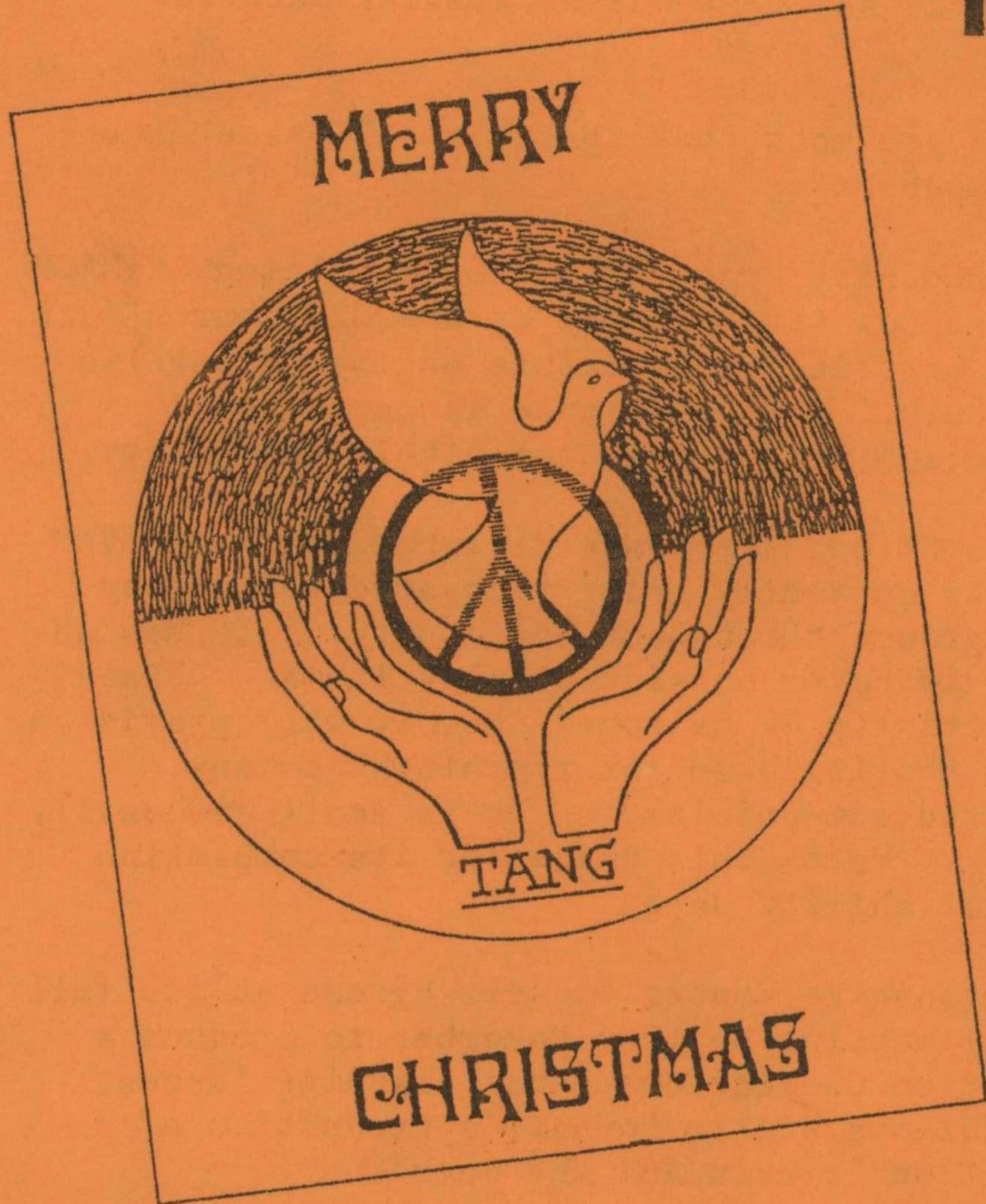




# CHAIN REACTION

DECEMBER

## Operation Christmas Card 1985



# SHROPSHIRE ANTI-NUCLEAR NEWS

- A SPEAKER'S list is being compiled of people in Shropshire willing to give or help give talks on a wide range of nuclear and arms-related issues. Do you have a particular knowledge of a subject? Or know of someone who does? It may be the current British Peace Movement, or civil defence, or nuclear energy or Star Wars or peace education or arms conversion or .....

Ring Peter on Telford 587532 if you are interested or know of groups who may wish for a speaker on any of these or similar matters.

- Did you know that there are 17 peace groups in Shropshire?

- Shropshire Peace Alliance is holding its AGM on Wednesday 4th December at the URC Church (just by the traffic lights before English Bridge) in Shrewsbury. The Alliance is an informal association of peace groups within the County.

- The Shropshire Peace Alliance has a CARAVAN which is currently being renovated for use by peace groups throughout the county. It has an awning to cover outside display items. Paid for initially by national CND, it will provide a useful touring base for reaching the many scattered communities. It is small and easily towed. Watch this space for its completion and availability date.

- Shropshire County Council agreed at its full council meeting on 15th November to produce a booklet on nuclear emergency planning issues. This follows Wrekin Council's production of a booklet on 'Wrekin and the Bomb'.

**FEB. 6**

# **BLOCKADE Molesworth**

Construction work on the U.S.A.F. base Molesworth Cambridgeshire is underway. By 1988 (if government plans continue) the once quiet grasslands will be transformed into a base housing 64 cruise missiles.

After a series of non-violent actions including the setting up of the Rainbow village, on February 6th 1985 a military style invasion (using some 3,000 soldiers and police) led by Michael Heseltine evicted the peace movement from Molesworth or so he thought. The ruthless show of force was an attempt to squash democratic protest and ignore public opinion, it failed dramatically.

Since February peaceful protest has continued unabated with the Molesworth peace camp (situated on council property) with frequent incursions into the base by peace protesters and the Easter demo in which 20,000 people ringed the base.

