



# CHAIN REACTION

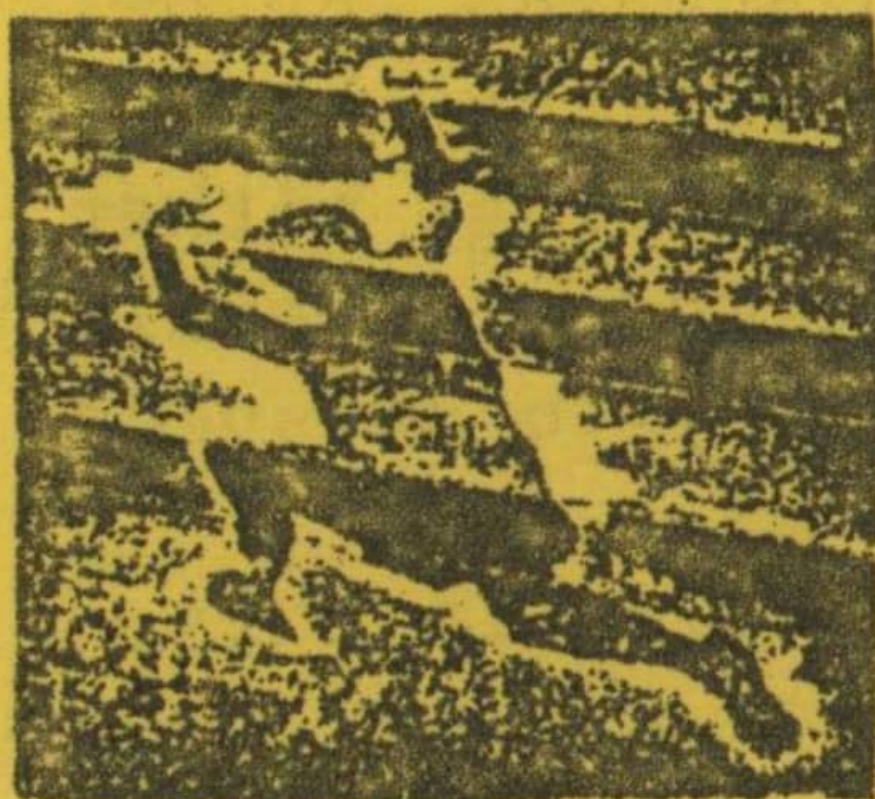
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## THE INTERNATIONAL SHADOW PROJECT 1985



On August 6th and 9th we will be remembering the hundreds of thousands who died as a result of the atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

As a part of CNDs Hiroshima week groups from all over the country will take part in the International Shadow Project (ISP). The first ISP took place in 1982 in New York and was repeated successfully in Portland Oregon in 1983.

The aim of the ISP is to help people visualise the consequences of a nuclear war on people. When the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima many people were instantly vapourised leaving only their shadows behind on walls and pavements.

The project if carefully planned, has enormous media potential. On Hiroshima day 1985 the world could wake up to the compelling sight of thousands of shadows etched into the streets & pavements - a silent testimony to those who died when the first nuclear weapons were used.

TANG is organising a meeting on the 17th June at College Farm House, Mill Lane Wellington. ( 8.00pm) to discuss the idea and hopefully plan our response.

A circular logo with the words "NUCLEAR FREE ZONE" written in a bold, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: "NUCLEAR" on top, "FREE" in the middle, and "ZONE" at the bottom. A small symbol resembling a radiation warning sign is integrated into the letter "O" of "ZONE".

## NUCLEAR - FREE SHROPSHIRE !

Following the vote in the first County Council meeting after the May elections, Shropshire is now an official nuclear-free zone, joining with Wrekin Council. You may remember that a vote on the same issue a couple of years ago just failed to get through.

This time there was a clear majority in favour.

But what does this mean for you and me? It's hardly earth-shattering (!!) news and doesn't really change anything.

You may say that going on a march, or writing a letter about nuclear weapons or talking about the subject with friends doesn't change things either.

