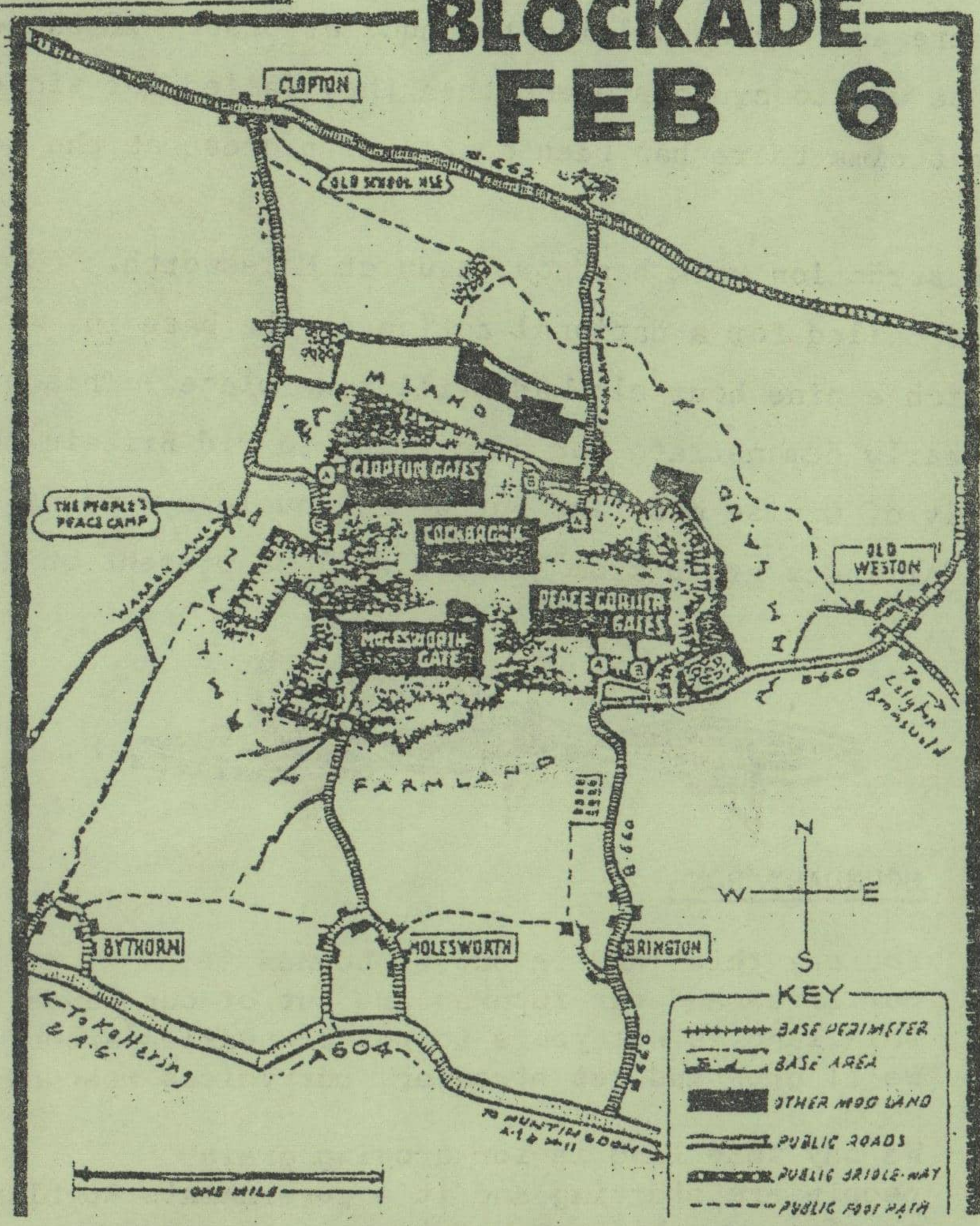




# CHAIN REACTION

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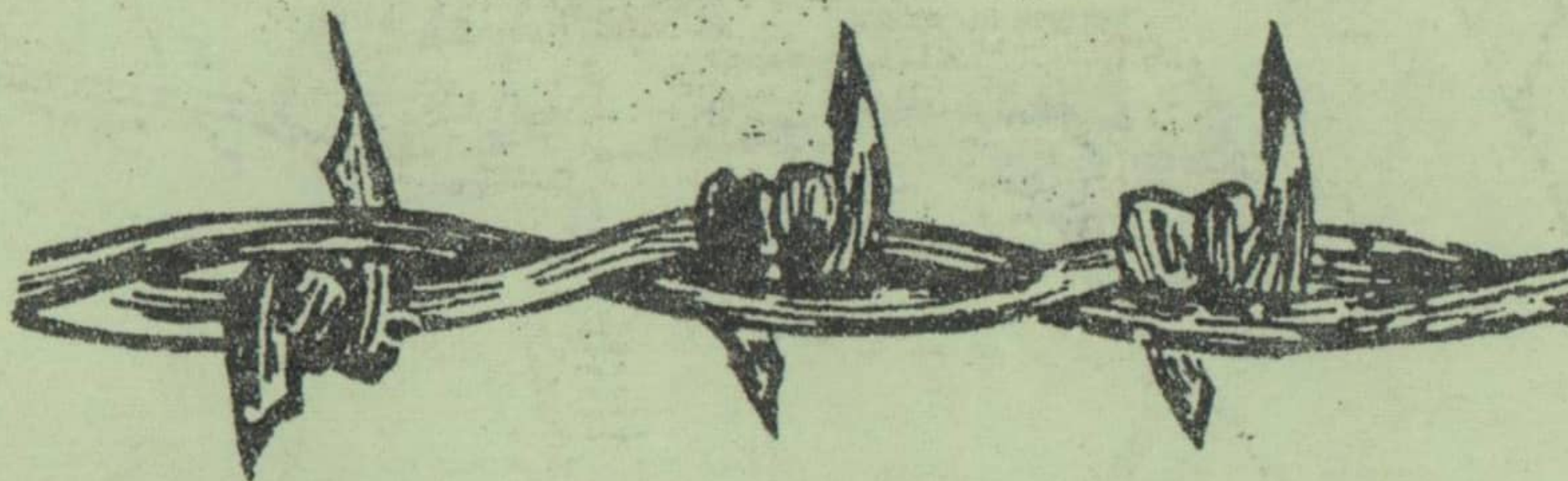
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## BLOCKADE

### Molesworth

On the night of February 5th 1985, 3000 troops and police invaded Molesworth to evict the people living there and begin building the nuclear base. If there hope was to crush protest then they failed for since that time there has been continual protest at the base.