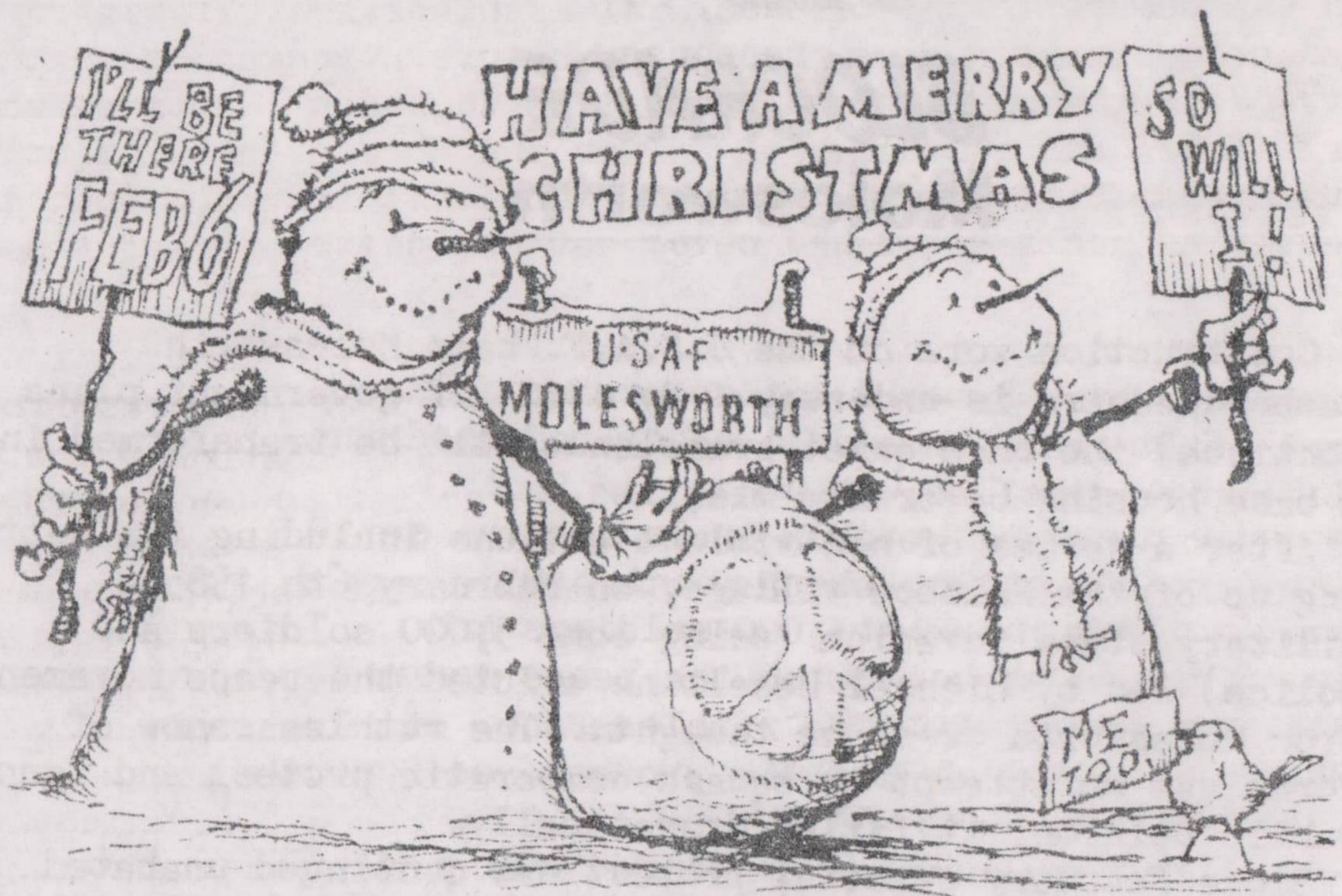
To mark the anniversary of Michael Heseltine's invasion, national CND has called for a day of action on February 6th 1986. There will be a sit-down blockade at all gates of the base with the aim of disrupting construction work, by this act of civil disobedience we will uphold the international law which says that the mass killing of civilians is illegal and upholding public opinion - that the majority of the British public oppose U.S. cruise missiles.

T.A.N.G. is planning to send an affinity group to the blockade, we need people to join the group and risk possible arrest. We also need people in support roles such as legal observers, DRIVERS, coffee dispensers, it is imperative that all those who wish to be involved in the action take part in a non-violent training workshop, we are hoping to organise this for January.

If you wish to take part in anyway or would like further details please contact

MARK STOKES, 7, BURTON CLOSE, DAWLEY, TELFORD

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and make a **PEACEful**  
new  
year!

### FACT OF THE MONTH

- *Every slum house in England could be repaired if the Trident programme was scrapped.*
- *The cost of bringing Trident missiles to Britain is now over £12 billion – enough to repair all our hospitals and build 450 new ones.*

Research by UCATT and CND

## FROM GUILT TO HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

I read a newspaper article recently which examined some of the great issues of our time; unemployment, world hunger, the quest for disarmament. The writer noted the failure of most people to engage with these issues. Part of the reason, he suggested was that many have a natural instinct to keep their heads down and not get involved. Another explanation he offered was that these great issues really are great and the reaction of many when challenged by them is to feel dwarfed and impotent; leave it to the skilled and the powerful. A final reason the writer put forward is that many are restrained from trying to get to grips with the issues through a probably unconscious feeling of collective guilt.

Of course, when we have a feeling of guilt and don't express it and deal with it then obstacles from the past really can stop us moving forward. We are held back. The Genesis stories of Adam and Eve indicate what we all know in our hearts to be true. That men and women are tarnished, that there is a flaw or twist in our human nature which can cut us off from our neighbour and from God. Pride, selfishness, sin - call it what you will - there is in each of us that element which diminishes what we are supposed to be. In so many ways we, humankind, are responsible for the way the world is.

The joy of Christmas is that grace and truth come Jesus Christ and that the flaw in our nature need not be a fatal one. Christmas is about God responding to our collective guilt and moving us forward if we will go with him. It is about God loving the world so much that he gets stuck in with us, giving a grace and strength that come from beyond us.

So, we can reach out in a new way to a fresh vision of hope. In Christ it can become a reality to talk about overcoming evil with goodness and loving those we presume to be our enemies.

Yes, there is a proper sense of collective guilt. But it is matched by God giving us collective responsibility and collective hope. May that responsibility and grow in us all this Christmas. With God's love may our world discover a new way for us all to live together as brothers and sisters.

Roger Hill

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE 1985

Dr Bernard Lown & Dr Yeugeny Chazov of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War have won the Nobel Peace prize for their work for peace in both Eastern & Western blocs.

The £163,000 prize will be used to campaign for a nuclear test ban treaty, to study the situation in the Middle East, and to send a joint US-Soviet mission to Africa to study the effects of hunger and disease on the poor.

