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NEWSLETTER

CIVIL LIBERTIES

CND is to take the government to court both in Britain and the European court in Strasbourg. CNDs council and executive have decided to take steps to ensure the rights of it's members and it's rights to campaign again'st nuclear weapons. This follows recent revelations of surveillance and intimidation of campaigners across the country and the recent government white paper which threatens our right to demonstrate march and hold meetings.

The legal action will be part of a major campaign on civil liberties.

Dialogue AND Resistance

A new thrice - yearly journal on non-violence for religious peace activists has recently been launched. The journal will act as a forum for people who take part in non-violent actions and witness to discuss the issues involved.

The summer edition contains articles on Christian non-violence by Helen Steven who works for the Iona Community and an article called ' reflections on nonviolence a Molesworth perspective' by Ian Hartley who lives in a caravan with his wife Jennifer at Peace Corner Molesworth. There are also other contributions from FOR and the Evangelical Peacemakers.

Dialogue & Resistance is sponsored by Quaker Peace & Service, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Pax Christi, Christian CND Evangelical Peacemakers and the Iona community. Available from Peace Section, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. £1.20. (3 copies) cheques/postal orders made out to Dialogue & Resistance.

DIARY

Monday July 8th - One World Week meeting, Telford centre meeting house 7.30pm

Wednesday July 10th - TANG meeting, 7, Burton Close, Burton Street Dawley. 7.30pm ALL WELCOME.

Thursday July 11th - Green group meeting, 8.00pm 44, Lancaster Avenue, Dawley. ALL WELCOME.

Saturday 13th July - Third World stall, Hadley summer fayre, CofE church Hadley.

Saturday 13th July - Wrekin Anti-Apartheid summer barbecue, guest of honour Charles Worth. 12, Castle houses, Hadley. 5.00pm. £2.50 waged, £1.00 unwaged children free under the age of 12.

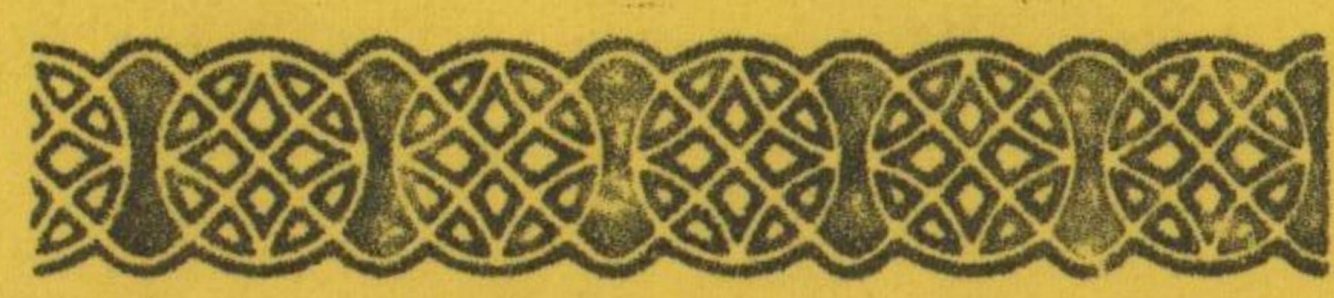
Wednesday 17th July - preparation meeting for the SHADOWS PROJECT. see June newsletter. 7.30pm 7, Burton Close, Burton Street Dawley.

Saturday July 20th - Shrewsbury Peace group "survival Saturday" the Square, Shrewsbury. Music childrens painting, play for life. with stalls of other sympathetic organisations.

Tuesday 23rd July - TANG Chain Reaction meeting, Dawley Information centre, 7.30pm

HIROSHIMA / NAGASAKI AUG 6&9th

TANG is organising several events to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Leafletting film shows are among those events. Details in August newsletter.



MOLESWORTH SNOWBALL

On June 8th 1985 nineteen people were arrested at Peace Corner Molesworth for cutting the perimeter fence openly in front of the police. This was the fourth stage of the Molesworth Snowball.