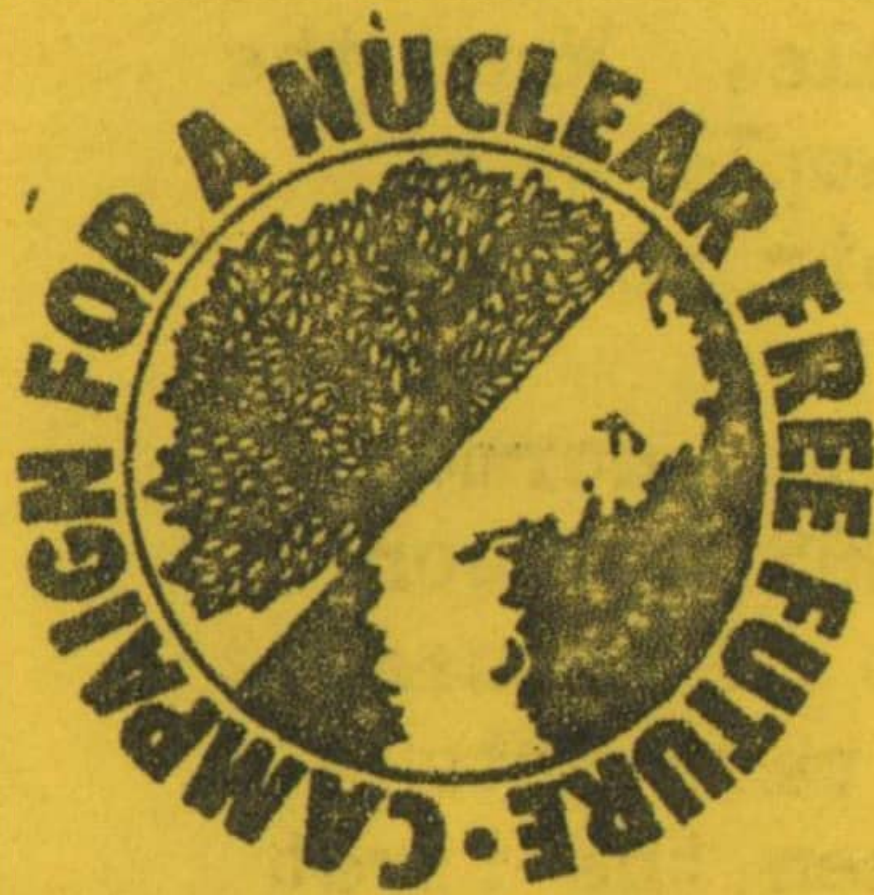
But things like this don't change overnight. It takes time to discuss and debate, to persuade and protest, to talk and to think.

Everyone has their part to play in this, whether or not they are in favour of nuclear weapons, or just don't know which way to turn except perhaps to 'switch off'.

What the County Council have done is to start playing their part in the debate. After all, they will have to implement nuclear war plans (such as exist) when they are told by Government.

The Council's message to everyone is:

we don't like nuclear weapons, and we'll at least make our voice heard and join with others in our concern.





# Nuclear War is No Game!



A new computer game which Bruce Kent has called 'sick and disgusting' and Liberal MP David Alton said was 'barbaric' is known to be on sale in two large stores in Telford Centre, Boots & Debenhams.

The game "Raid over Moscow" calls for the player to destroy Soviet missile sites, and then descend on Moscow to destroy the Soviet defence centre to stop a Russian nuclear attack on the West.

The tape pulls no punches in saying who 'the enemy' is and using the already frightening thought of nuclear war as the basis of a very sick game. If your a computer fanatic or even if your not why not complain to the two shops (no doubt there are more in the area who are selling it ) and tell them why you disagree with it. And write to the company who make the tape.

U.S Gold Limited,  
U.S Gold Club,  
unit 10,  
Parkway Industrial Centre,  
Heneage Street Birmingham B7 4LY.

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"Look at those young soldiers. They take these young men into the army and teach them how to kill people with all the most sophisticated weapons. And the politicians and the media say what a grand job the services are doing. And when we women don't agree.....papers like the Sun say what terrible creatures we are".

Kathy, Greenham Common Woman.

"My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I have signed legislation to outlaw Russia for ever. We begin bombing in five minutes".

President Reagan making a 'joke' on a sound test before a radio broadcast.  
13th August 1984.

# Volunteer!

In last months 'Chain Reaction' I described my experiences as a parliamentary monitor for CND in the Wrekin Const.. Over the several months of writing and meeting Wrekins M.P. I used my general knowledge and Central Off. mailings to discuss various nuclear and other issues.

The M.P. did'nt express pointed mutuality to the issues I have debated, but I feel a more vigorous lobbying may encourage him to consider them more seriously.

Idealy, I would like to develop a team of interested people who would-periodically- lobby the M.P. on self chosen issues. This will, at least, increase our specific subject knowledge and ability to lobby. - If not INFLUENCE the M.P. which is the objective.

Therefore if you would be prepared to show your opposition to " NOT satisfactory at all " situations which exist today, then please get in tpuch with me. Otherwise , any offer of assistance would be appreciated.