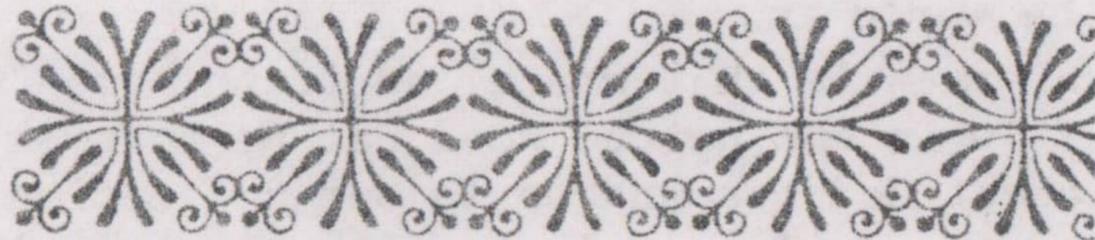
IPPNW is a federation of national groups dedicated to mobilising the influence of the medical profession against the threat of nuclear weapons.

The British member is the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons. The Shropshire branch is planning a celebration on Tuesday 10th December at the square Shrewsbury.

For details contact

Dr Eve Clevenger

1, Wrekin Course Telford.



### Greenham woman gets six months

Katrina Howse, who has lived at Greenham Common Peace Camp for three years, has been sentenced to six months for criminal damage: cutting the Greenham fence.

She was sentenced on the evidence of two US soldiers. Other women were with

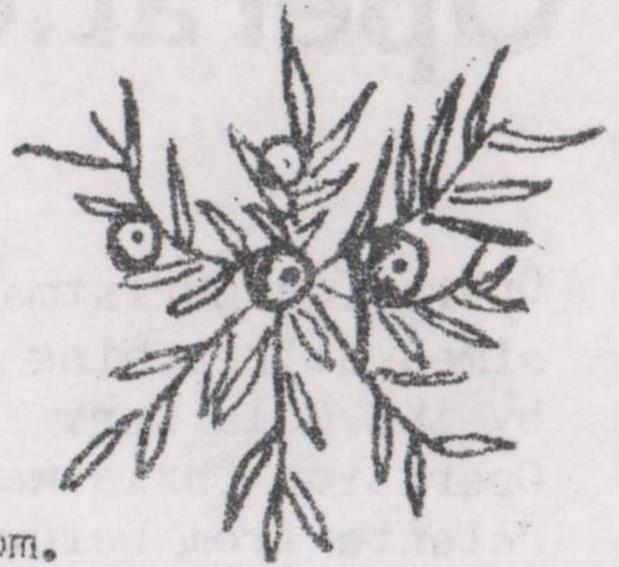
her when the offence was said to have been committed. They say she had no boltcutters and had not cut the fence.

Messages of support can be sent to Katrina at HMP Bullwood Hall, High Road, Hockley, Essex.





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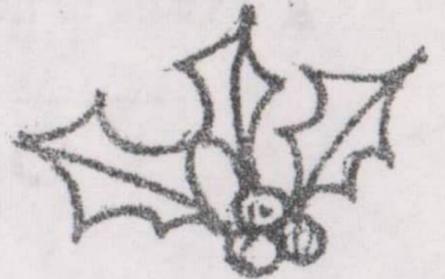


SATURDAY 7th December. 8.00pm.

Ivy House, Chapel Street, Dawley, Telford.

£1.50 waged 75p unwaged. Food and drink provided.

EVERYBODY VERY WELCOME, CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON.



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MIDDLE EAST FLASHPOINT

It has long been obvious that an Israeli-Syrian (or Israeli-Jordanian/Egyptian) war could spark off a world confrontation, & since there is abundant evidence that Israel now has nuclear weapons, having exploded one in conjunction with South Africa, this danger is increasing.

The latest clash when a Syrian jet was shot down could have been such a spark. By the testimony of the Israeli pilot the Syrian plane was flying towards the Israeli one which latter was over Lebanon; but by the same testimony the Syrian was shot down over Syria and came down in Syria, though it had not had time to turn & change course.

Thus Israel retains the right to view as an hostile act a plane flying within its own countries airspace. If thar plane is felt to menace an Israeli plane over the soil of a third country.

# Operation Christmas Card

Operation Christmas Card is CND's international initiative aimed at reaching across East-West boundaries frozen solid by the Cold War.

Operation Christmas Card is a way of beginning to build detente from below, to breakdown cold war barriers through people-to-people initiatives.

Operation Christmas Card means people and groups up and down the country sending thousands of Christmas and New year cards to people and organisations in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, with a message in their own language (see below). Operation Christmas Card holds out a hand of friendship at a time traditionally associated with peace.

## Operation Christmas Card 1985

### *Personal Peace Treaty*

I send you seasonal greetings and the following personal peace treaty which I have signed and ask you to consider signing.

I agree not to regard you as an enemy and declare:

1. That there are no reasons why the people of Europe should go to war with each other again.
2. That as there are already around 40,000 nuclear weapons in the world - sufficient to destroy our planet many times over all additional new nuclear weapons are unnecessary and dangerous.
3. That all countries which possess nuclear weapons, or are members of alliances which possess nuclear weapons, can take independent initiatives towards nuclear disarmament without endangering their security in any way.
4. That the vast amount of money and resources spent on weapons of war could be better spent relieving world poverty and pollution of the environment.
5. That I will work for the promotion of peace between our two countries.

Signed:

### HOW TO TAKE PART

This year we are asking you to send 'Personal Peace Treaties' to people and organisations in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

You will find enclosed in Chain Reaction a name and address plus an appropriate translation of the peace treaty. We are also asking you to send New Year cards to the Turkish Peace Association prisoners

*New Year Card returned thanks us*

**Cards to Turkish Peace Association Prisoners: Members of the Turkish Peace Association—the Turkish equivalent of CND—are currently imprisoned by the Turkish government. Why not send New Year Cards to them at the same time as you post your "Personal Peace Treaties" to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.**

*Men:* all the male prisoners are held in SAG Block B1, Sagmalcilar Cezaevi, Bayrampasa, Istanbul.

Their names are:

Museyin Bas—journalist, author  
Dr Erdal Atabek—Ex President Turkish Medical Association  
Ergun Elgin—General Director of

Turkish Electricity Board, Izmir  
Harun Aykut Goker—mechanical engineer

Ali Sirmen—journalist and author

Dr Gencay Saylan—former General Secretary Turkish University teachers association

Orhan Taylan—painter

Ali Taygun—Theatre Director, actor

Dr Haluk Tosun—University teacher

Kemal Tahsin Usluoglu—president of (banned) Civil Servants Association

*Women:* there is one woman prisoner. She is Mrs Reha Isvan—until sacked she was Deputy director of Istanbul Education Authority. Her address is c/o No 23 Levent Caddesi, L ci Levant, Istanbul.

