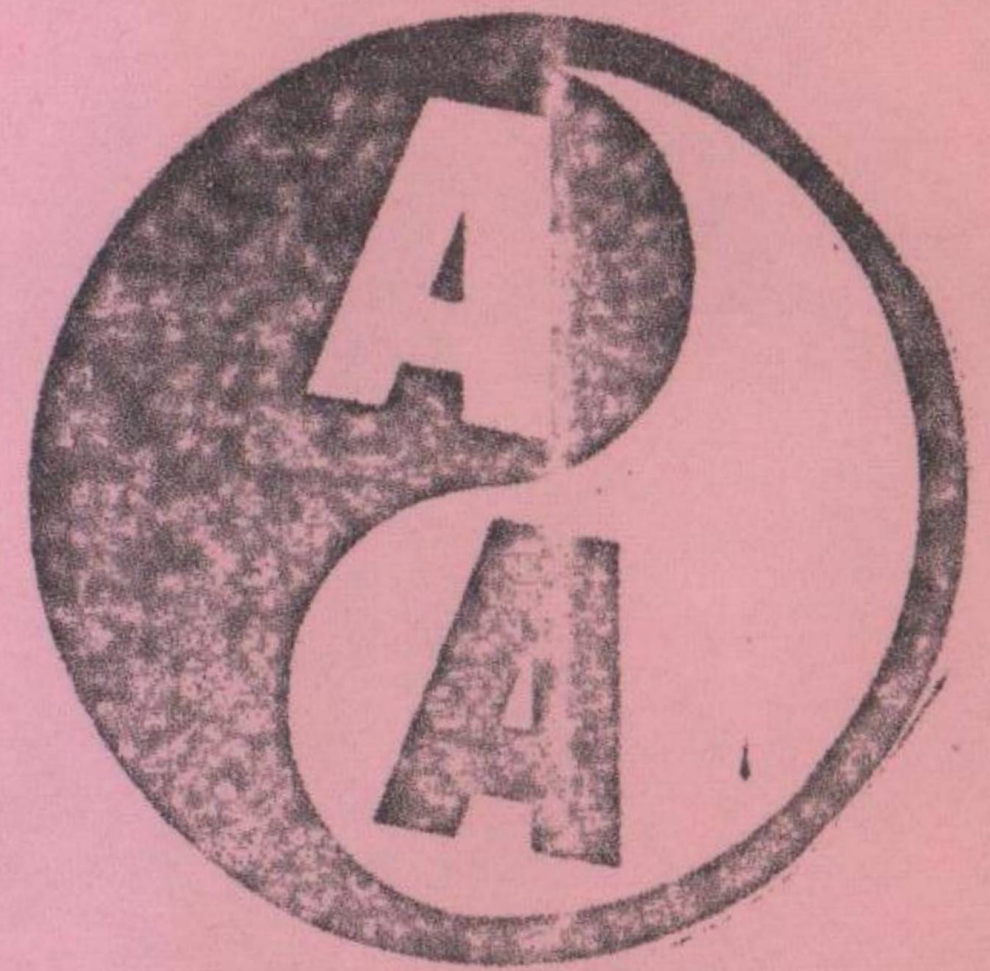
Wintex

WINTEX sounds like a display of winter clothes at the National Exhibition Centre.

Instead it is a wolf in sheeps clothing. Wintex is a combined Civil defence and military exercise in Britain and Europe. It is being carried out in February and March.