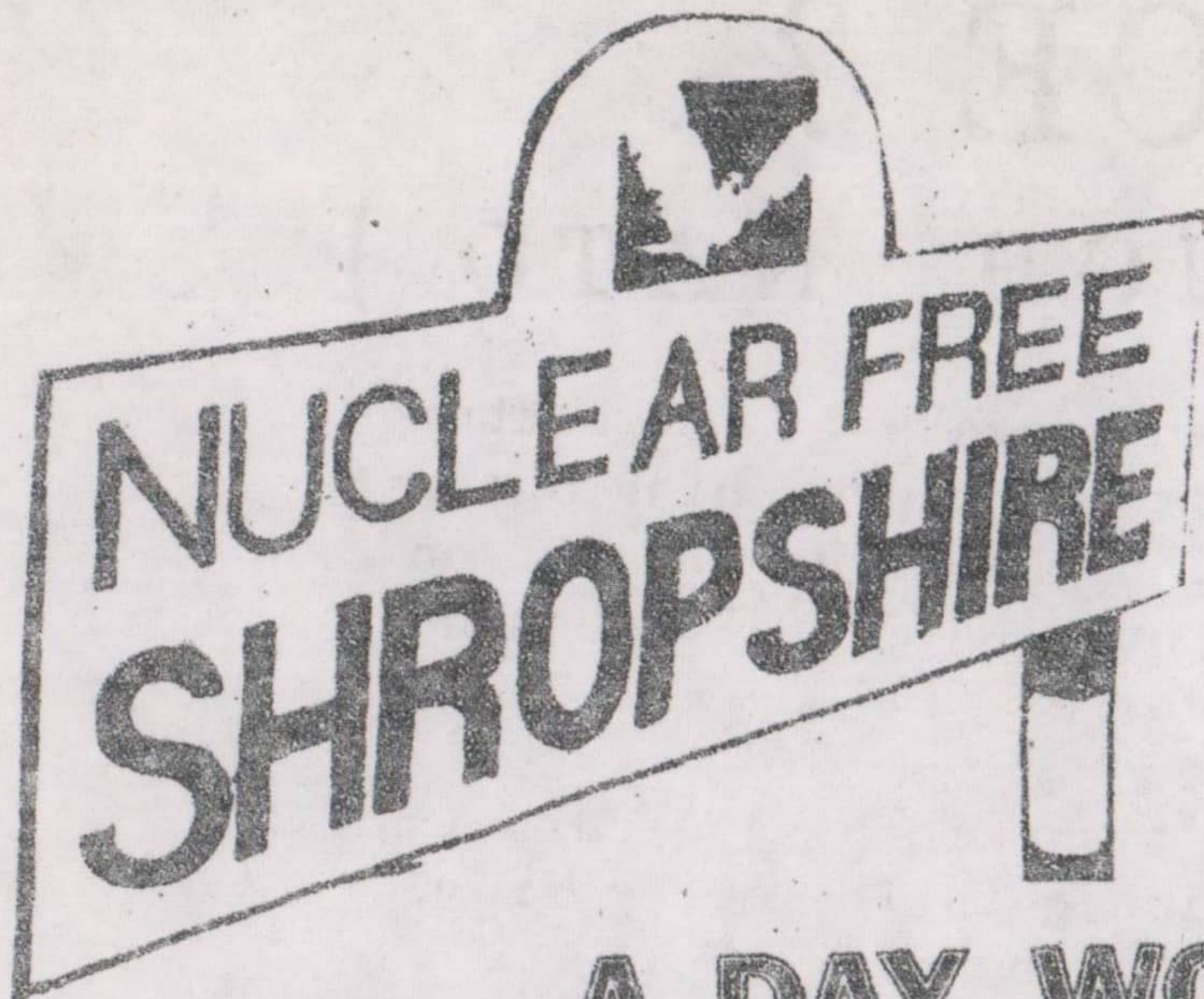
Construction work has now begun at Molesworth. CND has called for a national action at the base in which a nine hour blockade will take place. This will clearly demonstrate our commitment to rid Britain not only of Cruise missiles but of all nuclear weapons. An Affinity group from Telford will be present on the day.



#### BOUNDARY SONG

You say this land is out of bounds  
our lives and our futures are out of our hands  
this land is not yours to put boundaries around  
we'll grow and get stronger, our voices resound

We say this land is for growing grain  
people are starving and it's governments to blame  
to give our children a future is the reason we came  
we'll grow and get stronger and peace will reign.



**A DAY WORKSHOP**  
**Saturday 8th February**

with  
MEG BERESFORD:  
CND. General Secretary

JACK TURNER: Chairperson,  
Shropshire County Council

TONY FREUDMAN: Chairperson,  
Emergency Planning Sub-Committee

**Morris Hall**  
**Shrewsbury**

**10 - 5**

Shropshire has been "Nuclear Free" since May 1985 but as yet little has come of this.

This WORKSHOP is intended to discuss possibilities and ideas and most importantly to make decisions and plans for action. Please come.