Further details about the Turkish Peace Association prisoners and their ordeals can be obtained from: Campaign for the Defence of the Turkish Peace Movement c/o END, 11 Goodwin St, London N4 3HQ.

## DEC. 14 MASS POST-IN

CND HAS SET DECEMBER 14th for the mass post-in at local Post Offices. WHY NOT JOIN T.A.N.G AT WELLINGTON POST OFFICE WALKER STREET. 10.30a.m.

György Somiyo  
1137 Budapest,  
Szt István Park 14,  
Hungary.

IF YOU DO RECIEVE A REPLY TO YOUR CARD PLEASE LET US KNOW.

# DIARY

Wednesday December 4th - T.A.N.G. meeting, 16, Linley Drive  
Stirchley Telford. 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

Saturday December 7th - T.A.N.G. Christmas Social, Ivy  
House, Chapel Street, Dawley, Telford. ALL VERY WELCOME.  
£1.50 waged 75p Unwaged. Food and drink provided.

Tuesday 10th December - Medical Campaign Against Nuclear  
Weapons celebration on receiving the Nobel Peace Prize.  
See newsletter. Shrewsbury square.

Wednesday 11th December - Chain Reaction meeting, 7, Burton  
close, Dawley Telford. 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

Saturday 14th December - WIDENING THE WEB, GREENHAM COMMON.  
TELFORD COACH see newsletter.

Saturday 14th December - Mass post-in for Operation Christ-  
mas Card. Wellington Post Office Walker Street, 10.30a.m.  
see newsletter.

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RESIST CRUISE AT MOLESWORTH

SIT DOWN BLOCKADE

NATIONAL CND DEMONSTRATION

FEB 6th 1986.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

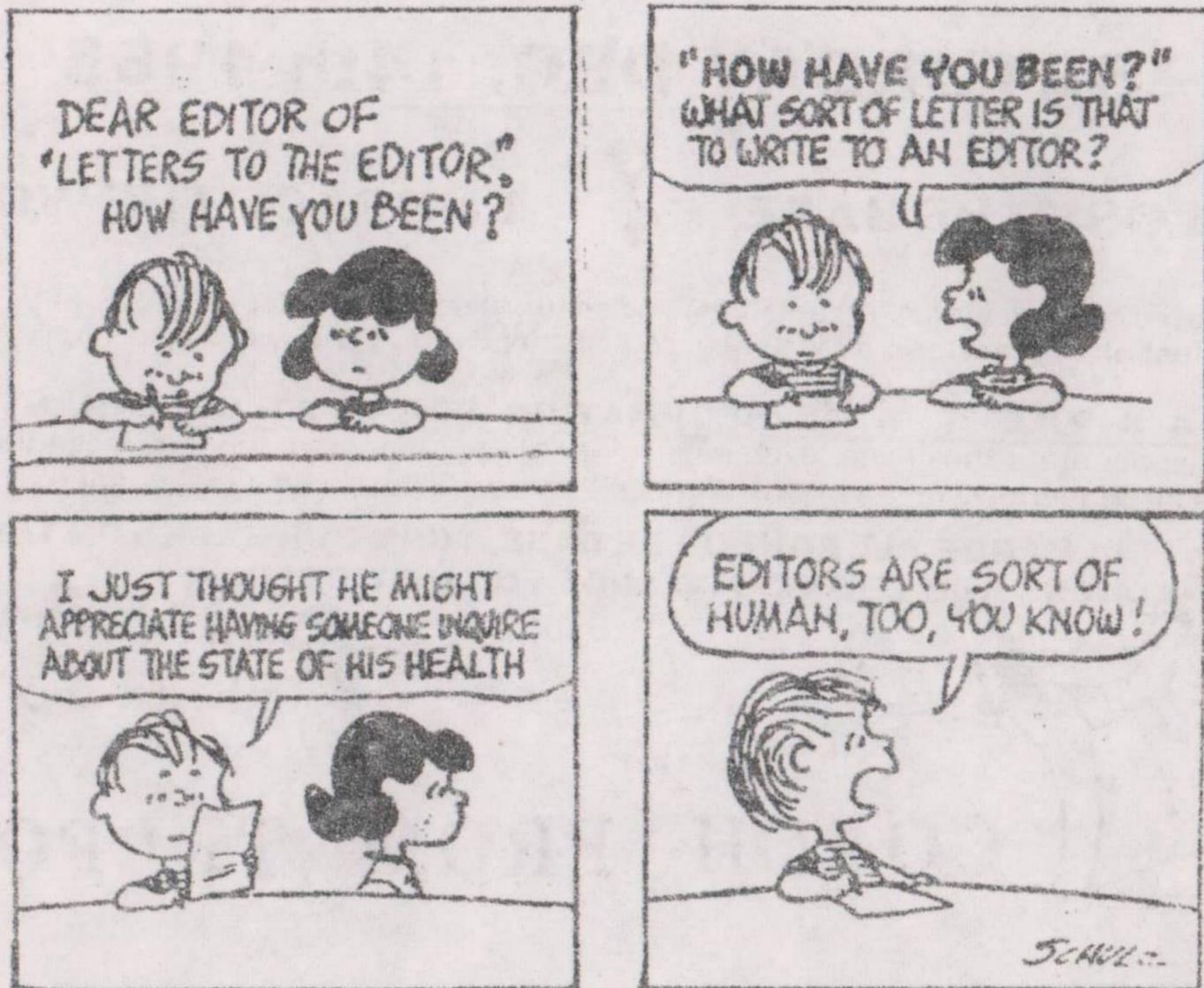
SEE NEWSLETTER

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December 25th - Celebration by Christians of the reputed  
historical birthdate of Jesus of Nazareth (a.k.a. the Christ,  
Saviour), Jewish prophet born 2000 years ago in Judea.  
Taught sharing, Love, Reconciliation and rejected violence,  
revenge and aggression. Leaders of most western societies  
(including several nuclear weapon states) pay lip service to  
Jesus teaching but ignore its core. Tel CCND ON 01 250 4010  
for more details.

# JANUARY CHAIN REACTION

The deadline for the next issue of Chain Reaction is December 11th. All contributions are welcome and should be sent to Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford, Shropshire TF4 2BX. Thanks to all contributors to this news letter.