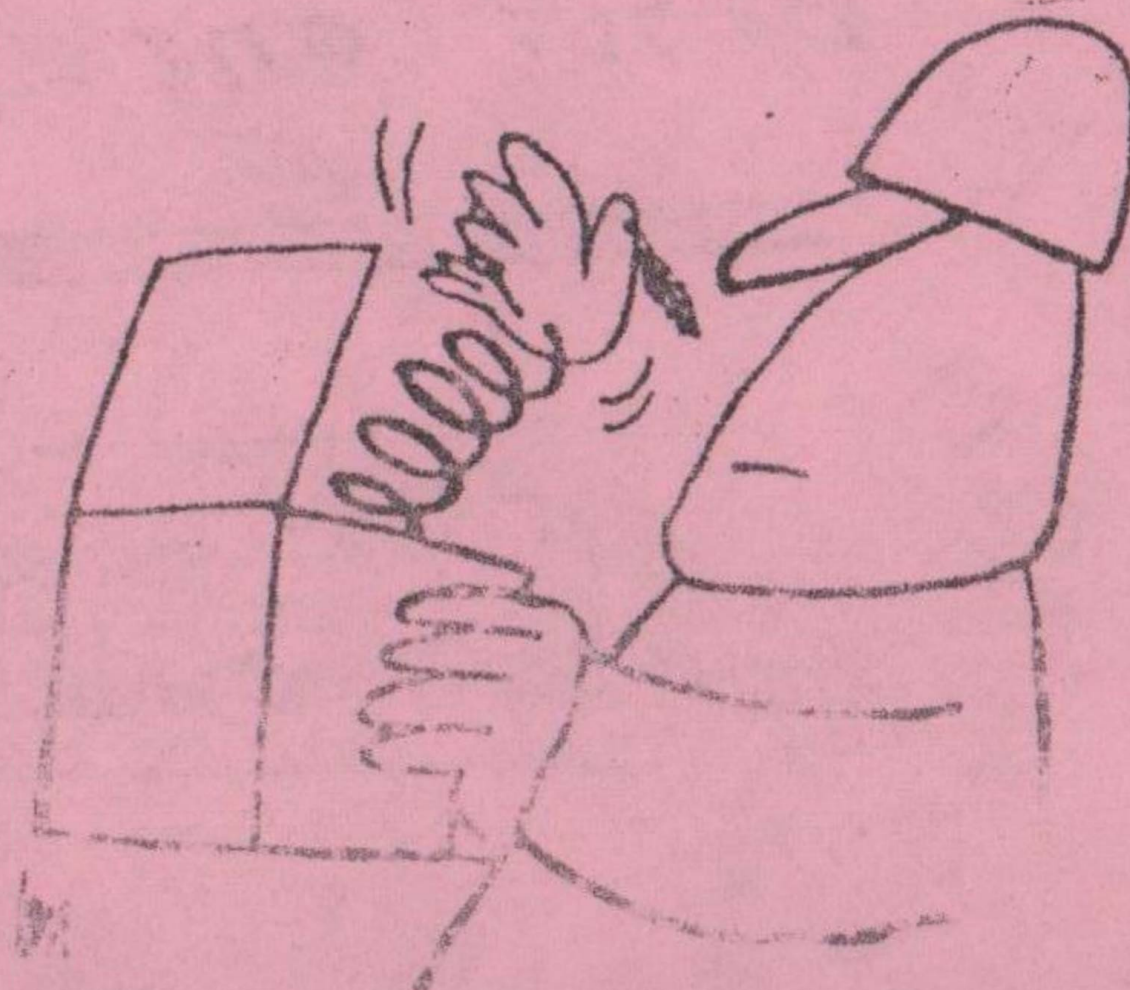
One aim of the civil defence part of the exercise is to see how quickly and efficiently any protest movement can be stifled.

This illustrates how civil defence differs from the World War 2 bunkers. Instead of planning for the protection of the people, civil defence now is the protection of government.



Freed South African Prisoner to visit Telford.

David Kitson, recently released after some 20 years in a South African prison, will be speaking of his experiences. Also other guest speakers. He of life under Apartheid on Friday 29th March at 7.30pm, Dawley Town Hall.