If we want to make something of Shropshire's "Nuclear Free" status, it is up to us.

Admission free.

Donations towards this event gratefully accepted

ORGANISED BY SHROPSHIRE PEACE ALLIANCE

# PEACE ?

## ( THROUGH NATO )

Col Richey often appears in the letters page of the Shropshire Star preaching against nuclear disarmament. He signs himself on behalf of 'Peace Through NATO', although he is a County Councillor as well.

What he doesn't say in his letters is where his organisation gets its money from. Well-heeled retired colonels? No. Conservative Central Office? Not quite. The Government? YES!

£44,000 came from the Foreign Office in 1983 (no later figure available). This went to the British Atlantic Committee and its offshoot called 'Peace Through NATO'.

This British Atlantic Committee organises trips by schoolchildren and journalists to countries in Europe and North America. It is a registered charity. It was taken to task by the Charity Commissioners for being too political, so it set up its non-charitable 'Peace Through NATO' arm.

It is not known just how much of the government grant goes, directly or indirectly, to the organisation Col. Richey represents. TANG would be very interested to know.

Meanwhile, the real peace movement has to continue its work on money raised from socials and jumble sales, subscriptions and sponsoring.

Col Richey is however one of the few people in the county that will debate on the subject. T.A.N.G. is eagerly awaiting a date for such a debate.

# MAKING PEACE

## IN TODAY'S WORLD

A series of Saturday morning talks at the Bishop Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow. Starting at 10.30am with coffee and talk at 11.00. Lunch provided for a small donation.

February 15th - " Peace In The Inner City " - Archdeacon of Aston.

February 22nd - " Apologia for action " - Canon John Davies

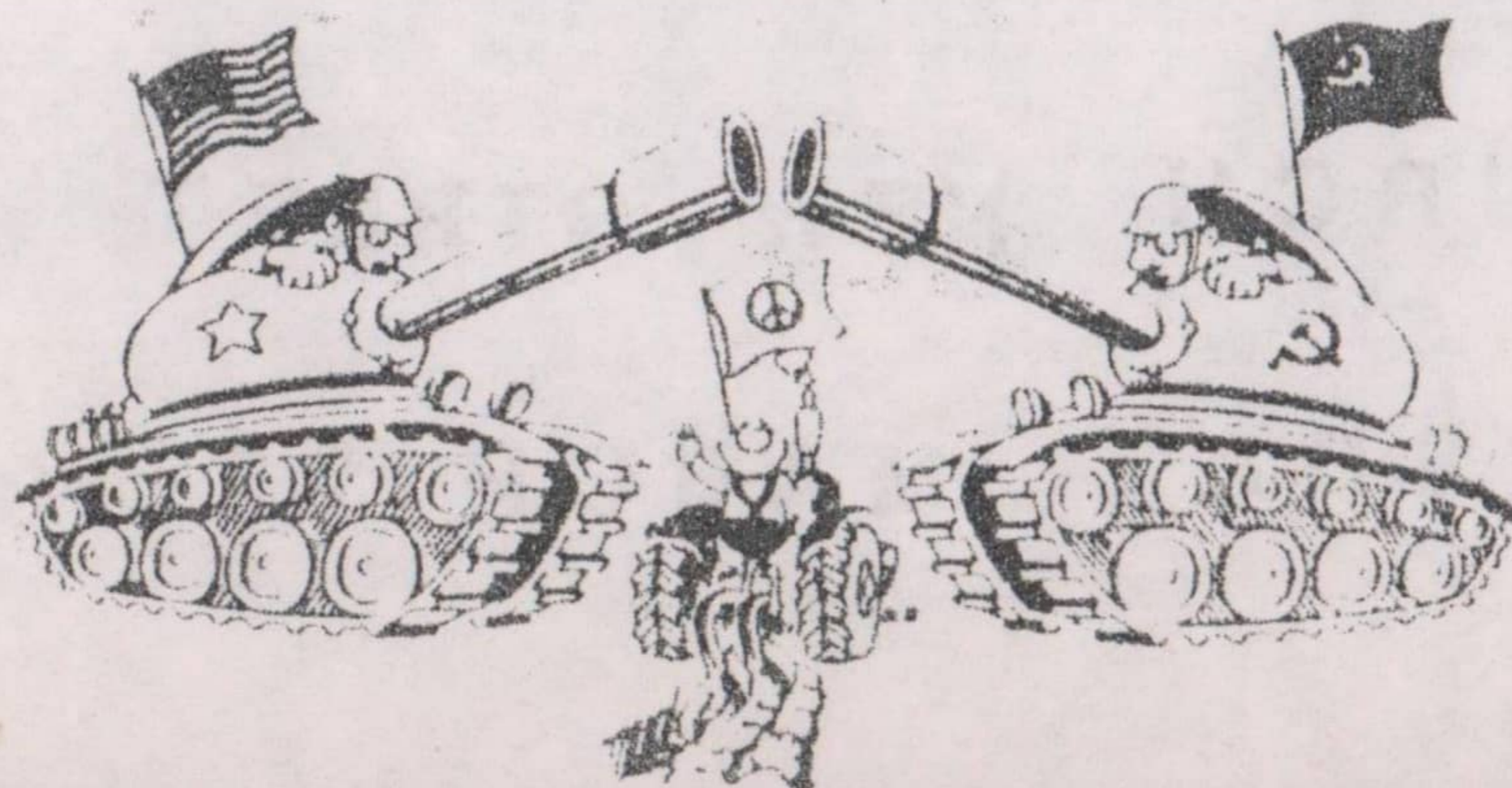
March 1st - " Lifestyle - a contribution to peace - Horace Dammers.

March 8th - " Discovering gospel values through working for peace." Fr Gerry Hughes.

March 15th - " Non - violence and social action " - Sr Doreen Tobin, Society of St Joseph of peace.