**don't sit on the fence**

**— cut it —**

**SNOWBALL**



# WIDENING THE WEB

## GREENHAM COMMON

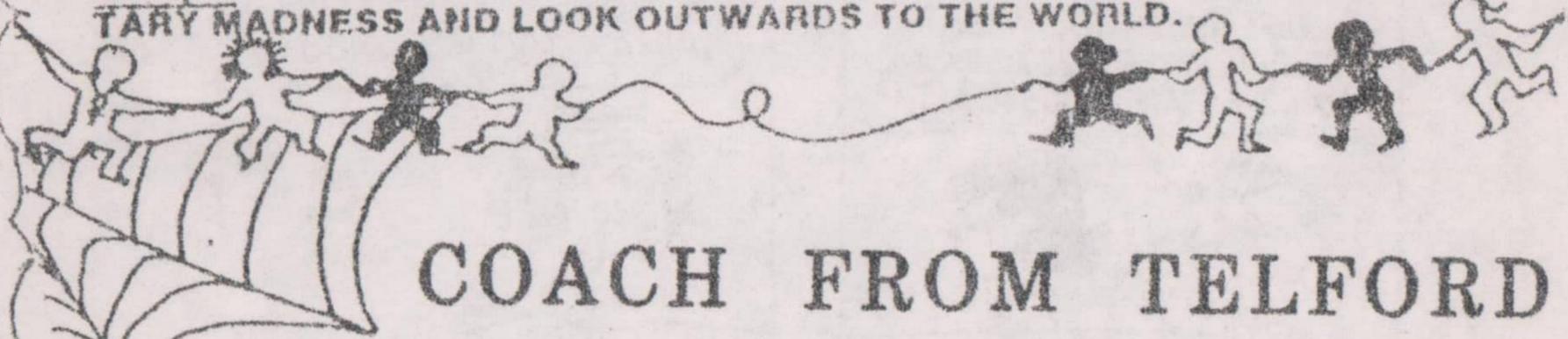
SATURDAY DEC. 14th 1985

ENCLOSE THE BASE ♀ EMBRACE THE WORLD

What started out as a single thread of resistance to cruise has developed into a multicoloured web against all oppression and violence, racism, deprivation and war preparations.

MAKE A 9 MILE ♀ ♀ ♀ INFORMATION BOARD AT GREENHAM - attach messages, decorate the fence, exchange information, ideas and support, make links with women's struggles all over the world - light up the base at dusk with candles, sparklers.....

AT 2pm LINK HANDS ALL ROUND THE BASE, TURN OUR BACKS ON THE MILITARY MADNESS AND LOOK OUTWARDS TO THE WORLD.



### COACH FROM TELFORD

APPROX. TIMES

SHREWSBURY	7.00a.m.
WELLINGTON (Dawley Rd shops near Cock Hotel)	7.20
TELFORD TOWN CENTRE	7.25a.m.
BROSELEY (Square)	7.35a.m.
BRIDGNORTH	7.50

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT MARIA WAKELEY, TELFORD 594842  
BARBARA LAMPLUGH 598452

FLAT RATE £3.00



# Arms bill that could put an end to mass starvation

By GEORGE GALLOWAY

General secretary,

War on Want

The Famine in Ethiopia has drawn the worlds attention to the to the depths of Third World Poverty - one quarter of the world living in its depths.

In Africa and South East Asia, hundreds of millions are without homes, medicine or education and live at lower subsistence levels.

Although the world is supposed to be at peace, there have been 116 wars and 25 million dead since 1945.

Since 1960 there have been 65 wars and 10 million dead.

Every hour 50 million dollars is spent on arms.

One-and-a-half hours spending could eradicate Malaria.

One per cent of annual spending could buy enough farm equipment to ensure self sufficiency for the third world.

One weeks expenditure could feed 500 million hungry people Each family pays about £17 a week for these armaments.

We have 400 Tornado aircraft - each could pay for 50 new primary schools.

We are buying three Class 22 frigates - each worth a fully equipped general hospital.

An anti - submarine cruiser equals 56,000 council houses.

Military research and development costs 20 times that on medicine. The Chicago School of economics has estimated that a billion dollars creates 35,000 jobs when spent on armaments, 80,000 when invested in engineering, 100,000 in building and 140,000 in national health. We have a capacity to destroy the world 5,000 times over. Where are the current threats to world peace.

The immediate threat was in Nicaragua where an elected government was threatened by a force of some 15,000 " Contras " 2,000 South American mercenaries, 500 British mercenaries and an enormous US military exercise in Honduras.

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If Nicaragua was destroyed the US would move on Cuba. If Cuba was attacked there could be a Soviet nuclear response.

He then went on to comment on the threat to world peace in the Middle East, Southern Africa and East Asia.

Now that Israel, South Africa and China all had nuclear devices the danger of a devastating nuclear war had never been greater.

Some people believe that a small scale nuclear war would be isolated from the rest of the world - but for how long?

George concluded by saying that the need to tackle poverty in the under developed world and to improve the services for the British working people contrasted starkly with the massive and ever increasing expenditure on arms plus the threat of a nuclear holocaust. All these were reasons for the Trade Union movement to campaign for disarmament, peace and positive policies on arms conversion.

In this way disarmament would not mean unemployment for the many thousands working in the defence industry - and the benefits would be seen for poor people throughout the world.



"While hunger rules, peace cannot prevail. (S)he who wants to ban war must also ban world poverty."

*Brandt Report*

# T. A. N. G. INFORMATION

- 300 Chain Reaction newsletters are sent out or delivered by hand each month.

- There are 160 members of national CND living in the area. If you are not one of these who have paid their national subscription direct to London, then you are not a member of national CND. The local subscription to TANG does not include the national CND membership. (It costs £3 waged or £1.50 unwaged per year for TANG membership, which includes receiving Chain Reaction).

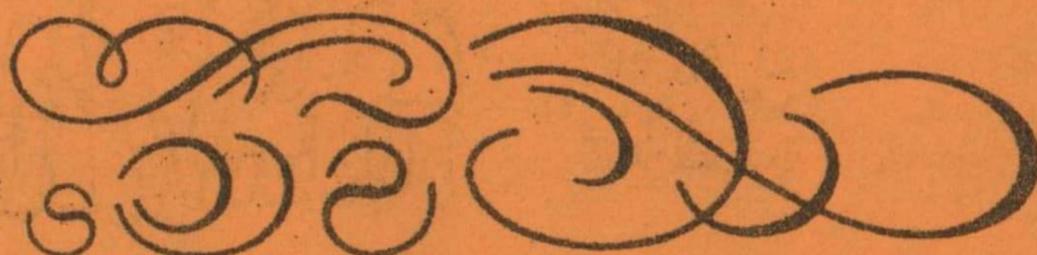
While TANG is affiliated to national CND, if you wish to join the national campaign as an individual it costs £9 for one or £12 for two people, if waged, or £2 for unwaged adult or pensioner, £3 for a student and £1 for Youth (under 21) membership.