Contact Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close Dawley.



"I will not be bound over to keep your peace; I am already keeping my peace. I will not take punishment, or recant, or admit guilt. I am responsible for this—for seeing the war machine grinding on, arming the arsenals of the world with death—and using all the non-violent means I can to stop it. I am asking you to keep the peace. We are not on trial, you are".  
Katrina, from "The Greenham Factor".

## PRISONER FOR PEACE

Alexandr Shatravka is a long standing opponent to militarism and has often suffered as a result. In 1971 he refused to serve in the army and between 1971 and 1979 spent 6 years in psychiatric hospitals.

In 1982, Alexandr was active in the creation of the Moscow Trust Group and in May left to work in Siberia - he is a carpenter. In July he was arrested in Tyumen Oblast, Siberia, for collecting signatures for the Trust Groups peace proposals (an appeal to the governments and peoples of the USSR & USA). He was tried in April 83 under article 190-1 of the Soviet penal code (anti Soviet slander) and sentenced to three years in a labour camp. The testimony of the commission of experts declared that "Appealing to the Soviet people over the heads of the party and government amounts to discrediting the government".

After 19 months imprisonment he was transferred to another camp and in May 1984 attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself in the chest. Whilst in hospital he was threatened with an extension to his prison term, if he survived.

Recent developments to this case are that Alexandr has received an additional 4 years to his sentence for possession of narcotics (in a labour camp?). It's quite obvious that the new conviction is a further attempt to discredit him. He is now being moved to a strict regime camp in Kazakhstan and his health is deteriorating. We must make a concerted effort for his release write asking for his release to:

M. Gorbachov, General Secretary CPSU, Kremlin, USSR

A. Rekunkov, Gen Prokuror, Prokuratura SSR ul  
Pushkinskaya 15a Moscow USSR.

V. Fedorchuk, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ogareva  
Moscow USSR. \*\*\*\*\*

Information taken from Trust Builders Newsletter NO7  
16, St Leonards Rd, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4DE.  
TEL 399 1436 (01)

The Soviet Embassy in London should also be made aware of the concern over Shatravkas case TEL 01 229 6412  
Don't let them fob you off work out what you want to say in advance. Please remember to be polite.

## Is the Neutron bomb coming to Europe ?

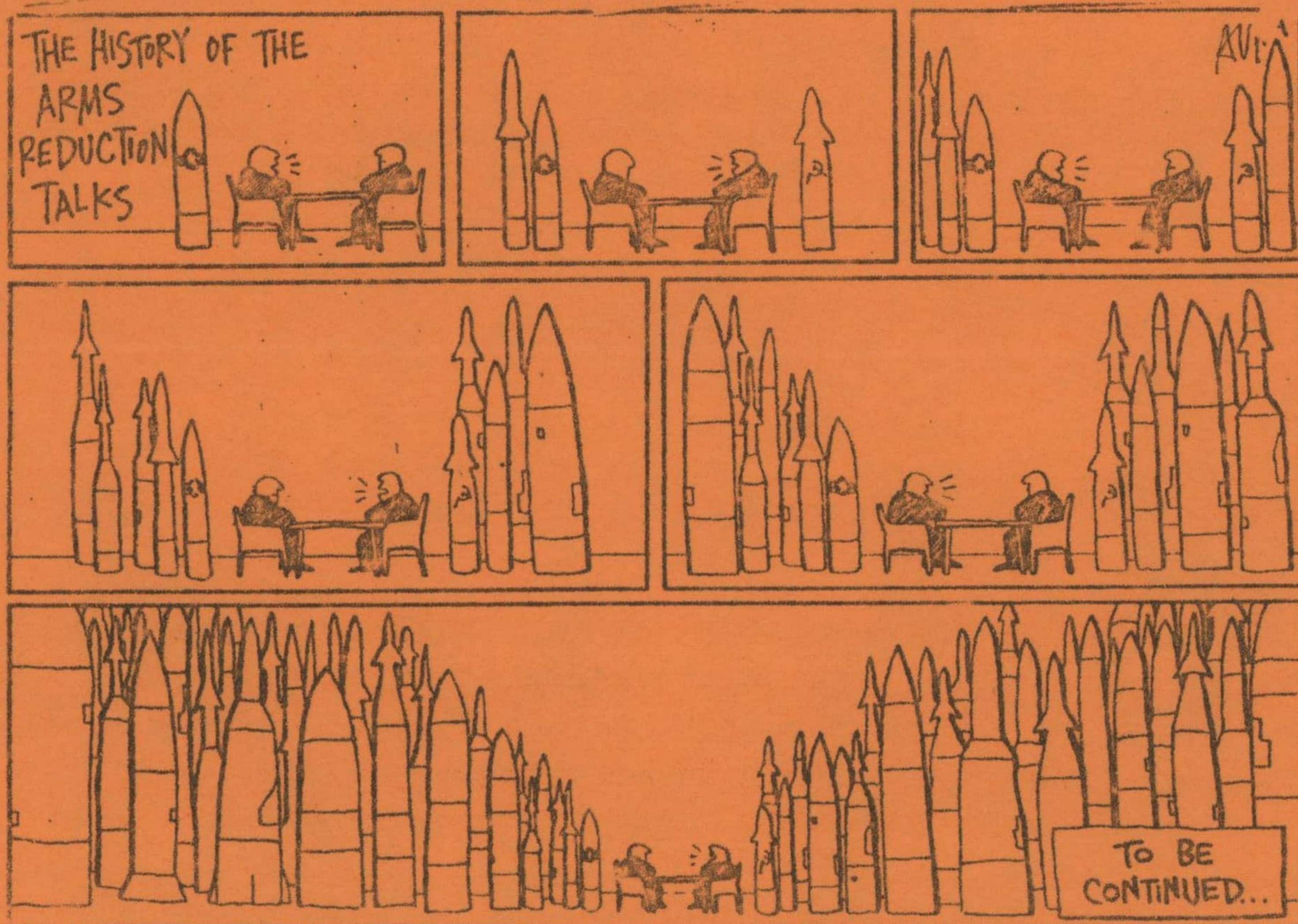
That's the question being asked concerning the deployment of a 'neutron bomb' type weapon in Europe.