March 22nd - " The roots of violence " - Dr Rowan Williams

Further information can be obtained from Bishop Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow.





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UN INTERNATIONAL YEAR

OF PEACE

# PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

AN EXAMINATION OF THE LINKS BETWEEN THE ARMS RACE  
AND WORLD POVERTY.

GUEST SPEAKER. CHARLES WORTH--CHRISTIAN AID

WELLINGTON METHODIST

CHURCH NEW STREET

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 8.00pm

# HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

## THE SDI SELLOUT

Britains involvement with the S.D.I. (Strategic Defence Initiative) programme is now signed and sealed, the decision was made without debate in Parliament and without any chance for MPs to vote on the issue. In fact Parliament was told of Britains decision to participate in the SDI programme AFTER the agreement was signed. This comes six years after NATO ministers agreed to the deployment of Cruise and Pershing, where again no parliamentary debate took place and the House was told of the decision the day after the agreement was made.

The date of events leading to the Star Wars agreement are as follows;

Thursday Dec 5th - Select Committee on Defence held its first hearing on SDI ( transcripts of the hearing will not be available to the public for at least 6 months).

Friday Dec 6th - Micheal Heseltine & Casper Weinburger sign an agreement on British participation in SDI. Casper Weinburger returns to Washington using the agreement to gain more funds for the programme from Congress.

Monday Dec 9th - A statement is made in the House of Commons and 42 minutes is allowed for questions. Gavin Strang MP called for an emergency debate.

This contempt for democracy as displayed by these so-called defenders of " freedom " must not be allowed to pass by unopposed. CND is asking its members to write to their MPS drawing their attention to Geoffrey Howes questions (see enclosed sample letter) made at the Royal United Services ( briefing available from TANG) and asking whether they would have liked to have voted on the issue.

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**'Star Wars' is a load of Ballistics!**

# Sample Letter to MP

Rt Hon Sid Sell-out  
House of Commons  
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Mr. Sell-Out:

*I am writing, as a concerned constituent, and as a member of CND, to express my grave concern/outrage/total disgust at the fact that there was no debate and no vote on the issue of whether Britain should participate in the SDI "research" programme.*

*My concern stems from the fact that there seems to have been no democratic discussion of the issue, when every other country invited to participate has at least debated it, and indeed, that we are entering a new and destabilising stage of the arms race. Far from actually diminishing the threat of nuclear war, the risk will actually increase, as both sides build more offensive weapons to penetrate the "Star Wars" shield of the other.*

*There is no one who believes (other than perhaps President Reagan himself) that a full shield can really be achieved.*

*The questions that Sir Geoffrey Howe asked in his speech to RUSI last March have never been answered. These include querying whether the SDI technology would actually work, and what its psychological impact would be on the other side?*

*If ballistic missiles started to become obsolete, how would protection be extended against the non-ballistic nuclear threat, eg aircraft or cruise missiles, or battle-field weapons?*

*If it initially proved feasible to construct limited defences, these would be more vulnerable than a comprehensive system to counter-measures. Would these holes in the dyke produce and even encourage a nuclear flood? And perhaps most important: Could we be certain that the new systems would permit adequate political control over both nuclear weapons and defensive systems, or might we find ourselves in a situation where the peace of the world rested solely on computers and automatic decision-making?*

*The prospect of future uncertainty, and the fear that political decisions would be pre-empted by technology are also expressed.*

*With little or no scrutiny over this process, can it be in the best interests of Britain to participate on the vague promise of jobs (which under Article IX of the ABM Treaty will be limited indeed due to US technology transfer laws)?*

*The spirit of Geneva seems to have disappeared as quickly as the power of politicians to influence the turn of events in this country.*

*I hope you will read and consider Sir Geoffrey's speech, and turn my letter over to Michael Heseltine for a ministerial reply. I would also like to ask you whether you personally regret not having the opportunity to register your support (or otherwise).*

*Yours etc.*

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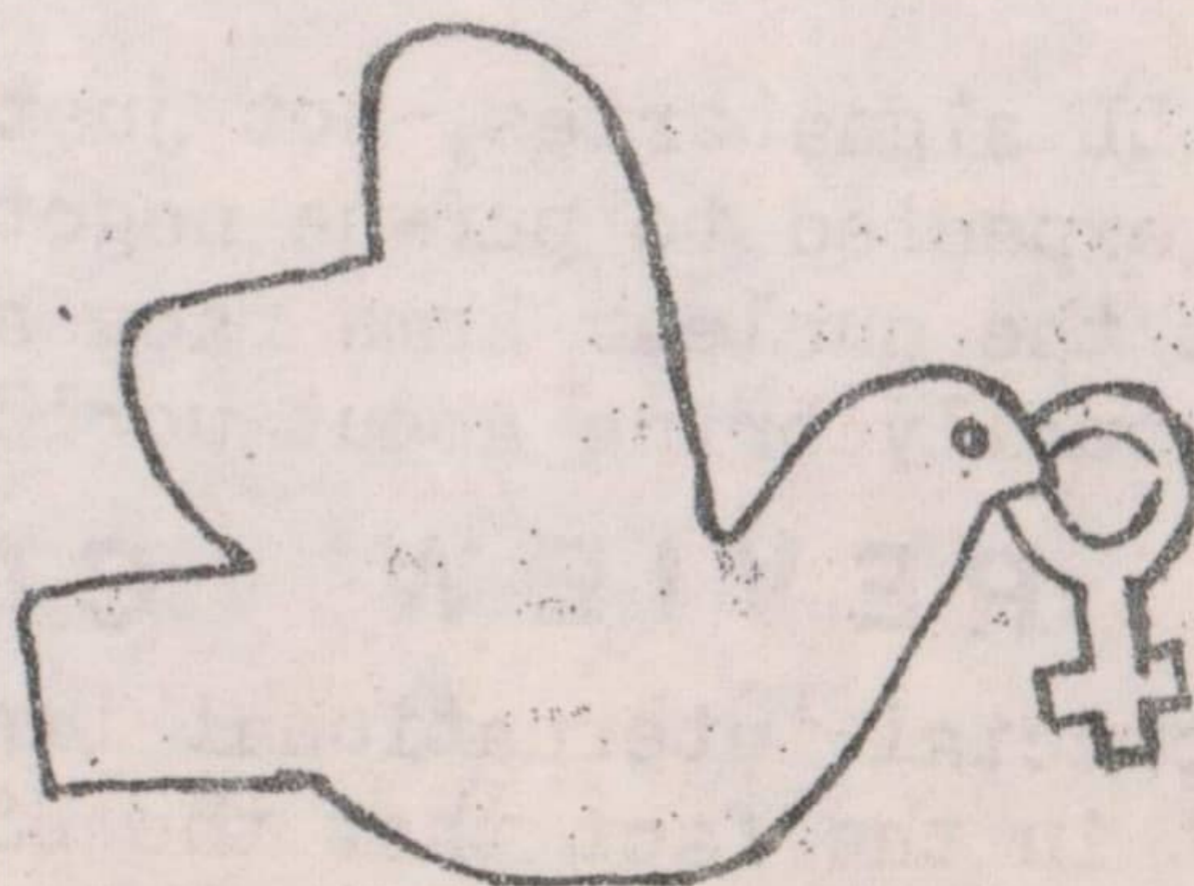
# FUNDRAISING