CONTACTS

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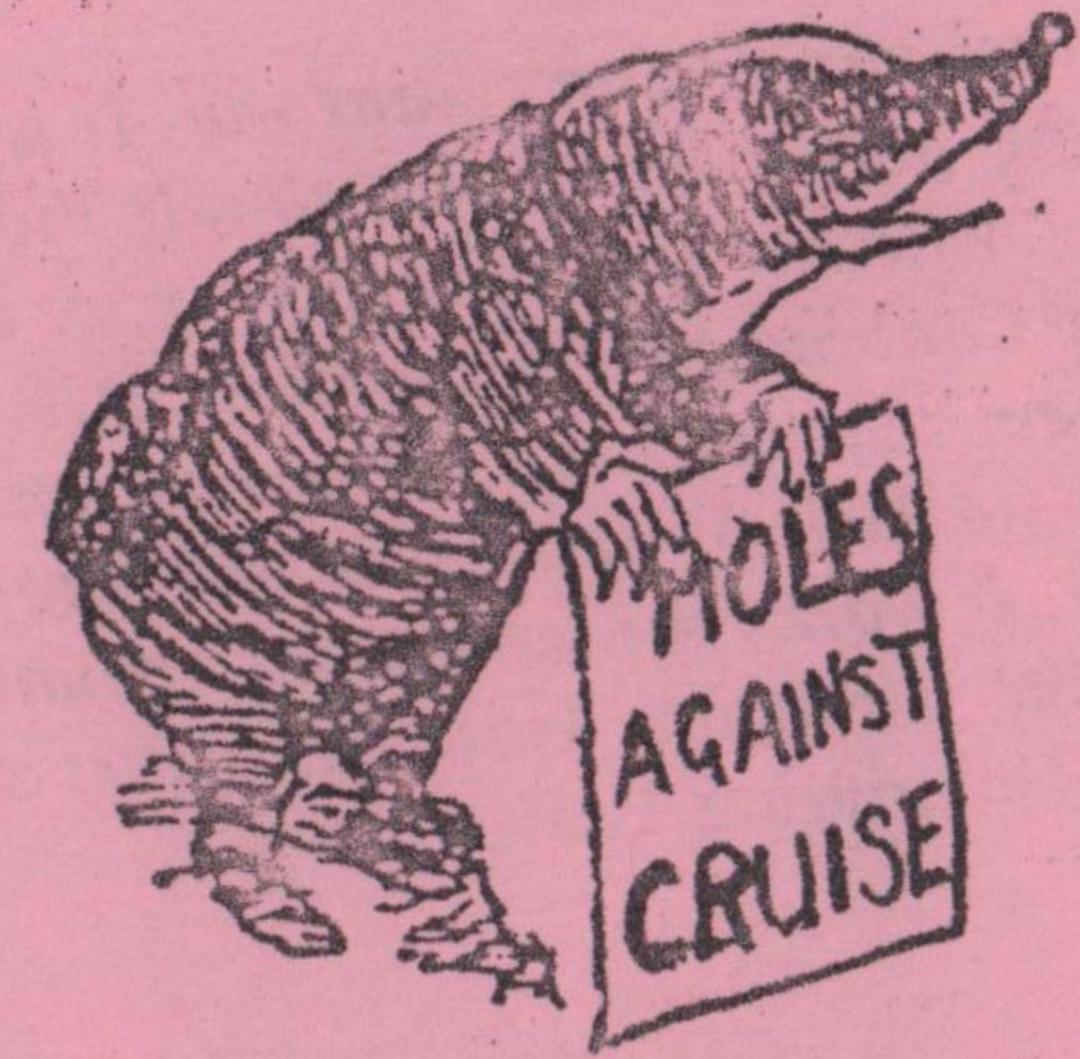
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Telford. tel 598452

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Telford. tel 587947

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Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley.



drawing Pins → a
Bunch of Rainbow Ribbons
YOUR STAKE IN MOLESWORTH

Cloth Pennant
Write, stitch, embroider
your name and you can
fix to pennant or tie to
cane a picture or token
of those or that
which you care for.