According to Dr Richard Wagner assistant to Defence secretary Casper Weinburger N.A.T.O has already agreed to the deployment of new 155mm & 8-inch artillery shells with enhanced radiation capabilities. It seems the decision was made back in 1983 the same time the Cruise and Pershing II decision was made. This

tends to contradict a Parliamentary statement made by Michael Heseltine which implied that Britains decision was still to be made.

This comes at a time when fears in Europe are growing about the possibility of US binary nerve gas deployments and the inclusion of a new generation of more compact and powerful nuclear landmines enter the armouries of N.A.T.O.

The stage seems set for further meaningful and honest negotiations by the superpowers.



## The Dalyell Meeting

It wasn't what was said - most of which we knew - but the excitement and the packed audience, overflowing the Morris Hall in Shrewsbury, that made the Dalyell meeting on Hilda Murrell's murder memorable.

The first - but one hopes not the last - large meeting, rehearsing what is known (despite police efforts to deflect and deter investigation) about Miss Murrell's murder was a success.

The demand for a public & open inquiry is growing and will grow further. It will obviously be resisted; a government which orders the killing of a dissident (to give one extreme interpretation of what happened) in order to suppress facts, would obviously be even more ready to suppress an enquiry into the killing; while (if the government did not order the killing to give the other) the police have invested so much of their credit in an implausible tale, that whatever an open enquiry found out about the killing, it would have to reveal a cover-up.

L. Otter

A new journal devoted to understanding the Soviet Union - £7 for four issues from Ann Helgeson, Centre for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT.



## TREATY UNDER THREAT

Nuclear Proliferation is the increase in the nuclear armouries of the countries that already possess nuclear weapons (vertical proliferation) and the spread of nuclear weapons capability to other countries (horizontal proliferation). The United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France, China and India & probably S. Africa have already exploded nuclear devices. Israel, Argentina, Brazil and Pakistan will probably soon join them.

The Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) came into force in 1970 to stop the horizontal (& vertical) proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The treaty imposes different obligations on the nuclear weapons states party (NWSP) and to the non-nuclear weapons states party (NNWSP)

The NNWSP are obliged:

Article II - not to acquire or develop nuclear weapons.

Article III - to accept International Atomic Agency (IAEA) safeguards on all their nuclear activities to help prevent diversion of nuclear material for weapons purposes.

The NWSP are obliged:

Article I - not to transfer nuclear weapons to any recipient whatsoever.

Article II - to assist the NNWSP in the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Article VI - TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS NUCLEAR AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT.

In September this year the NPT comes in for its third 5 yearly review at a conference in Geneva. The very existence of the treaty is now under threat as non - nuclear signatories are warning that they will not sign because of what they see as a blatant disregard of article VI by the US, UK and the USSR. The recent escalation of the arms race proved their point.