Unlike the many pro-nuclear groups throughout the country, most peacegroups rely on their own efforts to raise money for their campaign. During 1985 TANG has tended to let fundraising drop & we have relied on the money raised from one or two socials each year or from small profits made from our literature stall. Bills for leaflets and posters are sometimes paid out of individual activists pockets.

Fundraising has never been a very popular activity and yet it is from such activities that the local campaign can continue and grow. Fundraising tends to be seen as separate from campaigning and yet it can act as a tremendous focus for a group and act as an important campaigning event. Some events such as sponsored activities, street theatre, flag days & benefit gigs can increase our local profile and enable us to take our campaign to places that we may not have been before such as churches & community halls.

We must make sure that in 1986 fundraising takes its proper place in our campaigning plans. We would welcome any ideas.

WOMENS PEACE GROUP MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 6th  
'The Old Rectory'  
Waters Upton,  
TEL 83 - 378



# NON PROLIFERATION

Nuclear proliferation is the increase in the nuclear armouries of the current nuclear weapon states and the spread of nuclear weapons capabilities to new states. The only international mechanism for halting proliferation is the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which had its third 5-yearly review conference in Geneva in September this year.

## ARMS CONTROL

The Non-Proliferation Treaty is the most extensive multilateral arms control and disarmament treaty that exists. The NPT came into force in March 1970 after nearly a decade of careful diplomacy and has some 121 non-nuclear signatories, plus three nuclear weapons states - the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the USSR. There are essentially three parts to the treaty:

(1) The non-nuclear weapons states agree not to develop nuclear weapons, or receive technical assistance to do so - this is checked by having their nuclear facilities (reactor, enrichment and reprocessing plants) and the nuclear materials such as plutonium and uranium 'safeguarded' ie inspected by the UN sponsored International Atomic Agency (IAEA).

(2) The non-nuclear states are encouraged to avail themselves of nuclear technology, nuclear materials and technical assistance to provide nuclear generated electricity.

(3) ALL signatories, not just the nuclear weapons states, are expected to pursue negotiations in good faith to halt the nuclear arms race at an early date and eventually bring about worldwide nuclear disarmament.

## REVIEW CONFERENCE

The crucial international importance of the NPT is evident in the fact that the US, the USSR, Britain, France, China, India and probably South Africa have already exploded nuclear devices and it is thought that Israel, Argentina, Brazil and Pakistan will be able to join their ranks in the near future. To prevent this disturbingly long list from lengthening it is vital that the 124 signatories of the treaty be encouraged to adhere to it and

and others be persuaded to join.

This autumn the third review conference took place in Geneva and produced an agreed final document, after much fierce negotiation. This consensus expressed regret that a comprehensive Test Ban Treaty had not yet been achieved and " called upon the nuclear weapon states party to the treaty to resume trilateral negotiations in 1985 (and) participate in the urgent negotiation and conclusion of such a treaty as a matter of the highest priority in the conference on disarmament.

## ARTICLE VI

So far as the UK is concerned it is the nuclear weapon state party to the treaty which has least fulfilled its obligations under article VI to negotiate nuclear weapon reductions and their eventual elimination. The Americans and Russians have, at least, met for arm negotiations.

five main points arise;