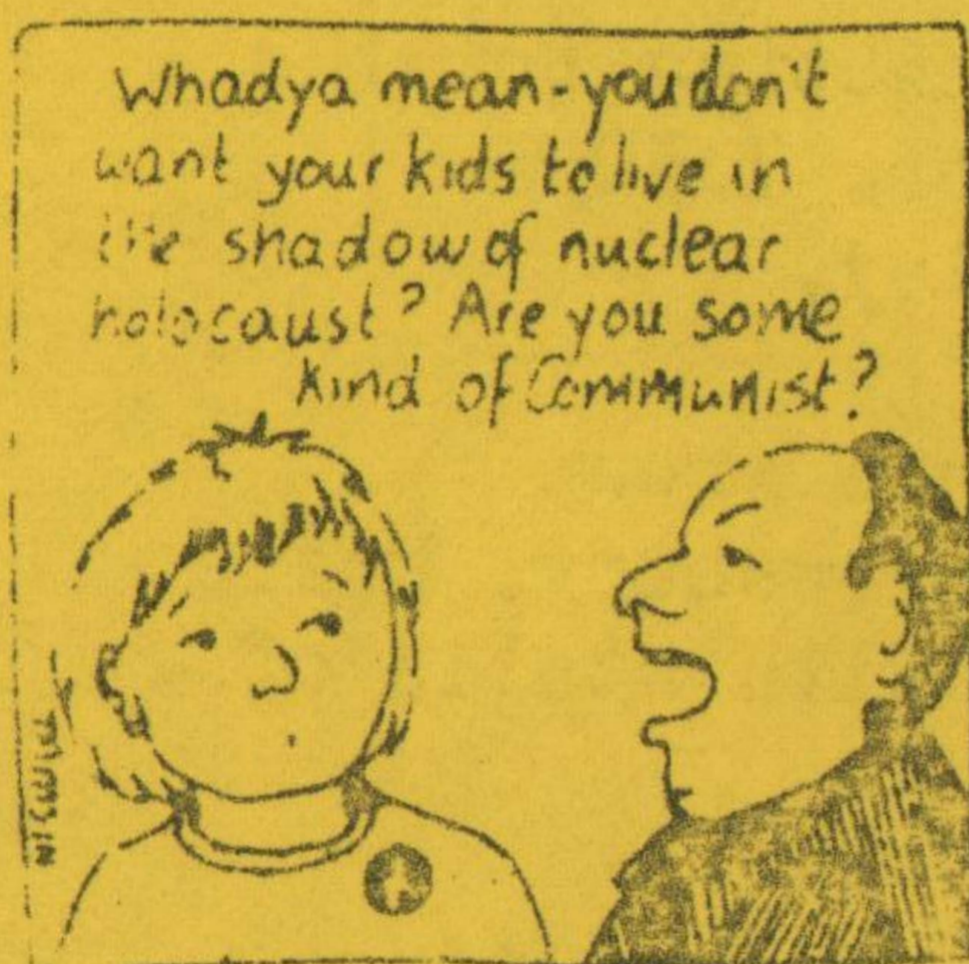
On Saturday and Sunday July 27th & 28th stage five of the action will take place and 40 or more people are needed to take part. The fence will be cut openly and non-violently no attempt will be made to evade or deceive the police and ARREST IS CERTAIN.

The action will not go ahead unless 40 people have pledged by July 23rd.

If your interested please contact;

Molesworth Snowball, Green Street Cottage, Cam Green, Dursley, Glos, GL11 5HW.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE PART PLEASE LET TANG KNOW.



"I can never figure out from a military point of view or an economic point of view why the Russians would want to make an attack on Europe or on the United States".

Rear Admiral Gene LaRoque, former Deputy Director US Strategic Planning.