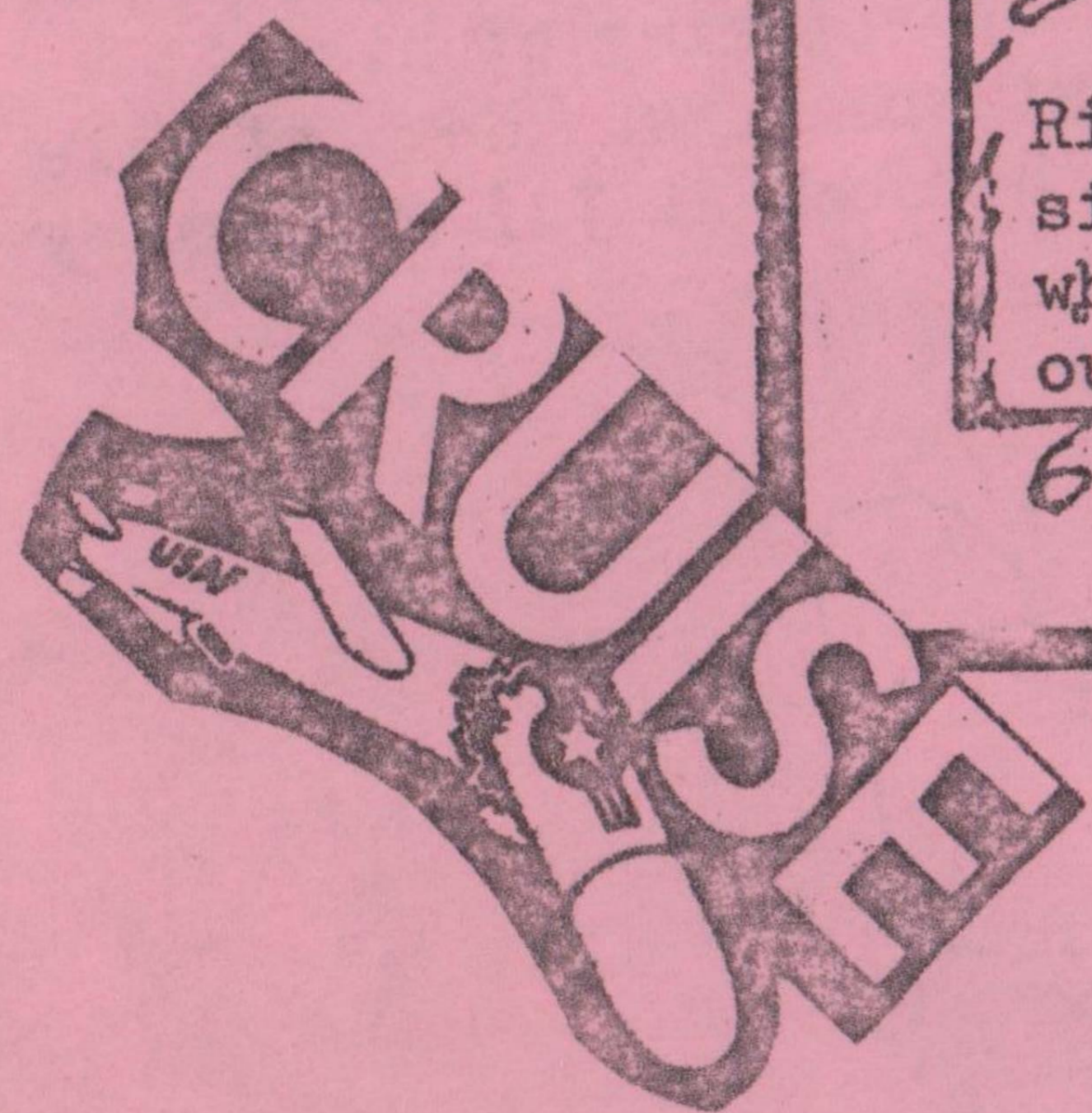
"RINGING" THE SITE:
WE ALL BRING SOMETHING THAT
RINGS

Ring them as we move to
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when we've planted
our pennants.

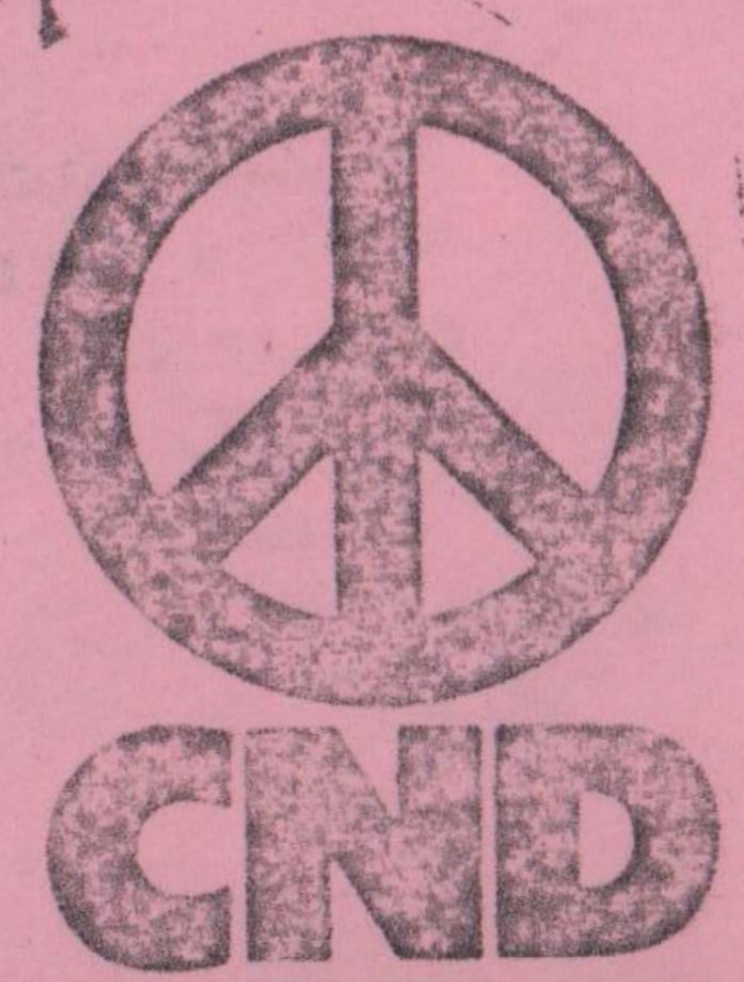
ON THE MARCH
Easter
Sunday

ON THE SITE
Easter
Monday

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Demonstrate our strength



Why, of course people don't want war. It is the leaders who determine the policy and it is a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a Fascist Dictatorship, or a Communist Dictatorship. All you have to do is to tell them that they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country.