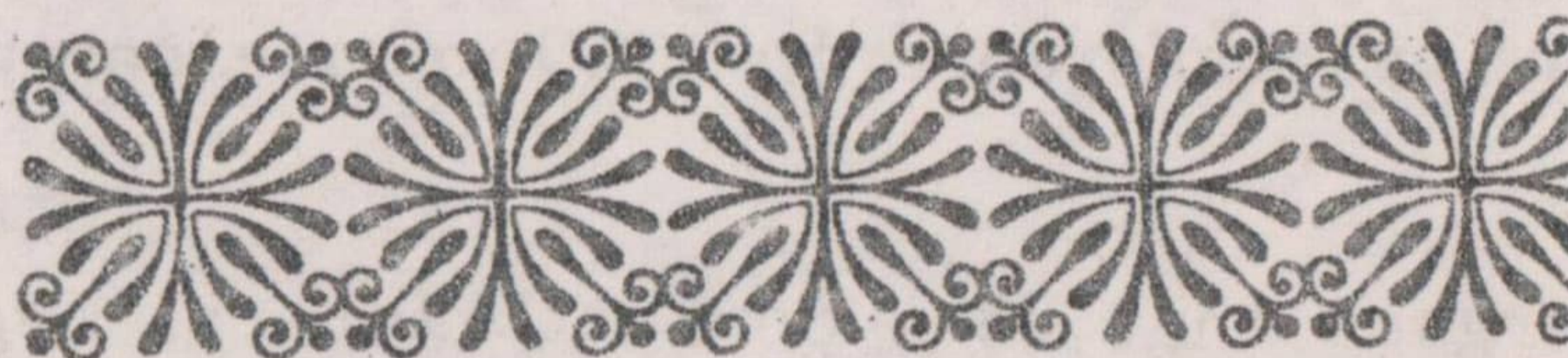
- (1) The UK has undertaken no negotiations at all since the last review conference in 1980 on nuclear weapons issues;
- (2) The UK argues that US - Soviet bilateral negotiations should come first;
- (3) The UK has opposed negotiations on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in the multilateral conference on disarmament in Geneva, and by this posture, is preventing other parties to the treaty from fulfilling their obligations;
- (4) The UK has argued that acceptable verification procedures need to be agreed before the conclusion of a Comprehensive Test Ban. Verification procedures are now highly advanced and Sweden has offered to record and announce each test as it happens. In the main conference assembly, Sweden has stated that it can now verify tests down to a level well below there having any military value. All that is lacking, in the words of Richard Luce, recently deposed junior Foreign Office minister, is the political will.

(5) The UK has not protested against the recent US announcement that testing is essential for its national security. What has the UK said about Soviet tests? Should not the UK either protest at none or both, in order to be logical?

The UK could act on any of these three points to help the process of nuclear weapon and testing negotiations. To do so would not be a particularly big step but would show the UK to be willing to further the process of nuclear disarmament.

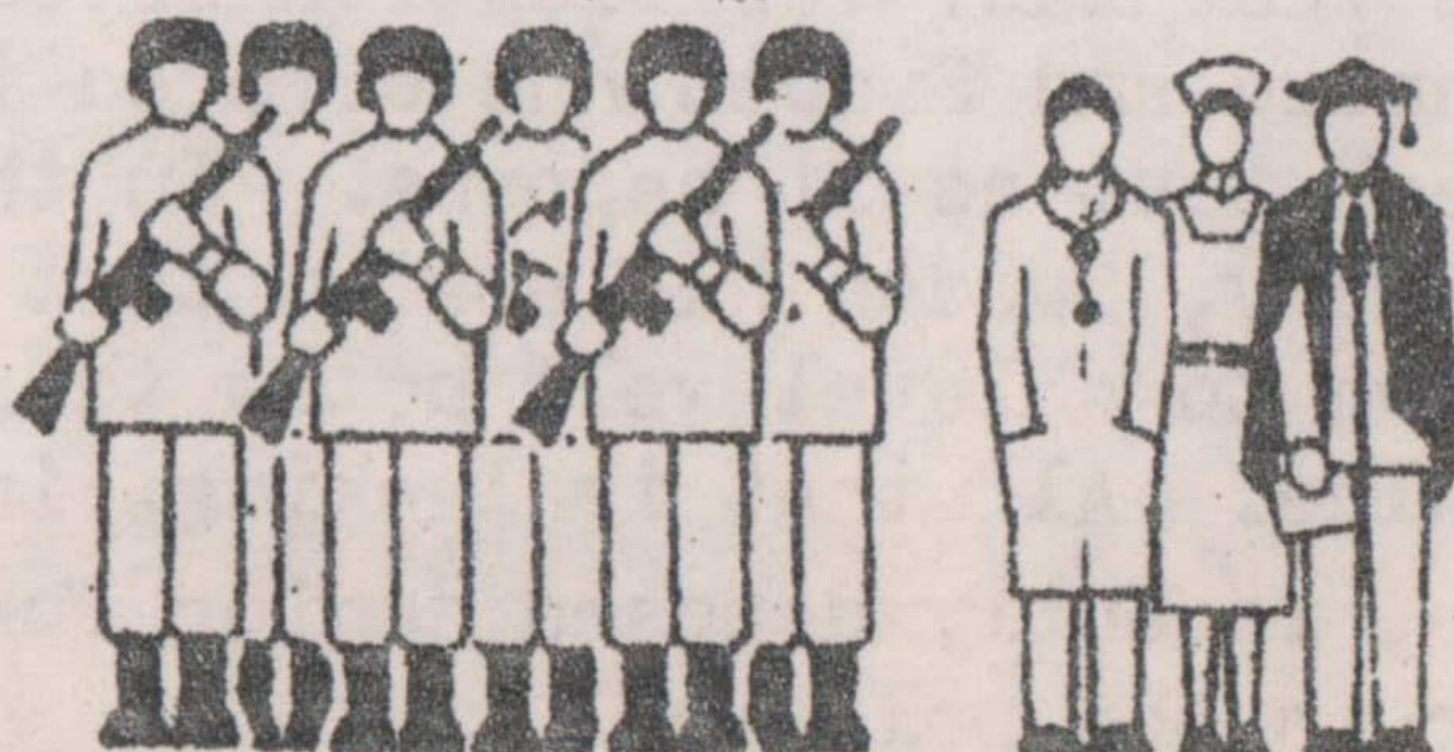
Let us hope that pressure will be exerted on the government by the people and other nations to do so.

(Based on material published in Sanity and the Parliamentary Monitor mailing.)



## CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Our thanks go to Paul & Sue Wolfe for kindly allowing TANG to hold its Christmas social in their home and for the wonderful food provided. The event raised £30.



There are now about twice as many people in military occupations as there are doctors, nurses and teachers in the world

# DEBATE..DEBATE

Col. Richey has accepted a challenge from Telford Anti - Nuclear Group to debate; fuller details in subsequent Chain Reactions.