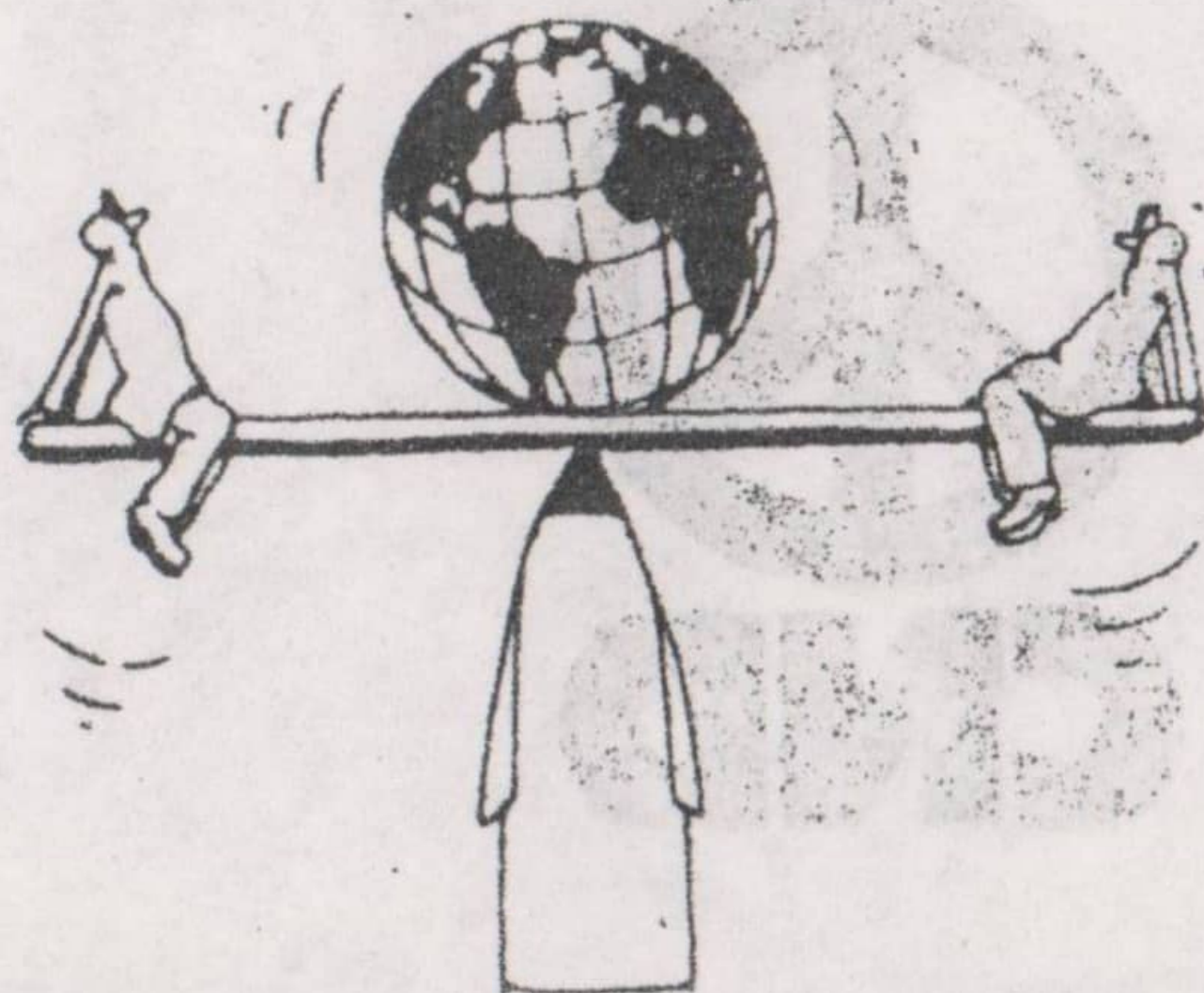
If by September there is no significant sign that article VI is being adhered to then we could witness the end of any effective means of controlling nuclear proliferation. So what measures can be taken to insure its survival?

CND with five other European organisations are calling for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) that is an end to all nuclear weapons testing, a joint declaration was made in Geneva to both the U.S and the U.S.S.R calling for such a measure. The peace movement is not alone in January 1985 the "Five Continents Peace Initiative" launched the Dehli Declaration which calls for a CTBT as a part of general and complete disarmament.