(Field Marshal Hermann Goering, Hitler's deputy, convicted at the Nuremberg Trials)

ER, HELLO... ER, WHITEHOUSE COMMENT LINE?... IT'S ABOUT THESE CRUISE MISSILES YOU'VE JUST, ER, LAUNCHED....



My life wouldn't be worth living without dope . . . it's really a buzz to be tripping out and know that you're cruising the Arctic with Polaris missiles that could wipe out half of Russia—man, that's a real trip.

(US submariner in interview with Duncan Campbell, New Statesman, 27th November 1981)

Peace & Development Day

Saturday the 23rd Feb. was Peace & Development Day; Kidderminster CND in conjunction with OXFAM, Quakers, MCANW, Trade Craft, Tools for Self-reliance, SANA & Worcester ANC organized a rally & march from Stourport Civic Centre to Kidderminster Town Hall. Brooklands AN Gp. went along & Trudy Davies sent us a report:-

BANG goes on a peace march to Kidderminster

12 members of Brooklands AN gp. went by minibus to take part in the Stourport Civic Centre to Kidderminster Town Hall peace march; handing out leaflets on the way. We went by a shelter from which planning will be conducted in the event of a nuclear war. (Council one, not the RSG there.)

As a newcomer to leafletting the reaction from people was quite an experience; - varying from a teenage girl breaking into tears, to some very rude remarks ("stuff it down the bloody loo".)

We came across three contingents of NF counter-demonstrators, some of them letting off stink bombs in Kidderminster Town Hall, after we arrived. (One of the speakers said that members of Kidderminster CND had been intimidated into staying away by NF threats.)

We heard some very good speakers; Fran Oborski, mayor of Kidderminster, and - amongst others - speakers from OXFAM & Christian CND. The most horrifying account of what would happen after a nuclear attack was made by John Gordon, county secretary of the Fire Brigades' Union. The collection - half of which went to the mayor's famine appeal - brought in £280.

SHROPSHIRE NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

On Thursday, May 2nd, the Shire County Council elections are being held. The elections are of enormous importance for the campaign against the 1983 Civil Defence regulations and for the nuclear free zones (NFZ). It is the County Councils which have the main responsibilities for civil defence and we look to the nuclear free zone County Councils for the first line resistance to the governments attempt to force civil defence duties on local authorities.

The two central aims in the run up to local elections are; firstly taking the opportunity to lay down the ground work for future NFZ initiatives by briefing and developing good relations with candidates, this can be achieved through questionnaires to help identify sympathetic candidates and introducing the arguments and potential of NFZs. The second aim is that of raising public understanding of why a council should declare itself a NFZ and what a NFZ can do. This can be done through leafletting, public meetings and petitions.

On February 13th the Shropshire Peace Alliance met to discuss its strategy for the coming May elections and the Autumn debate in which it will be decided whether Shropshire will join the other 26 Counties that have declared themselves nuclear free zones.

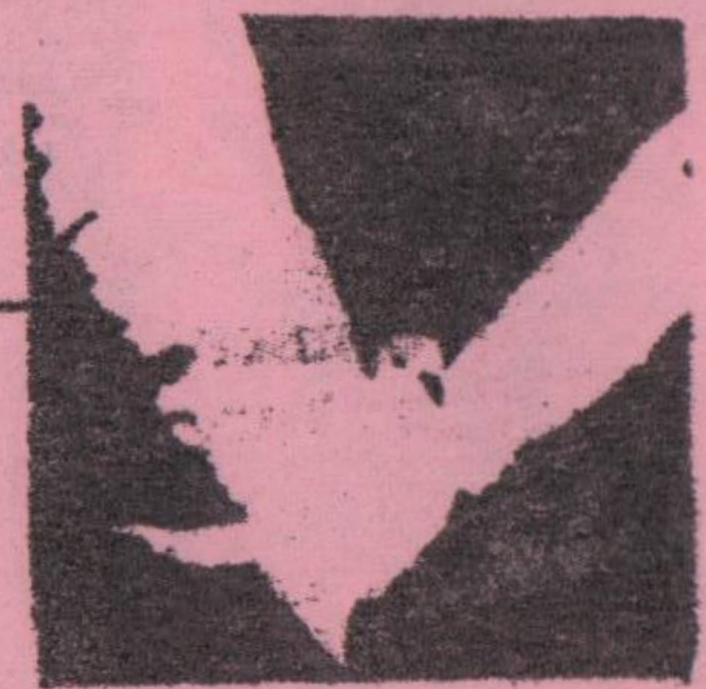
It was decided that the first step was a county wide petition that is to begin in March and continue through to Autumn, and a nuclear free zone day school in which the alliance strategy will be further discussed.