DEBATE - 8th APRIL WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEW ST.

TANG AGAINST PEACE THROUGH NATO

CHAIR: ARCHDEACON OF SHROPSHIRE.



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SHROPSHIRE PEACE ALLIANCE MEETING  
UNITED REFORM CHURCH,  
ENGLISH BRIDGE, SHREWSBURY.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12th

7.45p.m

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" It is a superstition and ungodly thing to believe that an act of a majority binds a minority. Many examples can be given in which acts of majorities will be found to be wrong and those of the minorities to have been right. All reforms owe their origin to the initiation of minorities in opposition to majorities."

Gandhi

# STANDING ORDER

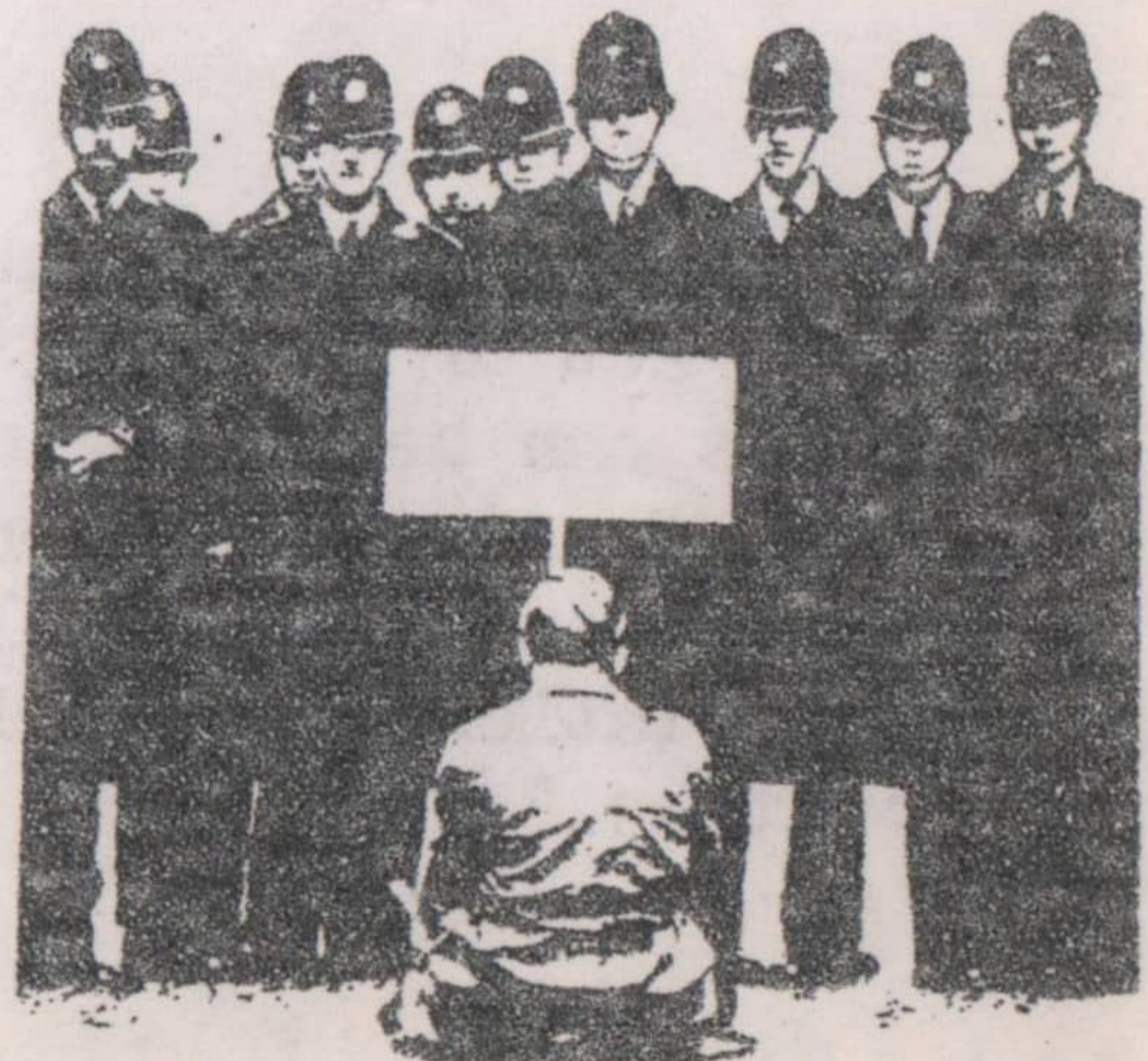
It is not always possible to attend meetings or go to national or local demonstrations either because of family or job commitments. But you can still help us by making regular financial donations to the group. Your money helps us to continue our campaign\*

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When evil people plot,  
good people must plan.  
When evil people burn  
and bomb, good people  
must build and bind.  
When evil people shout  
ugly words of hatred,  
good people must commit  
themselves to the  
glories of love. Where  
evil people would seek  
to perpetuate an unjust  
status quo, good people  
must seek to bring into  
being a real order of  
justice.

Martin Luther King, jr



# LETTERS TO THE STAR

If you read the STAR's letters page it may seem that two 'Peace Through Nato' people are forever writing. Councillor Colonel Richey and Richard Jones keep challenging TANG, so TANG has to reply in this 'debate by letter'. No doubt many Star readers are fed up with it.

TANG is annoyed when writers use inaccurate facts to carry on the argument. However, at least it means we have a chance to reply in letters column, although trying to justify an anti-nuclear power stance in a few words is quite difficult.

But don't leave it to the Press Person of TANG to do it all. If a whole range of people wrote a straightforward letter of support, the non-committed Star readers would appreciate the widespread depth of feeling on the anti-nuclear issue.