Britain could also play an enormous part in keeping alive the NPT by taking independent initiatives such as a unilateral halt to nuclear weapons testing and a halt to unilateral proliferation by Britain, (the acquisition of the Trident missile system represents vast proliferation in Britains nuclear capacity)

Furthermore Britains justifiacation of Polaris is that it needs an 'independent deterrent'. If Britain is right then all countries could justify having an independent deterrent. By scrapping its own nuclear weapons, Britain would make a significant contribution to international stability and would reduce the justifiacation for anybody else joining the nuclear club.

NPT briefing pack is available from Greenpeace International, Temple House, 25-26 High Street, St, Lewis, Sussex.



Conference resolves that CND should develop as close formal relations with the Group of Trust in Moscow, (& other such unofficial peace movements within the Warsaw Pact Countries,) as would be consistent with the fact that they do not take a fully unilateralist position.

This is the rough draft of a resolution which the TANG meeting on the 15th May resolved to submit for this years CND conference.

We decided that it should be circulated in Chain Reaction to see if those members who do not attend would wish to propose any improvements.

The last day for submitting such resolutions is July 3rd, so any suggested rewording will have to be discussed at June TANG meeting.

PS Ann Pettitt says in a letter (after she spoke to us) that she thinks that the crucial issues are -

(1) Inviting delegates from the group of Trust to CND conference.

(2) Ensuring that high level CND representatives call on the Group in Moscow.



# DIARY

Wednesday 12th June - TANG meeting, 7, Burton Cl,  
Burton Street, Dawley. 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

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MONDAY 17th JUNE

INTERNATIONAL SHADOW PROJECT MEETING  
College Farm House, Mill Lane, Wellington.

8.00pm

Please support this action.

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS

TEL. 54728

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Tuesday 25th June - TANG meeting, Guest speaker  
Len Gibson on community living.  
Dawley Information centre, 7.30pm



Brooklands Anti Nuclear Group meetings are held every  
two weeks starting from June 5th. 30, Stokesay Rd,  
Wellington. 7.30pm.

All welcome

WOMENS PEACE GROUP

Tuesday 18th June - Lesley Smithers, Wrekin Farm,  
Wellington, TEL Uppington 265

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NATIONAL CND DEMONSTRATION  
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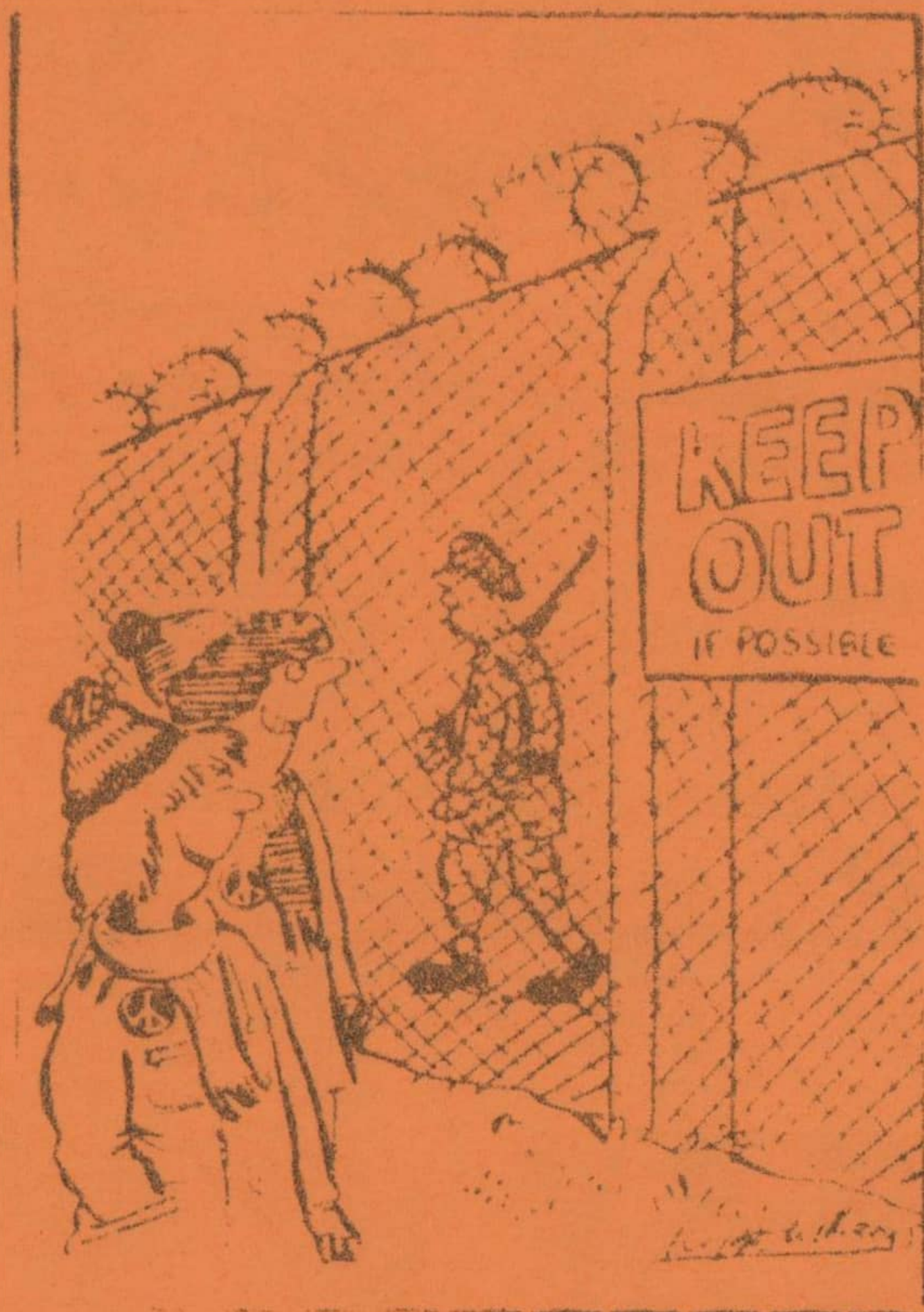
SAVE IT ?