Write to CND, 22-24 Underwood Street, London for national membership.

- There has been no increase in TANG's membership cost. It stays at £3 waged and £1.50 unwaged for at least a further year.

- Chain Reaction has been praised by the regional CND office in Birmingham. "It is the best newsletter in the entire West Midlands region" said Dave Lewis, regional CND contact. Encouraged by this, TANG will be entering the national competition for the best newsletter when this is announced shortly.

- Easter Demo at Molesworth. TANG will be organising coaches. Make your date for then.



# JOIN TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP

I would like to join TANG. Please find enclosed  
my subscription; £3.00 waged \*  
£1.50 unwaged

I understand I will now be put on the mailing  
list for 'Chain Reaction', the newsletter of  
TANG.

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BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

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ADDRESS.....

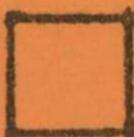
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TEL. ....

signed .....

Date .....



If ticked subscription due

\* send subscriptions payable to Telford Anti-  
Nuclear Group to

MARIA WAKELY, 15, FELLOWS CLOSE, LITTLE DAWLEY, TELFORD  
SHROPSHIRE.

WHAT WE CANT  
DO ALONE  
WE CAN DO  
TOGETHER



CONFIDENTIAL - PEACE CONSPIRATORS' EYES ONLY.

## THE MOLESWORTH SNOWBALL WHAT IS IT?

The Molesworth Snowball is a non-violent civil disobedience campaign directed specifically at Molesworth Cruise Missile Base in Cambridgeshire.

It is called a Snowball because the number of people breaking the law roughly doubles at each successive stage. On February 10th 1985, a few days after the site was enclosed by the military, and immediately after a service at Peace Corner, three people went openly to the fence and cut it, and were arrested. Since then 140 people altogether have cut the fence in successive actions, and the Snowball continues to grow.

## THE NEXT SNOWBALL ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON

The next national Snowball actions (including Molesworth) will take place on January 17-20th, April 18-21, July 4-6, 31 Oct - 3rd Nov. See future Chain Reactions for details.

## WILL YOU TAKE PART?

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN** People will gather at Peace Corner for briefing, discussion, talking to the police, etc., before the action. At the agreed time everyone will walk calmly to the fence and cut it in the presence of the police. We will not resist arrest. Those arrested are likely to be released up to 8 hrs. later on bail, charged to appear before magistrates at Peterborough or Huntingdon some days later or weeks later. A fine has been the usual penalty. Those who refuse to pay will be given "time to pay", but will eventually (probably months later) be imprisoned.

## OPENNESS AND NON-VIOLENCE

A characteristic of the campaign is complete openness with the police. They are told exactly when, where and what we intend to do, and why. This policy arises from a determination to recognise the police as fellow human beings, parents perhaps, compatriots who will suffer the same fate in a nuclear strike as ourselves, and who are therefore potential allies. We believe that this attitude is a far more fundamental challenge to their role than any violent, devious or abusive behaviour could ever be. We ask everyone who takes part in Snowball actions to abide by this policy of respect.

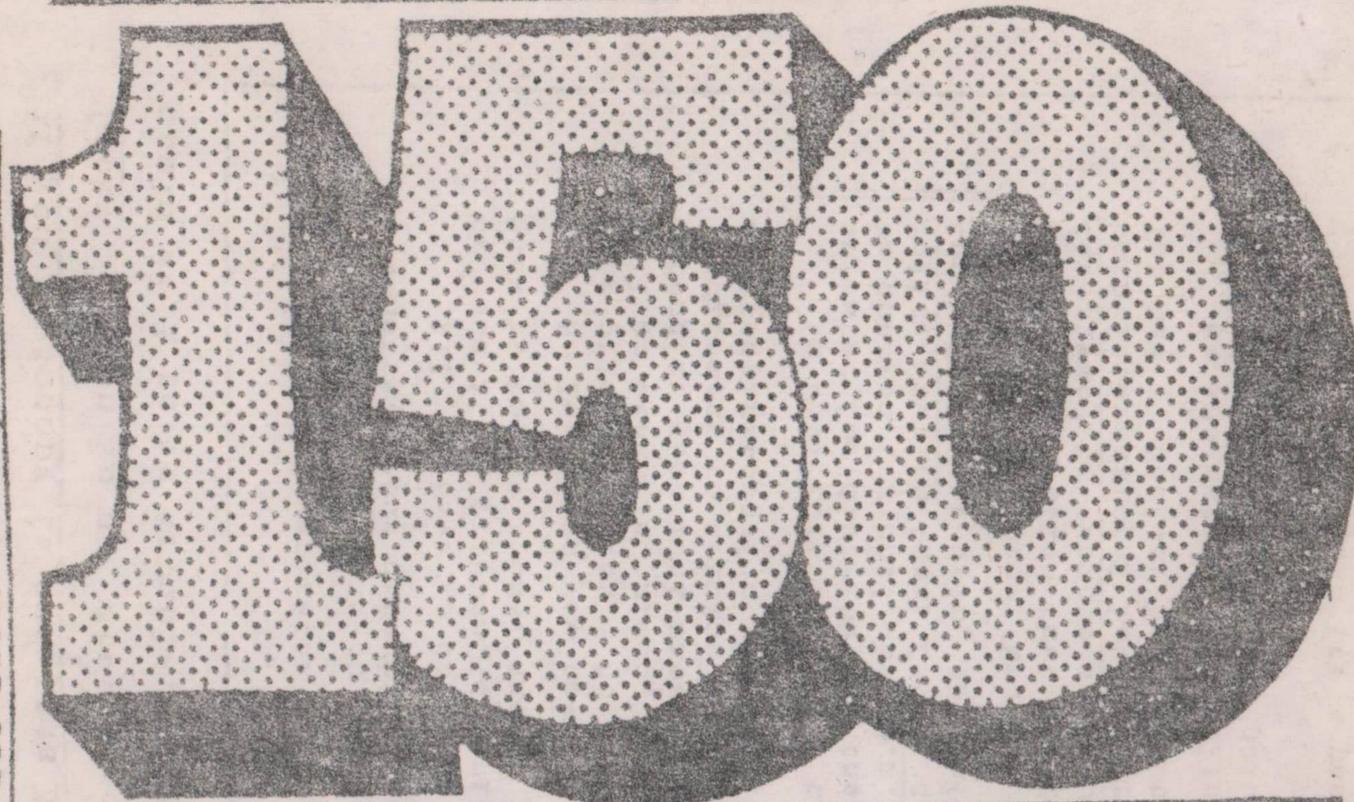
## WHY MOLESWORTH IN PARTICULAR?