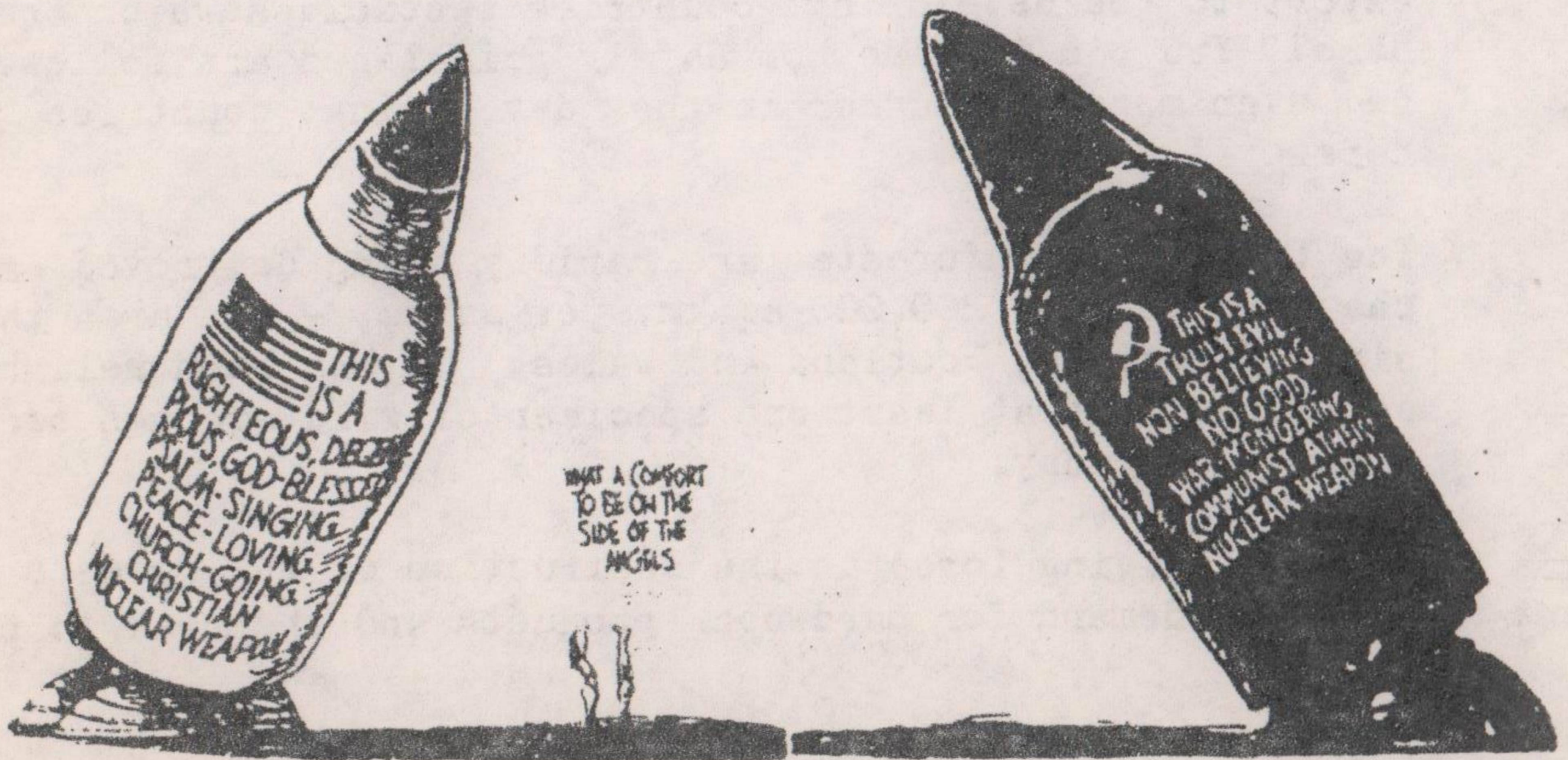
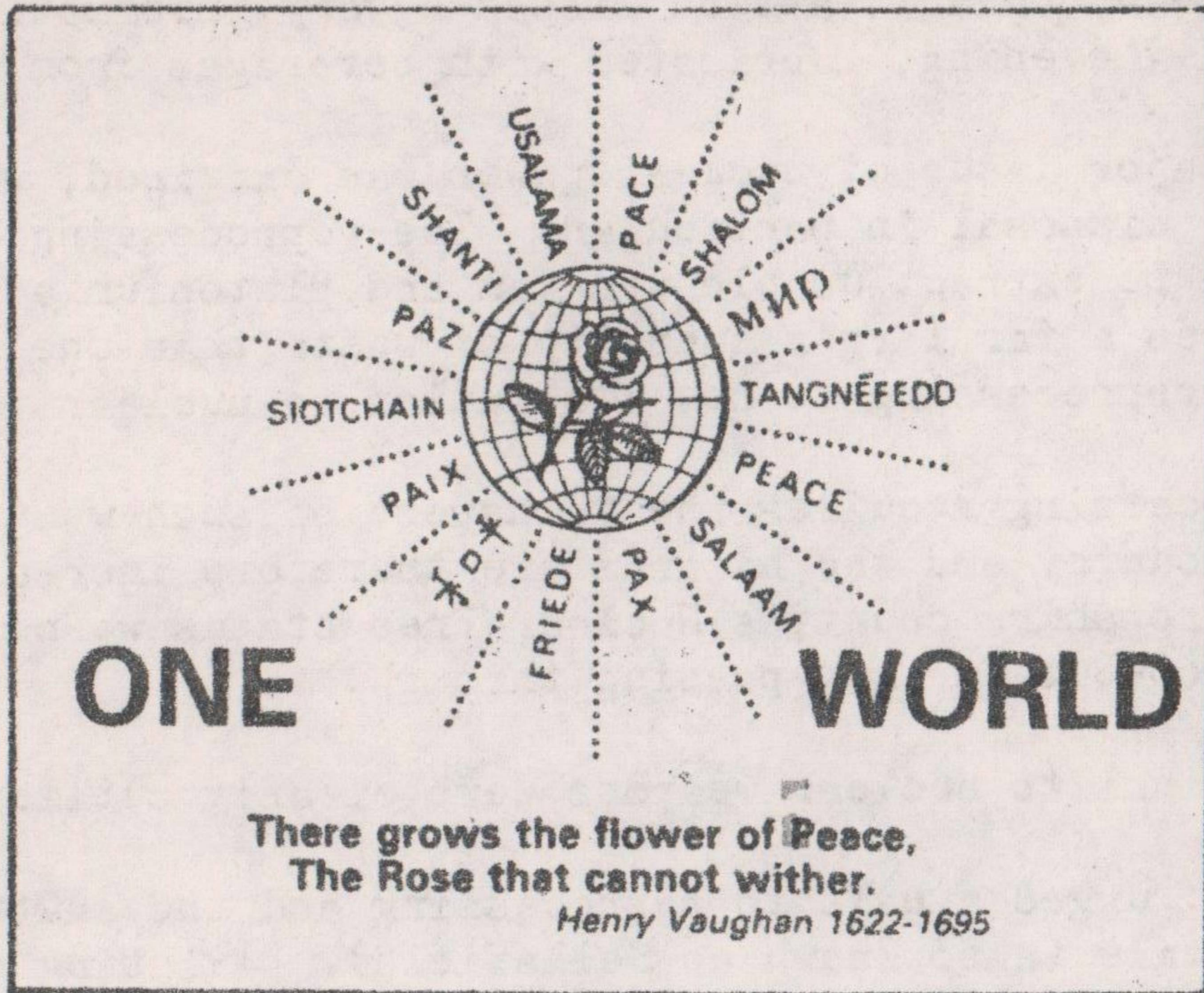
Anne Francis - the woman sentenced to a years imprisonment for a small amount of "criminal damage" to the fence of Greenham Common cruise missile base - had her sentence reduced by the appeal court two weeks ago six months of the sentence was suspended, but she is still likely to stay in prison for at least two more months.