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CND has a new General Secretary to take over from Monsignor Bruce Kent (who by the way is standing for election to council at November's conference).

Meg Beresford former organising secretary of European Nuclear Disarmament is all set to bring about much needed changes within CND such as making the organization more accessible to local groups and forging greater links with other groups such as the Unions. As Meg said in a recent Observer article "we have to nurture the movement so that people feel it's theirs".

Our best wishes go to Meg.



"A woman in Russia is the same as myself, the same emotions, leading the same sort of life. In no way will I be a part of anything that will murder her".

*Sarah, Greenham Woman.*

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The article asking for volunteers to help our parliamentary monitor has the wrong contact address, it should be Robert Saunders, 24 Gladstone House, Hadley Telford TF1 4NF. Apologies to Robert.

## Fact of the Month

Public expenditure in the following areas by the United Kingdom in the current year, was:

- a) Defence: £18,000
- b) Housing: £2,300
- c) Education: £13,600
- d) Health: £16,500

(All figures in millions)

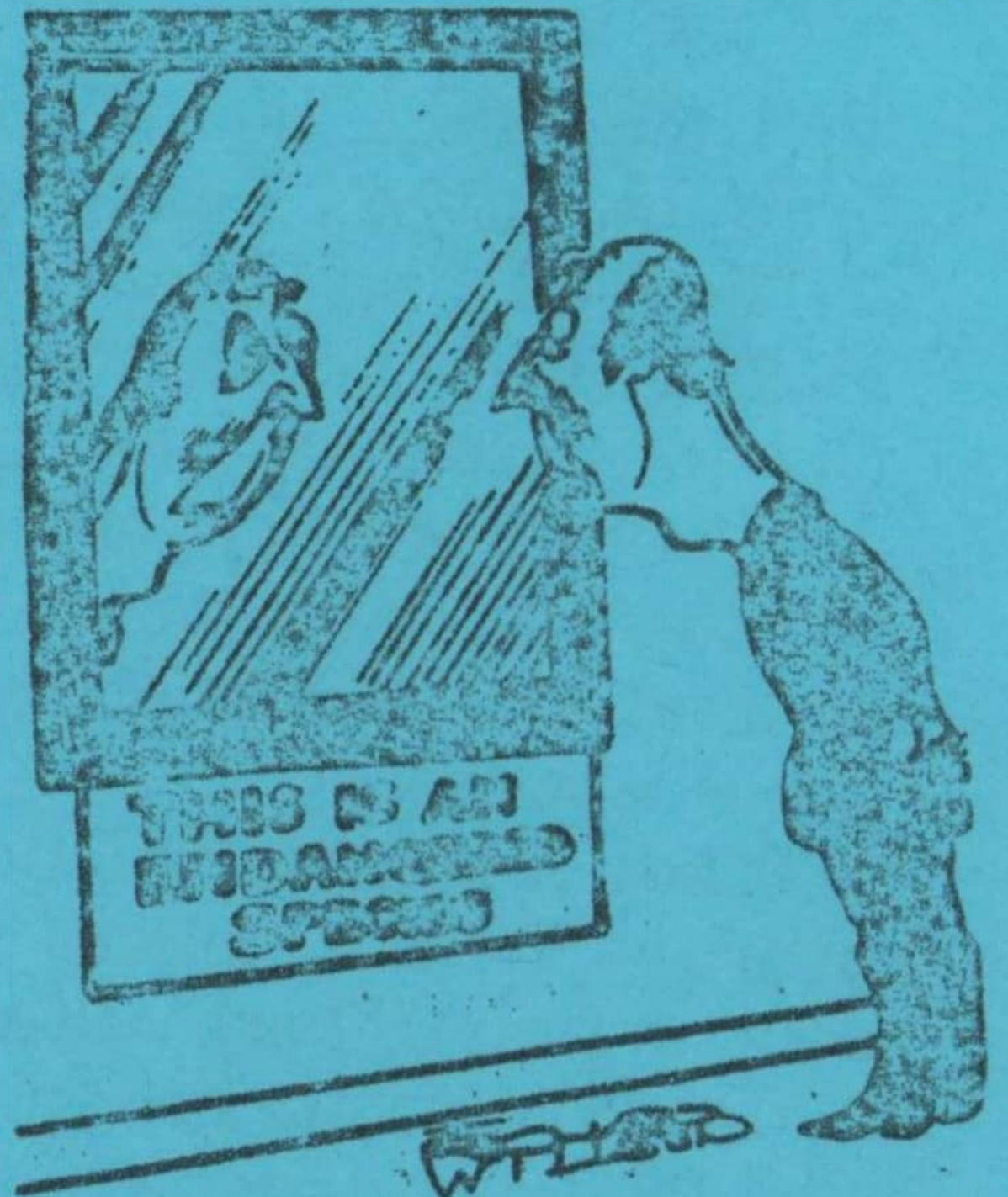
The current voting population of the United Kingdom is 42,983,727.