Apart from the well-known C.N.D. arguments regarding the immorality and illegality of Nuclear Weapons, and the criminal absurdity of making yet more, the establishment of an entirely new land missile base in Britain is simply senseless. With nearly 4,000 sea based Cruise Missiles to be deployed by America, the siting of the relatively small number at Molesworth and Greenham serves only one strategic purpose :- TO MAKE BRITAIN A JUSTIFIABLE TARGET FOR RUSSIAN MISSILES IN THE EARLY "SPARRING" STAGES OF A POSSIBLY GLOBAL CONFLICT, leaving America itself untouched.

S.A.E. for a detailed briefing to :

M. Snowball, c/o 7 Quarrington Road, Horfield, BRISTOL.

Published locally c/o College Farm House, Wellington.



# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

WILL YOU  
CUT THE FENCE  
AT MOLESWORTH?  
THE NEXT  
SNOWBALL ACTION



PLEASE READ ON 

WARNING - READING THIS LEAFLET MAY SERIOUSLY ENDANGER YOUR LIBERTY!  
If you photocopy it and pass it on, you will incur even greater risk.

WARNING - READING THIS LEAFLET MAY SERIOUSLY ENDANGER YOUR LIBERTY!

If you photocopy it and pass it on, you will incur even greater risk.

Look: If you do not stop reading and destroy this leaflet at once, you could well be in trouble. Don't say you have not been warned !!!

Dear Fellow Conspirator (Criminal) for Peace:

Congratulations on your courage. Now I can tell you of a way to demonstrate your determination for peace simply and easily.

All you have to do is photocopy both sides of this leaflet and give or send it to friends, distribute it to houses or in the street, or show it to the press, and to your friendly neighbourhood policeman.

No longer do you have to travel miles to cut, or touch, or scramble over prickly fences. No longer do you have to suffer hours in a police cell or weeks in prison, or pay fines that help 'them' meet the costs of defending genocidal bases. All you need do is distribute this "incitement to criminal damage" and you will have joined the fraternity of conspirators for peace. Your simple action may make all the difference.

On Oct. 26th., 1985, at the CND Rally in Hyde Park, two of us were arrested for distributing the leaflet on the back of this one. We shall be charged (or not) at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11th., 1985, at Bow St. Police Station (near Covent Garden, London). Please come along then too. With your help, they might change their minds.

Pieces of paper are now enough to frighten the nuclear warriors. They are petrified that the public will finally wake up to their criminal conspiracy to promote and provoke genocide - explicitly outlawed under both International Law and British Military Law (See 'Humanizing Hell! - The Law v. Nuclear Weapons' by George Delf - Hamish Hamilton, 1985 - get it!)

We are entering Orwell's world of the Thought Police. Think hard now, while you still can, and join us please in this last stand for sanity and survival.

Roger (In for a penny, in for a pound) Franklin  
Independent Peace Campaigner, Tickmorend House, Horsley,  
Stroud, Glos. 30 Oct. 85

PS Let's make this a universal conspiracy of incitement for peace — Let's react to the nuclear chain reaction with a chain conspiracy for the survival of life on Earth.

If you have read this far, and feel you cannot take the risk of helping distribute this message about non-violent direct action, then please, after destroying this leaflet, at least speak out or write against the insane nuclear arms race. Ultimately it is only words that can hold the world back from the brink. It has been brought there by so many words of fear, hate, violence and mistrust uttered incessantly by those we allow to lead us, or to 'inform' us.

Whether you distribute this leaflet, or choose to speak out for peace in another way, do it now. Tomorrow may not be too late either, but on the other hand, ... "They're funny things, Accidents, you never have them 'til you're having them." (A.A. Milne).

Note: My liberty may depend on your action . Your liberty may depend on your inaction! But all our lives depend on speaking out against the nuclear lunacy until it is stopped.

After Nov. 10th., 1985, this particular leaflet will have lost much of its virulence; but it will remain as a proto-type. Those dedicated to non-violent direct action against nuclear weaponry can contact the various branches of the Snowball movement and bring out up-dated versions.

YOU HAVE NOW BEEN INCITED TO INCITE — DO GET ON WITH IT!

Inciting is exciting... you'll see!

Acting Secretary's Report

The first thing is to explain why "acting" secretary. Una, who took over from Dave as secretary, was prevented, for various personal reasons, from carrying on; so that soon after her election at the last AGM we lost partial contact. Eventually, early in the New Year, she asked us to make other arrangements. The group asked me to take over until this A.G.M.

That said the main thing I have to report is that we survived. We were going through (this time last year) a very bad patch as numbers were right down, and so much so that one of our more active members was predicting that we would fold up. Una unable to continue; Paul had become President of his union in the area; Peter was busy with other matters virtually all the work was being left to Mark & Maria, & the average attendance at TANG meetings would have been three people.

That we survived owed as much to luck as anything else; Robert was just getting active in TANG at the time; John & Barbara moved across the river, (Broseley's loss, our gain;) & since then we have had a number of people attend the occasional meetings, with a few stay to play an active role in the group. Meetings are no longer always the same people, and our active membership is now back in double figures. Though still Mark & Maria are doing a disproportionate amount of the work.

But we have things to proclaim. Survival was not merely a matter of scraping by doing the minimum. During the year, spurred on by the unkind comments of one of those who came once but did not return, and then aided by Tristan's advice on cart lay-out; Mark has transformed the news-sheet; from a not-too-easy-to-read sheet (usually single sheet) it has now become a very presentable mini-magazine, described by the West Midlands co-Organizer as one of the best in the Region.

We have regularly produced & distributed (or distributed nationally produced) leaflets through the year; so that we have done more leafletting this year than previously.

The numbers on TANG's two coaches at the national demo last week were about double those we took to Barrow the year before. Our earlier contingent at Molesworth had been no less than our Spring 84 contingent. Less than a week before Heseltine's invasion of the Molesworth Peace Camp we had taken a minibus load of supporters over there.