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contact address for Anne, HM prison, Cookham Wood, Nr Rochester, Kent.

ONE WORLD PEACE SONGS

Advance orders needed for this anthology LP record of songs from the women's peace movement. £5 + £1.25 pp (cheques payable to "Oneworld Peacesongs") from 172 Choumert Road, Peckham, London SE15.



F.O.E & TANG

At the T.A.N.G. meeting of 28th May we were pleased to have two guest speakers from Friends of the Earth, Val Stevens from Birmingham and Philip Pool from Shrewsbury. There was a reasonable turnout of T.A.N.G. members of some ten or so. People who didn't attend missed a very informative and lively evening, lubricated with beverages from the landlord.

The major issue of nuclear power was examined, with regard to waste disposal in particular. The reprocessing of nuclear waste to extract usable uranium and plutonium actually creates a far larger quantity of waste than one starts with. Thus reprocessing is not a solution to nuclear waste disposal.

Reprocessing requires the transport of such waste throughout the country and the hazards are therefore increased. In light of Shropshire county's Nuclear-Free status we ought to be on the lookout for any passing through.

The links to nuclear weapons were clearly outlined.

F.O.E. urges a halt to reprocessing and the shutting down of Windscale (also known as Sellafield). Existing nuclear waste ought to be stored in situ.

F.O.E.'s campaigns on the countryside, pesticides and tropical rainforests were described. Reform of the Wildlife and Countryside Act owes much to F.O.E.

Did you know that Britain and other 'developed' countries export to the 'developing' countries pesticides which are banned here? You can imagine how safety guidelines are followed in an even more lax manner in the 'developing' countries than here.

The tropical rainforests are rapidly being destroyed, at the rate of some 200,000 sq.km. per annum - an area the size of England, Scotland and Wales. It has been reliably estimated that at least one specimen of wild species becomes extinct everyday.

A major driving force in the destruction of the forests is consumer demand for hardwood products and the need to pay off

burdensome financial loans made by Western governments and banks. F.O.E. is campaigning for properly managed estates to be established to supply hardwoods on a sustainable basis.

In Birmingham there is a strong F.O.E. group at :

54 - 57 Allison Street, Digbeth, B.5.

Various house insulation teams are run under the auspices of M.S.C. and Y.T.S. schemes. A variety of recycled paper products are produced and sold. Birmingham F.O.E. also publishes various leaflets and booklets on major issues. Several other projects are run from Allison Street, including a cycle workshop and wholefood sales.

At least one evening was too short to exhaust our interest in F.O.E. we may well have F.O.E. speakers again.



"I heard about CND, and I had to think about nuclear weapons then because it threatened not just my life but my children's too.....I thought that if I didn't do anything, if a bomb was dropped, I'd be just as guilty as those that dropped it".

Christine, from "To protect my children".

Nuclear dumping — action alert!

The Japanese government intends to begin dumping nuclear waste into the Pacific immediately after the London Dumping Convention in September this year.

The Movement for a Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific are calling for international solidarity and for assistance to get their campaigners to London from the Pacific in September.

You can help! Contact NFIP Resource Centre, 7 Furnace Cottages, Crow Edge, Sheffield S30 5HF, tel 0226 766310.