NUCLEAR FREE ZONE WORKSHOP.
SATURDAY 23rd MARCH: ST NICHOLAS HALL,
UNITED REFORM CHURCH COLEHAM HEAD
ENGLISH BRIDGE, SHREWSBURY.

1.00pm - 5.00pm.

with speakers from C.N.D, Shropshire County Council. An existing NFZ council.

Workshops to plan County wide action.



JOIN TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR

I would like to join TANG. Please find enclosed
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£1.50 unwaged

I understand I will now be put on the mailing
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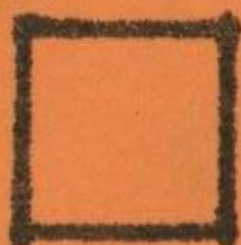
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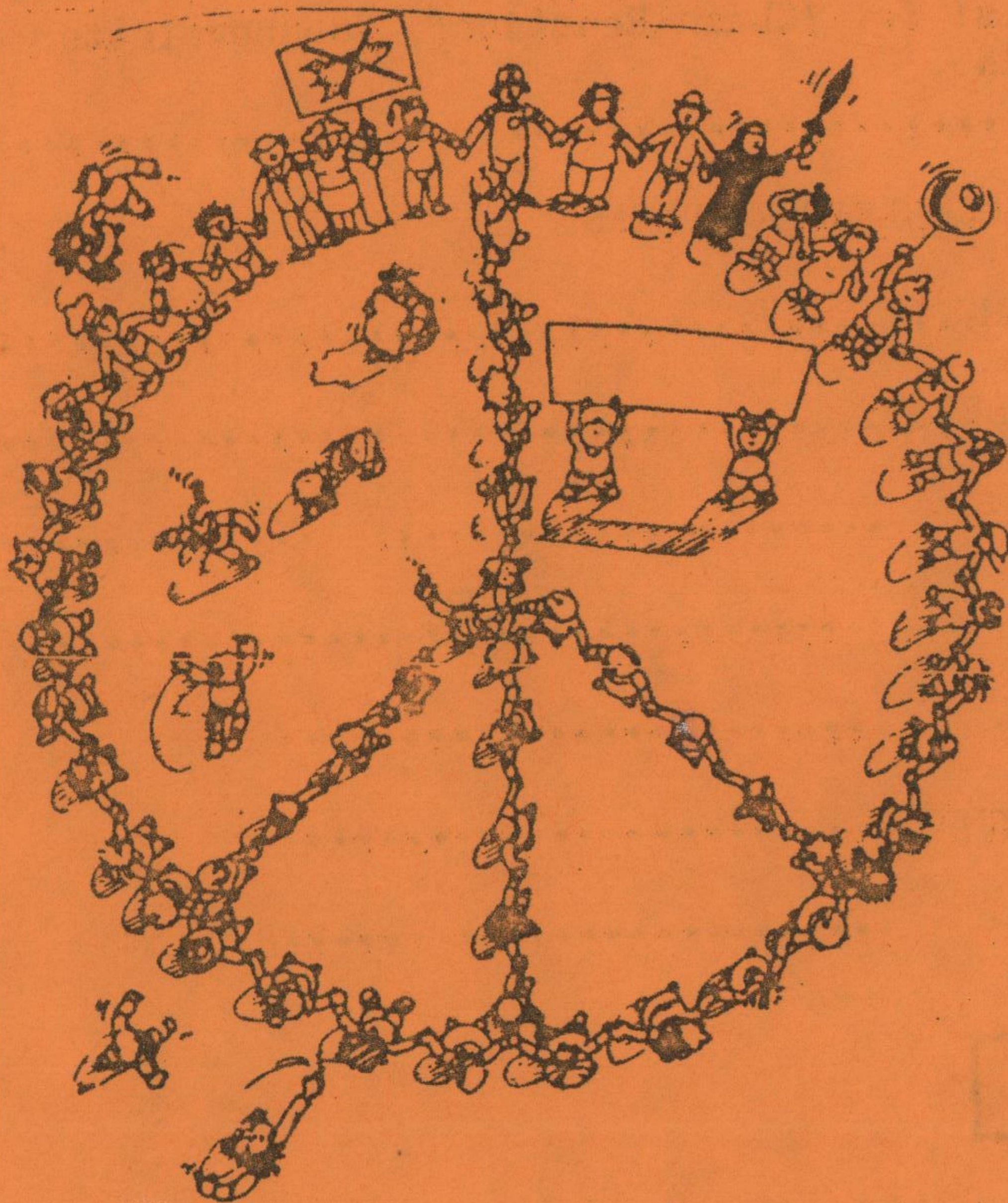