We have maintained our presence at County actions, notably the Shadow Project on Hiroshima Day in Shrewsbury, cooperating with Brooklands' Group the previous evening in their vigil and ourselves organizing a film showing (unfortunately the location had to be moved at the last moment) on Nagasaki Day. Also taking part in the project earlier this month at the Abbey in Shrewsbury.

Similarly we maintained our links with Wrekin Council's sub-committee studying civil defence and the nuclear risks. Despite a vicious act of censorship by a Stalinist who tried to decree that 1985 May Day should commemorate the end of the War without mention of Hiroshima, Nagasaki, or the Yalta-Teheran Big Power carve-up of the world, & so banned our contribution to the May Day Message; we continued to play a full part in the May Day demo, & will so continue. At at least one anti-Apartheid meeting, (& there haven't been that many,) attendance was confined to active members of TANG.

We had a series of outs de speakers to Campaign meetings, which drew a considerable increased attendance in the Spring of the year. Paying their travelling expenses was more than we could really afford; and so we have not kept this going, though we would have liked so to have done. Also expensive was our participation on Super-Saturday; partly but not only because prices have gone up. The County Peace Alliance now has a caravan & perhaps next year we must find some way of using this & our resources for the peace presence at Super-Saturday.

During the year we have become a contact address for the Campaign Against the Arms' Trade, at the moment the secretary is their contact, but it really needs someone to take this over, & - given our improved newsheet - Mark has been able to reproduce material from them.

Potentially therefore, the group is now healthier than it was either at the last AGN, or its predecessor. Though we have lost (in Broseley) one neighbouring group, the formation of another neighbour (in Brooklands-Wellington), which this time last year was planned, has been successful; (they contributed ten or more of the seventy people on TANG coaches last week;) & there is a new Shifnal group in the offing; while our connections with the Wellington Women's Peace Group are closer. So not only has TANG survived & recovered, but there appears to be a strong CND current in East Salop., that was not immediately apparent last year.

#### Agenda

1. Reports:
  - a. Secretary's;
  - b. Treasurer's;
  - c. Chain Reaction editors (& membership secretary's);
  - d. Peter on the Council civil Defence sub-committee "Wrekin & the Bomb" & press reportage;
  - e. Litt. Sec.'s;
  - f. Region/Area Organizer/Coordinator 's (if present).
2. Elections: 

we rotate the chair, but nominations are needed for secretary, treasurer, membership secretary, (which may or may not be still the chain reaction editor,) press officer & litt. sec., & Campaign Against the Arms Trade contact; we have also agreed in the past (though found no volunteers) to have a TU Secretary, a Green CND contact, & a distinct organizer/contact for the Cruise telephone-tree.
3. Activities & Priorities for 1986.
4. Mandating delegates to National Conference:
  - a. election of National Chairperson;
  - b. Disarmament & Development;
  - c. Cruise, Molesworth & Trident;
  - d. Decentralisation;
  - e. Star Wars;
  - f. Basic Case campaigning;
  - g. Arms' talks;
  - h. Trade Unions & Nuclear Energy;
  - i. Nuclear Free Pacific, Israel & South Africa, & Namibian Uranium;
  - j. Constitutional changes:
    - i. changes in voting entitlement;
    - ii. two thirds majority rule;
    - iii. dropping unilateralism in name at least;
    - iv. change of rule on group chairpersons & secretaries (i.e. permitting our practise of rotating chair;)
    - v. change of composition of national council;
    - vi. subsidy for local groups;
    - vii. formalizing area organization as an intermediate between groups & regions;
    - viii. change of conference to biennial;
    - ix. limitation on length of time people are permitted to be elected nationally;
    - x. limiting conference voting to groups (two motions.)



- i. Peace & Development
- ii. Peace & Justice
- iii. Peace & Community
- iv. Peace & Disarmament

in view of the time it was agreed to defer to the next ordinary meeting (Nov. 6th) the elaboration of what that would entail.

Besides this it was mentioned that there is work necessary to put flesh on the NfZ, & to foster the "Wrekin & the Bomb" pamphlet; that we need to make use of the Shropshire Peace Alliance's caravan; that there is a Molesworth demo on February 6th.; & before this a Green CND one on the 23rd of November; that there is a Greenham Common demo on the 12th of December; -

in view of the fact that for a previous demo there, exception was taken by some of those who came on the coach to the fact that TANG, (an organization open to male members,) had organized the coach, which was felt to be alien to the Greenham principles; as also because we have done several coaches this year; we voted that we would help Wellington Women sell coach seats if they organize a coach, (or indeed any other all-women group,) but not venture to organize one ourselves; Jane Dolphin has subsequently told me that Wellington Women do not wish to take on the responsibility of a coach, that they would happily support one of ours, but not initiate the outing or book the coach; -

there is also to be a Molesworth demo at Easter, which will have preparatory marches from various parts of the country, one of which will start at Iron Bridge, & we have been asked to cooperate in the organization of that start. (We do not as yet know the date it is intended to start from Iron Bridge.) On instructions I have written to ask for more details of what is wanted of us, saying that as far as we can see we will be glad to be involved.

When it came to mandating delegates to National Conference:

Open mandate for the election of a new National Chairperson, except that Vic Allen was not favoured.

In favour of the disarmament & development motion,

Open mandate on the Cruise, Molesworth & Trident motions,

In favour of the decentralisation motion,

Open mandate on: Star Wars, basic case, arms' talks, TU & Nuclear energy, Nuclear free Pacific, Israel & South Africa, & Namibian Uranium; (largely because all these are bland and non-contraversial motions;)

In favour of the changed voting entitlements, & of the two thirds majority rule,

Open mandate on the third; - it is a motion to drop the word unilateralism, while adopting a statement of CND policy which would keep the reality of unilateralism; some of us felt that the Press would have a field day claiming that CND had abandoned unilateralism and this would do harm, others felt that the Press had been able to misrepresent unilateralism & that spelling the meaning out in this way was all to the good;

In favour of the change of rule to permit groups to rotate the chair (as we already do;)

Open mandate on the national council changes,

In favour of a subsidy to local groups,

Open mandate on area organization, & on change of conference to biennial;

In favour of a limit to the length of time people should be allowed to be elected to hold the same office;

Open mandate on limiting conference voting to groups.

Present: John (in the chair), Maria, Mark, Julian, Rachel, Elaine, Paul, Robert, Emma, Kalpana, Jon (Press), Peter, Barbara, Laurens.