Therefore the amount per head spent on each of these areas is:

Defence —	$\frac{£18,000,000,000}{42,983,727}$	= £431
Housing —	$\frac{£2,300,000,000}{42,983,727}$	= £55
Education —	$\frac{£13,600,000,000}{42,983,727}$	= £323
Health —	$\frac{£16,500,000,000}{42,983,727}$	= £392

This information was provided by CND's information room. Tel: 01 263 8896.

“Democracies will not sacrifice to protect their security in the absence of a sense of danger. And every time we create the impression that we and the Soviets are co-operating and moderating the competition, we diminish that sense of apprehension”.  
(Richard Perle, Newsday, February 18th 1983)



## *flowers and cards*



Anne Francis has been sent to prison for one year for causing approximately £60 worth of damage to the fence at Greenham Common. Other women who committed the same amount of damage have been sentenced to only one week. Anne Francis is being made an example of.

Send cards and flowers to Anne Francis, HM Prison, Cookham Wood, Nr Rochester, Kent.

## **Stop the Air Fair**

THERE WILL be a 48 hour action intended to 'Stop the Air Fair', on July 21 and 22 at Alconbury and Molesworth.

The RAF and USAF will be holding a military tattoo which glorifies war over that weekend. Unconscious of the deep irony the organisers say they are giving the proceeds to 'charity'.

Groups from all over the country will be gathering at Molesworth and the control centre for cruise, Alconbury, to protest against the glorification of war and to link together many peace issues.

Trade unionists will be at the gates of the bases and at the nearby Tarmac plant to protest at the 'constructors of destruction'. There will also be a presence from Christian CND and animal rights groups will be at Huntingdon Research Centre.

For more information contact: The Organisers, 37 Montpellier Street, Brighton, East Sussex. Tel. 0273 21782.

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TANG EXPENSES



December 1984	- printing & postage	£24
	Affiliation to national CND	£25
Jan	1985 - printing & postage	£35.70
Feb	postage	£15
March	Speakers expenses (green anarchy)	£7.50
	Dawley Resources	£43
	postage & printing	£40
April	Speaker & room hire	£16
May	expenses for WAAM	£12.25
	paper	£14.40

TANG felt it important to publish its expenses to show the enormous drain printing and sending out our newsletter has on our scarce financial resources. TANG can only continue it's local campaign with your support so why not join the Telford Anti - Nuclear Group.

# JOIN TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP

I would like to join TANG. Please find enclosed  
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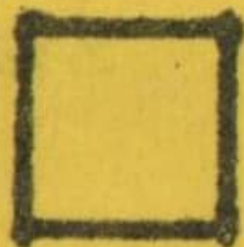
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WE CAN DO  
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