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WORK FOR
Peace

feeding stations, taking precautions to prevent spread of disease, & preparations for burying/cremating the dead & the incurably ill.

The emergency control centre alone would cost £100,000 to build here in the Wrekin, so at a time when other Government rulings force councils to reduce ordinary services (education, health, housing & social services) Government demands the diversion of a vast proportion of Council money to Civil Defence.

Given that Donnington is a probable target; given that certainly nearly all of Telford and the Wrekins population would be killed; given that all of Britain hasn't adequate medical facilities to deal with the casualties from just one bomb; this is absurd.

The only possible explanation for the Government's insistence on this fruitless expenditure is that it is cynically engaged in dishonest propaganda. It wishes to convince people that a nuclear war can be survived, so that the electorate will continue to accept the ever-growing arms race & so it engaged in the fraud of pretending that civil defence can make a difference.

It can't.

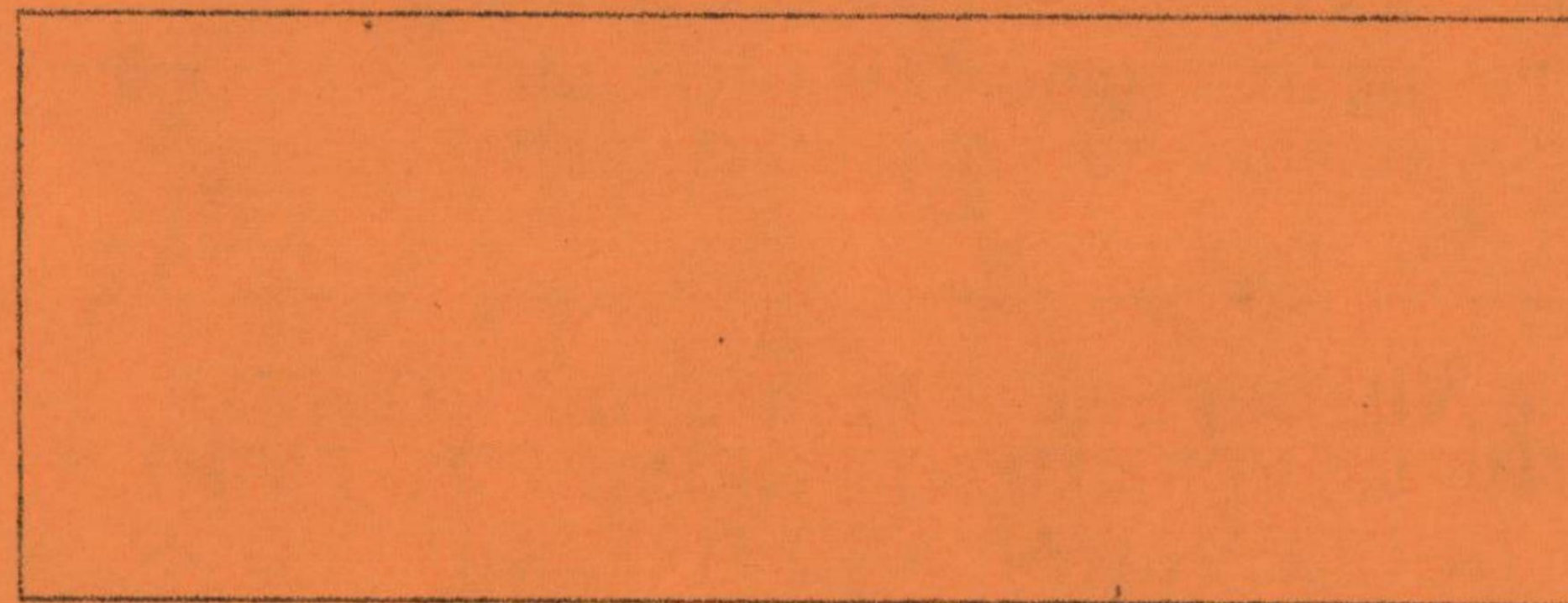
Up & down the country local councils will - to a greater or lesser degree - have to cooperate - willingly or unwillingly, whole heartedly or half heartedly - in making major expenditure on a scheme that they know is merely a cynical deceit.