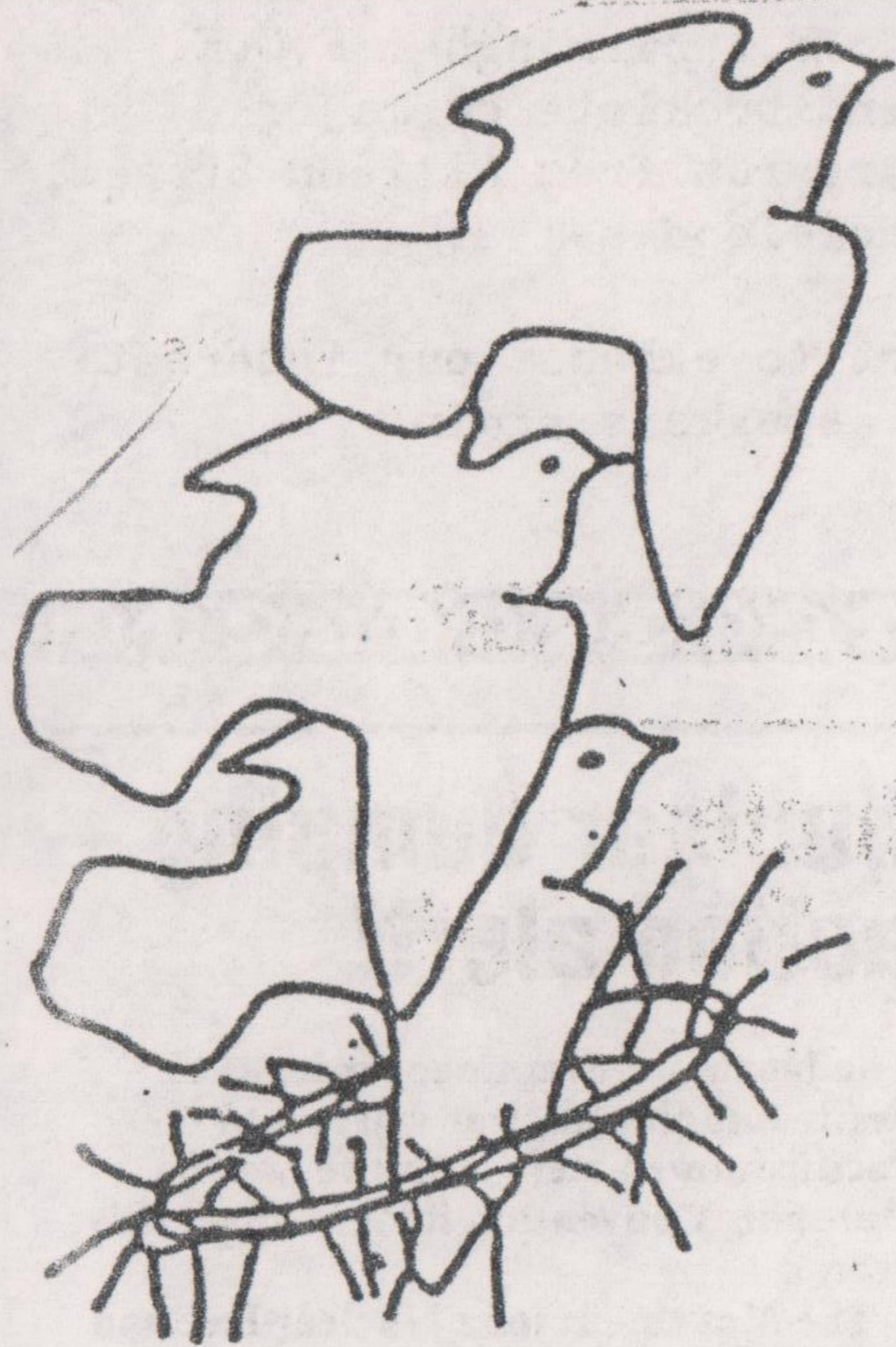
"But, as history teaches us, time and time again, it is not enough to speak or write, or compose songs or poems, about freedom if there are not enough people who are ready to devote to their lives to make it all come true."

Tony Benn January, 1984

Preparing for Armageddon Some Theological Advice for President Reagan

by Roger Ruston and Angela West. The authors examine the biblical meaning of Armageddon and expose the weaknesses of the way President Reagan and his advisors are using it to prepare for nuclear war. 90p