**COPYDATE FEB 19**

The deadline for the next issue of Chain Reaction is February 19th. All contributions are welcome and should be sent to Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford TF4 2BX.

## NON-ALIGNMENT

The big political news of the day, if the Media is to be trusted is the battle over the control of Westland Helicopters, & the consequent departure of Tarzan from the Cabinet.

While most TANG members might be prepared to believe that there is a baddie & a worsie in the case, it is unlikely that any are prepared to credit either Mrs Thatcher or the hero of Molesworth, - the man who prosecuted Clive Ponting for leaking a memorandum planning an attempt to deceive the House of Commons, - with the role of goodie.

It is plain that both parties are anxious to see Britain continuing to be armed to the teeth, the debate is purely as to who should be making profits out of that armament. Neither Sikorski nor the constituents of the European deal have been any more choosy as to whom they should sell military aircraft, than has Britain been in the past.

But saying that nuclear disarmers can have no interest in taking sides in the Westland affair, does not spell disinterest; when militarists fall out it is by no means necessary that peacemakers will come into their own, but there is a possibility.

The fact that both sides are sufficiently bitter about each other to start leaking secrets, that both are commenting on the other's character and moral failings, and how these have affected policy and work in the past; could be promising; for no doubt there are many more, even more revealing secrets, yet to be revealed, and similar failings to be disclosed, & disclosing them in the interests of blackening the other half of the Tory leadership, is likely to be the only good things that either Heseltine or Thatcher do.

However the Opposition Leadership which appears to be more or less uncritically supporting Heseltine, in the hope that he will damage Thatcher, shows a remarkably short memory - or lack of discernment in its choice of allies. Heseltine has not overnight become a democrat, nor is he likely to become one.



College Farm House,  
Wellington,  
Jan. 18.

Dear TANG

I would like to disassociate myself very strongly from the letter that was sent by TANG to the Shropshire Star on the Turkish Peace Alliance.

A writer in the paper had challenged us to deny that most of this Alliance are criminal and murderous elements, & our failure to meet this challenge head-on was I fear shameful.

The TPA, though not fully unilateralist, is regarded by CND nationally and by other unilateralist movements, as being our natural equivalents in Turkey. It is, if anything somewhat more legalistic and less militant than our campaign.

It has close links with the Trade Union movement in Turkey, & with the last democratically elected government of that country.

Most Chain Reaction readers will know, that that last elected Government found itself opposed by a guerrilla campaign launched by the para-military forces of three neo-fascist parties. That then the military used this as a pretext to seize power.

The military regime initially suppressed all political parties; it has subsequently allowed the right-wing parties, with the very thin disguise of changed names, to re-establish themselves; and has kept the Left parties - including the former Government - waiting, when they have attempted to obtain the legal permits to re-enter politics.

The T.P.A. has been banned under this decree. To give verisimilitude to this wholesale destruction of democracy the new regime has made allegations of unconstitutional acts against the former Government & the Left parties, attempting to balance these allegations against charges concerning the actions of the fascists.

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To do the regime justice, it has made an half-hearted attempt to bring the most extreme of the fascist groups to court. But though charges have been made against the Left - largely based on the actions of a small dissident Maoist faction which was brought to court before the coup - none of these have yet come to court and no opportunity has been given to the former government, its supporters or its rivals, to prove themselves not guilty as charged.

This is the basis of the allegations that the writer from Peace through Nato made in the Star. Such allegations by military or dictatorial governments against dissidents are normal; indeed so much so that when made by the Soviets against the authors of samizdats, democrats in the West quite rightly disregard the charges.

Understandably the TANG meeting did not feel this full case could be made in a letter in the Star. We were - reasonably enough - aware that any full reply would be cut, and would be cut by an editor hostile to our case and more than ready to distort it. But this does not excuse the letter as it went.

This (a) used the fact that the PTN writer had said that most of the Turkish peaceniks were violent as an admission that some are not, (thus by implication accepting his allegation that most are,) & disassociated us from the (supposedly) violent majority. This seems to me to be a dishonest form of argument, to be cowardly, to lack elementary solidarity with people who have suffered for our cause, & even to lack minimal compassion.

(b) said that we are bound by Amnesty's definition of prisoners of conscience, - a definition which excludes Greenham women, and others who use civil disobedience against immoral laws (such as the immigration acts); - though again Amnesty is less than even handed, in that these in the Soviet Union who use civil disobedience are accorded prisoner of conscience status. This fell short of our basic commitment to non-alignment in the Cold War.

It would have been better to have said nothing at all, than to have joined the warmongers in denigrating our Turkish co-thinkers.

fraternally

Laurens Otter

# DIARY

Wednesday February 5th - TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley Telford. 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

Thursday February 6th - BLOCKADE MOLESWORTH - Affinity Group from Telford will be present.

Saturday February 8th - Day workshop on Nuclear Free Zones, with Meg Beresford CND General Secretary. See newsletter.

Monday 10th February - Multinationals a discussion organised by Telford Churches Industrial Group. For more info contact Bill Rowell 612894.

Saturday February 15th - 'Peace in the inner city' a talk by the Archdeacon of Aston. see newsletter.

Wednesday February 18th - Chain Reaction meeting, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford. 7.30. ALL WELCOME.

Saturday February 22nd - 'Apologia for action' - Canon John D. Davies. - see newsletter.

Wednesday March 5th - TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley Telford. 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME

Wednesday March 12th - Peace and Development - A talk by Charles Worth of Christian Aid to celebrate International Year of Peace. Wellington Methodist Church, New Street. More details in March newsletter.

Thursday 6th March - Womens Peace Group meeting - The Old Rectory, Waters Upton. Tel 83 - 378

Saturday March 15th - "World Fair" organised by Telford One World Week Group at the Belmont Hall, Wellington.

Saturday March 15th - 'Non-violence and social change' a talk by Sr Doreen Tobin. See newsletter.



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