Don't be taken in. It's a big Government 'con trick'. Councillors don't believe in it, but they would be imprisoned if they didn't cooperate with it. The only defence is to ensure that there is no war, civil defence is intended to lull you in to accepting war policies. Reject it.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- campaign against 'civil defence' in your area by joining your local CND group (see box below)
- write to your MP—they do take notice of letters
- discuss 'civil defence' with your friends and neighbours
- get your union branch, church group or similar organisation to discuss 'civil defence' at their next meeting
- find out what your local council intends to do about the new Civil Defence Regulations
- find out more about 'civil defence'—buy a copy of the Civil Defence Campaign Guide, a pamphlet from CND Publications. Price 90p plus 18p P&P.

JOIN US AND HELP CND STOP PREPARATIONS FOR NUCLEAR WAR



Hiroshima after the bomb

In the event of a nuclear war there will be no chances and there will be no survivors - all will be obliterated.

Lord Louis Mountbatten.

'CIVIL DEFENCE'

WHAT IS IT REALLY FOR?

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Telford Anti Nuclear Group.

IS 'CIVIL DEFENCE' FOR SAVING LIVES?

When we think of 'civil defence' most of us picture do-it-yourself shelters, rationing and first aid posts — measures which the Government says are supposed to help people in time of nuclear war. We also recall the Government's new laws which force our local councils to take part in 'civil defence'.

The Government tells us that these measures will help us survive a nuclear attack. **But we all know that there is little 'civil defence' can do against nuclear devastation. Many scientists now believe that a nuclear war could threaten the survival of our species and even the planet itself.**

SO, WHAT IS 'CIVIL DEFENCE' FOR!

'Civil defence' is really about the preservation of government in a crisis and controlling the public so that the country can be moved to a war footing.

During the build-up to war, the police and army will control the public, which will panic as supplies become increasingly short, try to flee obvious target

areas, and demonstrate in opposition to the coming nuclear war. 'Emergency' government will be declared to make sure the country is prepared for war and unimpeded by anything we, the public, might do.

WHAT DOES THE GOVERNMENT HAVE PLANNED FOR US?

The Government would use drastic emergency powers, through a network of 'Regional Emergency Committees', to carry out the following measures:

- **controlling movement** on the main roads from our cities, preventing civilian evacuation and keeping things clear for the military and police
 - **cutting off our phones**, isolating friends and relatives
 - **arresting and interning** people who oppose the moves towards war
 - **taking over stocks** of food, petrol and drugs
 - **moving Government Ministers**, officials and military commanders to protected bunkers
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'CIVIL DEFENCE' PLANS ARE TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT PREPARE TO FIGHT A NUCLEAR WAR AND TO REDUCE OUR RESISTANCE TO ITS HORRORS

Your Money AND Your Life.

A year ago in the Wrekin the District Council published a report on the likely effects of a nuclear bomb on Donnington & the likelihood that Donnington would indeed be a target.

It sent this provisional report to the County Council and the Government for comments. The Government has not seen fit to comment, the County Council has been prepared to confirm that in the last major home defence exercise (Operation Square Leg 1980) Donnington was a target.

The County Council have not however — in the light of the fact that Donnington (&/ or Cosford) are likely targets thought it necessary to amend their own assumption; — that all of Shropshire would be a "survival area" in the event of a nuclear war.

The Wrekin District Council has submitted its provisional report to a number of experts — scientists, medical doctors

local planners — who have confirmed the conclusions. Indeed have apparently said the report erred on the optimistic side; (one computer estimate is that, after a nuclear bomb on Donnington, the Wrekin District would be wiped out; the survival rate being at most 1%)

The British Medical Association has said in a report that all the medical services, hospitals, doctors, nurses, medical supplies are inadequate for dealing with just one small modern nuclear weapon dropped on any urban centre in the country.

The Government in December 1983 introduced a law insisting that all District Councils must train civil defence staff participate in war-planning exercises, provide a blastproof emergency control centre capable of housing at least 20 people, as well as making plans to rehouse the sick & disabled, establishing emergency