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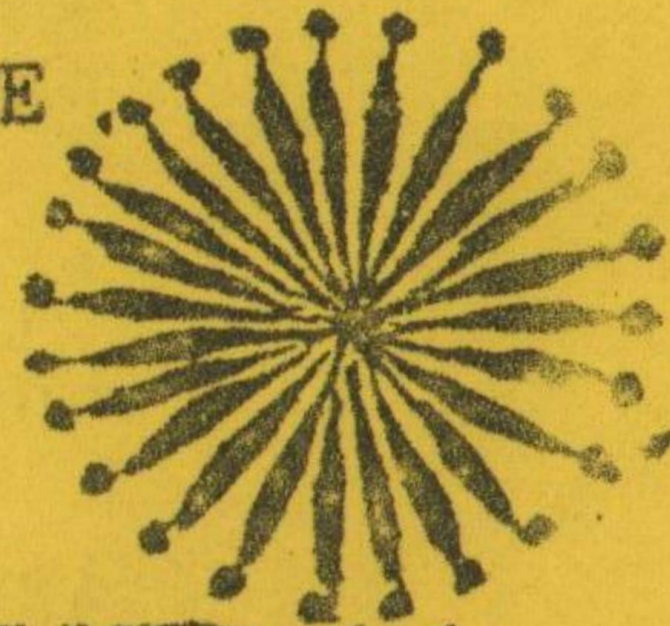
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GREEN GROUP

A new group has been set up to discuss ecological issues on International, national and local levels its next meeting will be held on 11th July at 44, Lancaster Avenue Dawley Telford. 8.00pm.

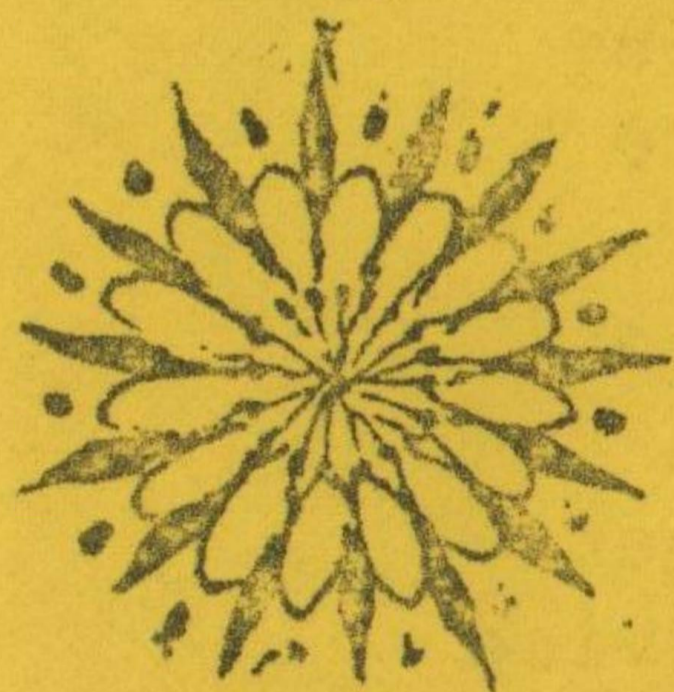
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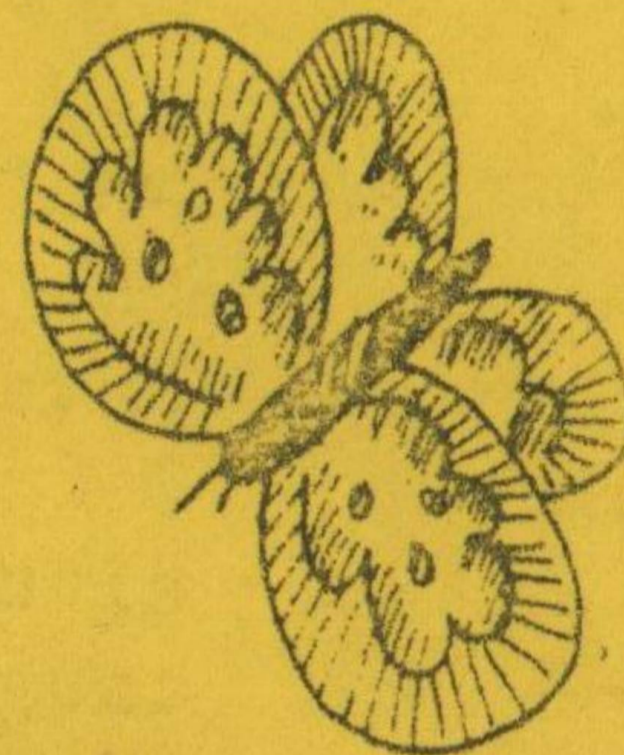
offers please.

TANG needs to make - for its next visit to Molesworth - a large replica pair of bolt-cutters.

Any offers of hard-board, plywood, or very stiff cardboard would be welcome, as would any volunteers to make the replica.



TANG PICNIC SUNDAY JULY 14



Why not join us on a walk and picnic up the Wrekin a time for relaxation and peace. We will begin our walk at the Scout hut situated close by Spout Lane plantation and Gibbons Coppice (Grid ref 625071) please bring along food to share.

If your not to sure of the whereabouts of the Scout hut then contact Laurens TEL 54728.

In case of bad weather this event will not go ahead.

11. 00am

MORE WHITEWASH

Everyone now has heard about the likelihood of a nuclear winter if ever a nuclear war occurs. Everybody, that is, except the government.

It's not mentioned at all in the latest advice from the government on what to do after a nuclear attack.

Three booklets all manage to ignore the problem. So whether you are an emergency planning officer, a farmer or a hospital officer the pamphlet designed for you will be of little use.

If you survive you will know that two years of research failed to uncover what every schoolperson knows. Namely, it gets very, very cold in a nuclear winter.

The last time advice was given to these three groups was in 1958. Not much seems to have changed. When the Farmers for a Nuclear-Free Future saw the advice they thought very little of it.

Perhaps this is the government's way of saying: 'Well, we do not have a clue what advice we could give which would make the slightest difference. However, we have to say something to keep up our image.'

Trying to bluff your way through a situation once too often means that you get caught out. By simply repeating old advice the government is falling into this trap.

A new edition of the 'Protect and Survive' pamphlet is due out sometime in the future. This advice to you and me to 'whitewash our windows' was given in 1980. It was ridiculed. If we have the same advice again it will reinforce the message that even governments are powerless to ameliorate the effects of nuclear war.

Just let's make sure that nothing starts one in the first place.

GLASTONBURY 85

My first and long-awaited trip to the festival I'd heard so much about. Having paid £16 each for the tickets, there was no way mere bad weather was going to deter us. Besides, the four children were really excited

Sitting in the car at midnight (we had set off at 6.30) in a two-mile queue, lashed by torrential rain and howling winds, we weren't so sure. Finally got into a field and pitched the tents, a mile or so away from the main site. Crashed into the sleeping bags. Music faintly audible through the steady patter of rain on canvas.

Woke up to find the rain had stopped! On the site by 9.am Rain started again 9.30. "Mum, its like a chocolate river" I will never forget Glastonbury 1985. I hope I will never see so much mud again in my life. With six inches of slime underfoot, we were certainly glad of our wellies. Many walked barefoot with mud up to their knees. Others had tied poly bags round their feet. Some were clothed in poly bags or even brown paper sacks from head to toe. Many pairs of shoes were ruined. However, the relatively few people wandering about seemed remarkably cheerful and good natured. Apparently there were about 40,000 people there (the 18,000 programmes printed were sold out by Friday night) but we saw no crowds except in the various marquees. We did see a vast number of feet sticking out of tents and a large number of vehicles, many of them stuck.

The childrens area was great (the sand trough was quite good for water play. Toms sausages and chips had slipped with him. Peter had forgotten his spare pair of trousers. We were all soaked through.

At 3pm we admitted defeat, took down our tents and went home very disappointed. Spent rest of weekend washing muddy clothes.

The worst of it was, I could just imagine how terrific it would be in warm dry sunny weather. Oh well, maybe next year



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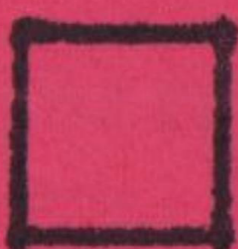
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